

YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



What are the youth leadership opportunities?

There are six diverse opportunities for youth that live or go to school in West Vancouver to be involved in. Check off the box(es) of the committee(s) you are interested in joining and complete this short application form. Application deadline for all committees is November 3, 2023.

- Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) | Grades 8-12**
Interested in civic engagement, inspiring and creating positive change, community leadership, and local government? Get involved with the YAC!
- Whatever Youth Committee | Grades 8-12**
The Whatever Youth Committee helps raise community awareness, and plans and promotes activities and events for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth and allies.
- Student Work & Advisory Team (SWAT) | Grades 8-12**
Learn leadership and communication skills, civic responsibility, and expand on your cultural awareness in conjunction with the West Vancouver Police Department.
- Intergenerational Youth Committee | Grades 8-12**
Plan and participate in fun intergenerational activities designed to strengthen community, promote understanding, respect, and sharing of knowledge, ideas and experience, and establish relationships that build self-esteem and contribute to positive physical and mental health for all.
- Preteen Advisory Committee (PTAC) | Grades 6 & 7**
Interested in making a difference in your local community? Join our preteen committee to learn valuable leadership skills and to assist with the development of programs and events for preteens in West Vancouver.

Open to all high school students, the West Vancouver Memorial Library's **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** meets twice a month to discuss teen collections and programming as well as everyday issues affecting teens. Joining TAG gives you a voice in what happens at the Library, a chance to meet other book lovers, and earn volunteer hours. TAG meets monthly and there is no registration required—all Grade 8 - 12 students can just show up. All TAG meetings will be virtual until further notice. For more information, contact the WVML Youth Department at 604-925-7400 or youth@westvanlibrary.ca.

Personal information contained on this form is collected pursuant to section 26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of administering youth committee selection, committee-related communication, and participants' emergency contact information. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information please contact Legislative Services, between 8 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday to Friday excluding statutory holidays, at 604-921-3497 at Municipal Hall, 750 17th Street, West Vancouver BC V7V 3T3.

Tell us a little about you:

First name: _____ Last name: _____

The name I would like you to call me is: _____

My pronouns are (ex. she/her; they/them; he/him): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Please describe the assets you will bring to this opportunity.

These could be interpersonal skills such as the ability to work well with others, or personal characteristics such as a good work ethic or a fun sense of humour. We're interested in hearing it all!

What is one thing (or more than one thing!) you would do or change about West Vancouver to make it more youth-friendly?

Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number: _____

Applicant signature: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date _____

Please scan and email or mail your completed application form, including the reference letter to: Melanie Clark, Youth Services Program Coordinator, at mclark@westvancouver.ca or to 2121 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC, V7V 4Y2.

Questions? Call 604-925-7222

We would also like to hear about you from other people. Please include the following reference letter, completed, with your application. It can be a "personal" reference from a parent/guardian, family member, or family friend or a "professional" reference from a teacher, counsellor, sports coach, dance/music teacher, employer, etc.

Reference Letter:

Dear Referee,

You have been asked to complete this form as part of a youth's application for a District of West Vancouver Youth Committee. Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

Name of the youth applying: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity do you know him/her/them? _____

Please check the boxes that best describes the youth applicant:

Leader

Helpful

Passionate

Authentic

Dedicated

Responsible

Approachable

Engaged

Confident

Candid

Inclusive

Good Listener

Cooperative

Motivating

Creative

Please feel free to provide any specific comments:

Referee name: _____

Referee signature: _____

Date: _____