

WORK WITH NATURE NOVA SCOTIA &
THE YOUNG NATURALISTS CLUB



WE'RE HIRING!

EDUCATION & OUTREACH ASSISTANT

Do you love nature, community, & the outdoors? Help us engage Nova Scotians of all ages in natural history education and conservation action!

The Young Naturalists Club is an immersive natural history society for Nova Scotian youth that promotes the understanding and conservation of nature. Nature Nova Scotia is a federation of natural history societies that works to support conservation in Nova Scotia through networking, research, education, and advocacy initiatives.

Our organizations are partnering on a series of events and other education initiatives over 2023-2024 to expand our impact and improve efficiencies. The Young Naturalists Club wants to engage 800+ youth and their families across the province in traditional natural history learning opportunities, including a growing number of BIPOC and new Canadian families in the Halifax area. NatureNS wants to mobilize Nova Scotians into actions that benefit nature. We are looking for a driven young nature lover to design and lead engaging events (including guided hikes, talks, etc), coordinate volunteers, and assist with communications and other outreach needs.



\$24/HR FOR 20HRS/WEEK, EARLY NOV 2023 TO END OF MARCH 2024, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION PENDING FUNDING

THIS POSITION IS RESERVED FOR BIPOC YOUTH

Meaningful community engagement happens through relationship-building. Priority for this position will be reserved for self-identifying BIPOC (black/indigenous/person of colour) Nova Scotian youth, aged 15-30 at the time of selection, a Canadian citizen and legally entitled to work in Canada, with residence or family ties to Nova Scotia (or broader Mi'kma'ki). This role is supported by Nature Canada's Work To Grow program.

ABOUT THE ROLE

Description:

This role coordinates and implements programing for two prominent natural history not-for-profit organizations. Nature Nova Scotia and the Young Naturalists Club recently entered into a partnership to collaborate on the delivery of natural history-focused educational events – talks, walks, writing, and other content – for youth and families across Nova Scotia. The shared Education & Outreach Programs Assistant role will support both organizations in delivering on their mission by coordinating educational events for various audiences, assisting with outreach goals for advocacy initiatives, contributing to strategic growth goals, and acting as a face of the natural history community.

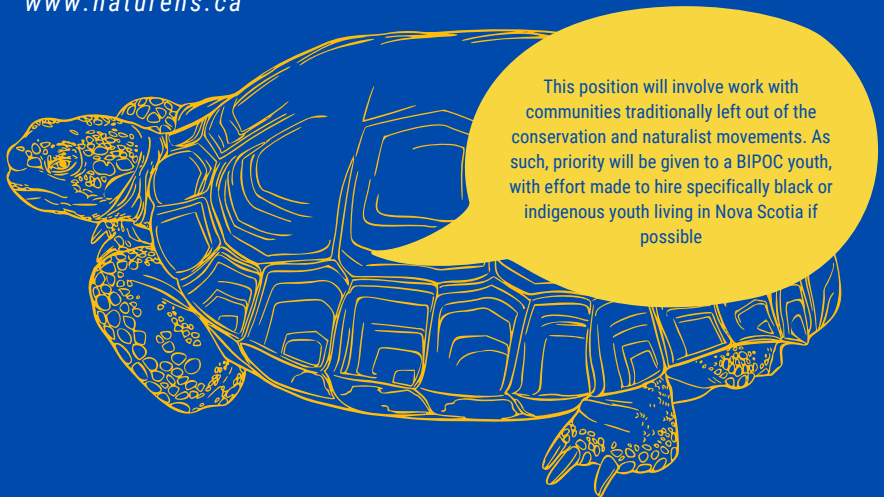
- Work from home/remote, flexible schedule, with regular in-person or distance meetings with NatureNS and YNC staff and core volunteers
- Event locations across HRM with occasional travel to other locations in NS (provided by NatureNS and the YNC)
- This position reports to both NatureNS Conservation Programs Coordinator Jess Lewis and Young Naturalists Club President Karen McKendry
- Prioritized communities for engagement activities could include African Nova Scotians, new Canadians, Mi'kmaq, or others depending on the experiences, connections and interests of the candidate
- Some activities may have the candidate liaising with municipal or provincial staff, staff and volunteers from other conservation organizations, or community groups

ABOUT YOU

- Required - BIPOC youth under 31 years old at the time of hiring
- Required - Able to provide a criminal background check and clear child abuse check
- Educational background in sciences, education, or other related field
- Knowledge of Atlantic Canadian natural history topics and current events, including but not limited to forests, birds, moose, natural resource use, and sustainability
- Experience coordinating not-for-profit organizations, programs, or projects, including financial accountability, working with volunteers, and coordinating events

- Experience working or volunteering with youth in an educational or informal/recreational setting
- Based in HRM with the ability to travel on rare occasions to other communities for events or meetings
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Bonus - Experience working or volunteering for activism initiatives
- Bonus - Graphic design or other artistic experience/proficiency
- Bonus - Language skills in French, Mi'kmaq, Gaelic, Arabic, Mandarin, or others

For more information about the Young Naturalists Club, visit www.yncns.ca. For more about Nature Nova Scotia, visit www.naturens.ca



Please apply by forwarding a cover letter detailing your interest in the position and relevant background, and resume, to Becky Parker at becky.parker@naturens.ca by October 1st, 2023.

Due to the expected number of applications, we may not be able to confirm receipt or provide feedback for every candidate. Thank you for your time!

Learn more about the Work to Grow program at naturecanada.ca/work-to-grow