



LEVEL Youth Policy Program
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LEVEL is a youth engagement initiative of Vancouver Foundation that aims to address racial inequity. We do this by investing in the leadership capacity of Indigenous and racialized immigrant and refugee youth and creating more opportunities throughout the non-profit and charitable sector.

The [LEVEL Youth Policy Program](#) brings together young people between the ages of 19 and 29 from across British Columbia who identify as being Indigenous or racialized immigrants or refugees. Indigenous and racialized newcomer youth are disproportionately impacted by certain public policies, but may rarely be included in the development and implementation of public policy process. The LEVEL YPP aims to provide these young leaders with equitable training and leadership opportunities to navigate the public policy landscape, and develop new tools and skills to influence, shape, and advocate for policy changes that are relevant in their own communities. Having young people directly involved in shaping policies that impact their lives is essential to creating systemic, meaningful change.

The Youth Policy Program starts in February and ends in September of 2020.

The program includes six two-day modules and we ask participants to commit to all six modules of the program. Most modules take place in Vancouver other than Module 4, which will take place in Victoria.

- » Module 1: Introduction to Public Policy – Feb. 13th & 14th
- » Module 2: Public Policy in British Columbia – Mar. 12th & 13th
- » Module 3: Different Levels of Government including Indigenous Governance – Apr. 16th & 17th
- » Module 4: Stakeholder Analysis and Budget Cycles (in Victoria) – May 14th & 15th
- » Module 5: Storytelling, New Narratives, and Policy in Action – Jun. 18th & 19th
- » Module 6: Learning and Reflections. Public Presentations of Final Projects – Sept. 24th & 25th

If you have any questions about your student/employee's participation, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail:

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