

Nova Scotia Youth Corps Leadership Intern

Position Title:	Outdoor Lifestyle Coordinator
Location:	Bridgewater, Nova Scotia
Position Status:	Temporary, 15 weeks [May 15, 2017 – August 25, 2017]
Hours:	Full-time [35 hours per week]
Wage:	<u>Minimum</u> \$13.25 per hour

Clean makes homes more [energy efficient](#), [restores streams & watersheds](#), [engages youth](#) on the environment, promotes [green transportation](#), mitigates the effects of [stormwater](#), helps communities reduce [waste](#), and contributes to public policy discussions.

That's [what](#) we do. [Why](#) we do it is to help create a more sustainable society in Atlantic Canada. We work for a clean climate & clean water, and, to help us get there, we foster, educate and support clean leaders in our communities.

Clean is a non-profit, non-governmental environment organization created in 1988 through an [Act of the Legislature](#) in Nova Scotia. However, we receive no core government funding. We run the charity through money raised for our many programs and projects, which can come from agencies, businesses, government departments, foundations and individual citizens.

You may know us as Clean Nova Scotia, but we work on projects in other parts of Atlantic Canada, throughout the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik. That's why we say we're just *Clean*.

We are currently seeking a hardworking, dynamic and motivated individual to add to our Nova Scotia Youth Corps (Youth Corps) leadership team for summer 2017, who has a strong passion for people and the environment. Our approach is always collaborative and team oriented.

Program Overview:



Youth Corps

In Nova Scotia, more than half of our young people leave the province after graduation. But what if they were given the skills and opportunities to join a vibrant green economy here at home?

The Youth Corps wants to inspire, develop and nurture an interest in jobs that support a future-looking economy and a sustainable environment. By tapping into a student's journey mid-way through school, our training and internship program offers new green options in career path decisions – while giving young minds the tools they need for future success.

The Youth Corps builds connections between youth and local organizations to stimulate stewardship for the natural environment and support the emergence of young community leaders. This is accomplished by providing students with training and employment opportunities through paid work placements with community-based organizations. Our goal at Clean is to help build that foundation on which students can build their careers, and grow into the thoughtful, creative policy-makers and CEOs of tomorrow.

Leadership interns will gain meaningful experience in:

- Project and event planning and coordination;
- Mentorship and supervision of staff and/or volunteers;
- Training and facilitation skills;
- Public outreach and communication;
- Networking and cross-cultural learning;
- Environmental issues, adaptations and best practices.

Position Overview:

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Youth Corps will be Town of Bridgewater, reporting to Heather Hanlon, Program Coordinator - Parks, Recreation & Culture. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for program planning, facilitation and evaluation of environmental education and active living initiatives as well as creating awareness of our open spaces. The successful candidate needs to have some post-secondary education, valid first aid training with CPR-C, and an outstanding ability to communicate with community members and organisations. This position will require working in outdoor environments in various weather conditions as well as office/desk work. Light-moderate physical activity may be required daily, including lifting up to 40 lbs and long periods of time spent on your feet.

About the Community Partner:

Town of Bridgewater's Parks, Recreation and Culture Department, supports the provision of physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and builds a strong, caring community. The department also supports active/healthy living and strives to: enhance opportunities to connect people with nature; be a steward for natural environments; increase inclusion and welcome people and families from diverse cultures. It also addresses issues of inequality; in addition to recognizing trends and the current demographic shift. It is the Department's goal to ensure that all people living, working, and visiting Bridgewater are provided with access to quality open spaces, leisure services, programs and recreation facilities. The department is responsible for the creating a vision for the Town's parks, playgrounds, green space, leisure facilities, as well as providing recreational services, programs and special events.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Work in collaboration with the Town's Recreation & Planning departments to engage residents and visitors in activities and opportunities that take place in the Town's open spaces;
- Create and administer a questionnaire that will help to determine the future development of the Generations Active Park;
- Administer 'walkability' questionnaire developed by the Active Transportation Committee;
- To promote parks and green spaces within Town. Promotions will include videos, photos, articles and social media posts;
- Further develop the Discover Bridgewater website by adding content;
- Plan and facilitate (when appropriate) outdoor education based workshops. These workshops may include camping and outdoor living skills, survival skills, leadership and team building, gardening, cooking with local produce etc. Workshops should reach various ages and build upon the Town's efforts to connect people to nature;

- Work with the Bridgewater Community Garden Network (BCGN) to offer gardening workshops for all ages;
- Plan and facilitate (when appropriate) senior specific outdoor initiatives including, but not limited to garden parties, music along the river bank, gardening sessions and walking initiatives;
- Map and promote senior friendly walking loops throughout Town parks as well as near assisted living complexes;
- Plan and facilitate a one week nature based play program as well as other outdoor play opportunities. Activities may include loose parts play, nature games, arts & crafts, community camp fires etc;
- Facilitate pop-up activity sessions in open spaces encouraging the community to come together in outdoor spaces;
- Complete bi-weekly report and submit to Program Coordinator.

Requirements/Qualifications:

- One [1] year of university or college in a related field;
- Must be a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 18 and 30;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in fall 2017;
- Must have reliable transportation and the ability to travel;
- Must possess excellent, written and oral communication skills;
- Is not a member of immediate family of community partner;
- Have an aptitude for safe work practices and the ability to multi-task in a busy work environment;
- Be able to work productively as part of a team while responding to feedback;
- Demonstrates interest in future employment in the environmental or 'green' sector is considered an asset;
- Be able to interact with the public as well as with partners of the town in an approachable and professional manner;
- Have experience and/or knowledge of outdoor specific skills eg. Gardening, cooking, camping, nature based play, active transportation etc.;
- Have experience facilitation programming or leading groups through activities.

To apply, fill out the online application [here](#). After you click the 'submit' button, you will be directed to a page where you can upload your cover letter(s), resume, and letter of reference. You can also access that page directly by [clicking here](#) – note that your reference can also submit their letter on your behalf directly through that page. Your application will not be considered until we have received all of your application materials.

The deadline to apply is midnight, April 2nd, 2017. We appreciate all interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Clean is committed to Employment Equity and our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative at all job levels. We welcome applicants from Aboriginal People, Visible Minority Groups, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations of positions where they are under-represented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on either your cover letter or resume.