

# The Australian Youth Climate Coalition: Victorian State Leader(s) - Schools Coordinator



**LOCATION:** Melbourne, Victoria.

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Victoria Organiser and the National Schools Team.

**KEY RELATIONSHIPS:** Internal staff and volunteers, high school students, high schools, teachers.

**TIME COMMITMENT:** Part time. Approx 10-15 hours a week for a 12 month time period (negotiable).

**SALARY:** This is a volunteer role. Reimbursement will be available for associated expenses.

We're looking for 2-3 passionate young people to coordinate our Switched on Schools program across Victoria in 2020. The successful candidates will empower over 2,000 students from 30-40 high schools across Victoria to lead campaigns for climate justice.

## About the AYCC

The Australian Youth Climate Coalition has grown from a handful of people in 2006 to over 120,000 members and thousands of volunteers around the country. We have successfully campaigned to get a price on carbon, held Power Shifts with thousands of participants, and convinced all four of Australia's big four banks to pull out of involvement with the proposed Adani Carmichael coal mine on the Great Barrier Reef. We've reached hundreds of thousands of young people with our message demanding a safe climate future and are building a generation wide movement to solve the climate crisis before it's too late. We do all of this work alongside the Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network.

## Key Responsibilities

1. Recruit students and schools to take on the Repower our Schools campaign
2. Mentor students and schools to engage their whole school, create a sustainability action plan and adopt the repower pledge. Organise in-school workshops, out-of-school meetings and ongoing mentoring.
3. Recruit, train and support new school volunteers to mentor students to run the Repower our Schools campaign
4. Coordinate data management including on and off line data pathways and management systems
5. Coordinate Repower our Schools campaigns with Victoria AYCC branch to achieve shared goals
6. Coordinate and deliver the Student Climate Leadership Program from March - October 2019 with 20 high school students from across the state
7. Recruitment of schools and students for in-school workshops, summits and leadership programs

## Experience and Competencies

The ideal candidate will be a passionate person who has been involved in youth education programs before, ideally in schools, or has been involved / interested in community organising. We are made up entirely of young people, so we understand that many people do not have a lot of experience but that enthusiasm counts for a whole lot.

**Regardless of your experience, the ideal candidate will have:**

- Experience working with young people and in high school settings;
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to communicate with a wide-range of audiences from diverse backgrounds;
- Interest or experience in community organising;
- Interest or experience working in and knowledge of sustainability and climate justice;
- A commitment to the mission and values of the AYCC



## About the AYCC Schools Program: Switched on Schools

The Switched on Schools program uses a unique peer-to-peer approach to ignite high school students' interest in climate Justice. Each year we educate, inspire, empower and mobilise high school students to become leaders and take ownership of national campaigns in their schools and communities.

The key components of this program are:

- In-school workshops that educate students on the issue of climate justice and inspire them to take action;
- Climate Justice Summits that bring together between 50-200 students for two days of learning, networking and skill development;
- The Student Climate Leadership Program, a 6-month intensive program for high school students looking to gain additional networks, support, and the skills to solve the climate crisis;
- An online hub that enables students to take on national campaigns, build a network with like-minded young people across Australia and access resources to start their own campaigns;
- The Student Climate Action Network, where active students can get together in their region to work together, build leadership skills, develop campaigns and troubleshoot challenges. Active students can also be supported by AYCC volunteer mentors.

In 2019, the Switched on Schools Program empowered over 1,000 students through three two-day summits and numerous regional workshops. A further 5,000 students were reached through in-school presentations and campaigns, across hundreds of schools.

## About the Repower our Schools Campaign

The campaign has been designed to empower high school students to take meaningful action on climate change. Climate Change is happening now, and it's the younger generation who will inherit the consequences. Australia is the windiest and sunniest country on earth, and has the ability to transition to 100% clean, renewable energy in the next 10 years.

Through leading a campaign in their school, students look to build whole school support for climate action. They run inspiring presentations, build a group and offer fun events to get peers to sign-on to their campaign. They meet with key stakeholders in their school and develop a clear and attainable action plan for making their school more sustainable. They then get their school administration to adopt the repower pledge. This provides a public opportunity for the school to pledge to climate action and implement their sustainability action plan. Students are encouraged to engage local media and meet with members of parliament to share their stories and call on Australia to follow their lead and transition to 100% renewable energy.

For more information please go to <http://switchedonschools.org.au/repower>

## Application Process

To apply, please send your CV and a one page statement addressing the key selection criteria (dot points are fine) to Angie Judd (Victoria Organiser) at [angie.judd@aycc.org.au](mailto:angie.judd@aycc.org.au)

For a confidential discussion about the role, contact Angie on 0406 016 069 or via email.