

Call for Speakers and Workshop Facilitators

Leading Change Forum 2024

We are putting out a call for speakers / session facilitators from youth to help shape the programming content of the Leading Change Forum, taking place on February 13, 2024.

Know a great fit? We value suggestions from our delegation and alumni to create content and programming that is inspiring and actionable for YOU. If you know a speaker or organization who would be a great fit for the Forum (including yourself!), we welcome you to send on this call, submit a proposal, or write a short note to our team with any questions at programs@leadingchange.ca.

Background

Leading Change is a national not-for-profit organization supporting Canadians between the ages of 19-35. Our mission is to activate and accelerate young professional leadership for positive environmental, social, and economic impact. Leading Change is part of [Profoundry](#), a collective of like-minded sustainability and climate experts that includes [Delphi](#), [GLOBE Series](#), and [CBSR](#). We share a common vision: to achieve a sustainable, prosperous, and socially just future in a generation.

Leading Change Forum is a biennial youth and young professional summit where global leaders from business, government, and civil society come together to manage risk and take action on solutions in the clean economy. The goal of the event is for participants to feel confident, prepared, and supported to take action – whether that's planning and implementing sustainability projects in their community, driving partnerships for greater impact, starting or scaling entrepreneurial programs at work, or making presentations to local government.

The 2024 edition will be hosted in Vancouver, convening over 100 young Canadians (ages 19-35) to catalyze action for environmental change through a variety of activities including social labs, keynotes, collaborative workshops, open discussions, and mentoring sessions.

This is where you come in.

Youth-led ENGOs have always played a key role in our programming, facilitating sessions and design labs, participating as panelists, and leading change in our multi-sector, multi-generational network. This year, we have an **open call for proposals** for speaking opportunities, which may include design labs, presentations, workshops, or other activities.

Scope of Work

Leading Change Forum is a one-day event, taking place on **February 13th, 2024**. Our programming includes a variety of activities, including presentations, networking, and interactive design labs.

We are seeking proposals to develop and lead a **45-60 minute session***.

We welcome a wide range of session topics, related to the key thematic areas of *regeneration and collaboration*. Suggested sub-topics are provided here for inspiration only, we welcome any related topics in which you and your organization may have expertise!

- Cleantech and Innovation
- Circular Economy
- Clean Energy
- Agriculture
- Connective Communities & Net Zero Solutions
- Sustainable Business Practices & the Degrowth Business Model
- Data in sustainability

The objective of Leading Change Forum is to support young professionals to **learn, connect,** and **activate** on solutions to social and environmental crises. Proposals should focus on at least one of those priorities.

Specifications:

- The audience of Leading Change Forum are youth and young professionals (ages 19-35) with demonstrated leadership, an interest in sustainability issues, and an openness to hearing from different perspectives. We strive to achieve representation across geographies, sectors, identities, and lived experience within the delegation.
- The delegation will include over 100 young leaders. We expect this session to be delivered to a sub-set of this group of up to 50 participants. Please indicate in your proposal if and how group size affects your proposed session.
- The ideal session length is 45 to 60 minutes in length. Please indicate in your proposal the length of your proposed session as well as the opportunities during the session for hands-on and interactive activities.
- *We have ONE slot in our agenda for a session that is up to 80 minutes in length. Please indicate in your proposal if your session would benefit from the extra time and the breakdown of activities during that time.
- Understanding that a key objective of Leading Change is to foster skills-building and action, you may also include optional follow-up activities or recommended next steps in your proposal, if required to sufficiently deliver objectives.
- Teams and co-facilitators are welcome and encouraged to apply. Anyone 35 years of age and under will automatically qualify to be part of the Leading Change Forum delegation and registration will be covered to Leading Change Forum. You may include up to two (2) presenters per application.
- Leading Change will provide up to \$800.00 CAD for your programming. We acknowledge that this budget is modest, and welcome proposals that scope to budget and name what would be needed to cover the full scope as requested. Please see below for the budget details to be included in your proposal.
- The selected facilitators will work in close collaboration with the Leading Change Canada programs team, especially with regards to logistics, tools, and platforms.

To Apply

In no more than two (2) pages, please include the following:

1. Background of delivery organization & facilitator(s) expected to be involved
2. Proposed session description, including:
 - a. Theme(s) within the program which the session is a fit for (see thematic areas within Scope of Work);
 - b. Format of session (including number of facilitators, ideal size of audience, length (45 or 60 minutes is preferred), degree of interaction/engagement and breakdown of activities; and
 - c. Expected learning objectives.
3. Budget / cost breakdown including materials and your time. If you believe that your proposed objectives would best be met with additional resources (e.g., a follow-up session), please name this and list as a separate line item.

Note: if there are multiple topics that you or your organization would be interested in covering during a proposed session, please provide information on each within your proposal. You may increase the page limit if you are including multiple session proposals.

Selection Process

Selections will be made with consideration to the experience of you or your organization, alignment with Leading Change's theory of change, diversity of overall program with regards to session topics and representation within the program across sectors, geographies, identities and lived experience.

Leading Change aims to play a small but critical role in helping to break the cycle of underrepresentation by connecting young leaders to broader networks of support and providing them with access to those currently in power. We value the contributions of individuals who identify as members of typically underrepresented communities in positions of Canadian leadership or power (Black, Indigenous, persons with disability, visible minorities, LGBTQI2+). We recognize that structural barriers shape experiences and opportunities and take this into consideration with selection decisions.

Proposals are due by **Friday December 22nd, 2023** to programs@leadingchangecanada.com. Short-listed organizations/individuals will be followed up with via email to schedule a short qualification call, with a target of selections being made by early January 2024. We'll be reviewing your proposals on a rolling basis and we anticipate selecting **four (4)** proposals for this RFP.

We thank everyone in advance for their applications. Only select candidates will be contacted.