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## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The [2017 Youth Community Leaders Conference](#) will be held at the University of Ottawa campus on **Monday, May 8, 2017**. Organized by [Fair Trade Ottawa Équitable](#), this conference is aimed at high school-aged youths that are interested in learning about social and environmental issues so that they can engage meaningfully with the nonprofit sector and make a positive impact.

Bringing together approximately 200 students from dozens of high schools throughout the National Capital Region, the full-day conference will engage students through interactive workshops, discussion groups and info-sessions on a variety of topics. The conference will be capped off by an evening time networking event, where students will have the opportunity to network with numerous organizations from the local nonprofit sector. The aim is to equip students with the information and inspiration they need to spring into action with some of Ottawa-Gatineau's best not-for-profit organizations.

Submissions from individuals, small business owners and organizations are encouraged, and will be reviewed for possible inclusion in the conference programming. Proposed sessions must be on one or more of the following topics:

1. Food security
2. Access to clean water
3. Agriculture
4. Equity & non-discrimination
5. Women's empowerment
6. Economic justice & class disparity
7. Workers' rights
8. Environmental sustainability
9. Climate change
10. Displacement of indigenous communities

Proposed sessions may fall under more than one of the 10 categories listed above. You are encouraged to state explicitly which subject you feel is most relevant to your session.



[fairtradeottawaequitable.ca/conference](http://fairtradeottawaequitable.ca/conference)



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All presenters chosen to participate in the conference will need to link their presentation back to fair trade in some way, such as

- inspiring reflection on one or more of the 10 principles behind fair trade (protection of the environment, children's rights, women's empowerment and non-discrimination, etc.),
- providing fair trade-related examples of the concepts discussed,
- contrasting conventional trade systems with fair trade, or
- presenting fair trade as an option to minimize harm.

## Submission information

You can find more information about the conference itself and our organization on the conference website: <http://fairtradeottawaequitable.ca/conference>.

Please note that all submissions must meet the following guidelines:

- The deadline for submissions is **March 24, 2017** (end of day), and late submissions will not be considered
- All submissions should be sent to [conference@fairtradeottawaequitable.ca](mailto:conference@fairtradeottawaequitable.ca)
- The proposal should briefly—**in no more than 500 words**—outline the subject of your proposed session and the format (panel, workshop, etc.) you wish it to take
- Proposals for interactive workshops, discussion groups, panels and info-sessions are being accepted, and all should be appropriate for youths
- You are encouraged to specify in your proposal which of the 10 subject categories is most fitting for your proposed session
- If you are representing a business, an institution or an organization, please specify which one in your proposal
- Sessions may be run in English or French, and your proposal should be written in the corresponding language (if planning to run a bilingual session, please say so in your proposal and write the proposal itself in the official language you wish)
- All proposals will be reviewed by March 31, 2017 and **selected presenters will receive a confirmation of their inclusion in the conference programming by April 1, 2017**
- Depending on the number of submissions in each category, we may not be able to include all proposed sessions, but those who wish to join a waitlist will be permitted to do so as long as they have met the guidelines
- Please note that Fair Trade Ottawa Équitable reserves the right to reject (without adding to the waitlist) any submission that they deem to be offensive, discriminatory, hateful or otherwise inappropriate for the event

