

Steering Committee call - December 18th 2018

Agenda:

Update from Call to determine 2019 dates

Selection update

James has updates on meetings in Ottawa

Anything else?

Update from Call to determine 2019 dates

Met yesterday to chat about timeline for 2019. Taking into consideration commitments for program structure as well as weather and youth.

Late June for Lake Superior

Late January for urban expedition

The later time for the Urban Expedition gives time to plan Ottawa. Allows them to be creative and pull off awesome projects. Last trip is at the end of engagement. Makes departure less awkward and keeps them engaged throughout the program.

Update from James on meetings in Ottawa:

Subset of Canada Service Corps working on Hill Day January 29th. Want some participants and staff there to talk to senior government, MPs, senators. Will include a social event.

Encouraging to hear that Ocean Bridge is proving successful and meeting objectives from the perspective of people in Ottawa.

Clearly quite a bit of exploration and intent around funding programs to learn from Canada Service Corps. Want to represent economic, geographic, ethnic diversity of Canada. Canada Summer Jobs and Green Spaces will look at similar values. Lessons being applied beyond Canada Service Corps program.

2019 cohort selection update:

Some of cohort looked over applications and provided graded rubric (2 people per submission) and provided recommendations.

Selection now complete.

Right now have 8 francophone, 3 of whom are outside of Quebec. Representation from all provinces, 2 territories. 16 are rural. 12 identify as indigenous. 12 visible minority, 33 female, 13 male.

Other:

Opportunity to connect Haida Gwaii, Vancouver, Pond Inlet – January 27th(?) C21 group. Grade 7 students sharing/connecting. Shelly will connect with James on this.

Opportunity with UNAC, January 22nd, February 5th, spots for youth across the country. Details to follow. One youth session on each day, Vancouver and then Sudbury. Outcomes will then be brought to UN Environmental Assembly to Nairobi in March. Will be reaching out to Micheal Furdyk to share opportunity.

Through UNAC/CSC Jasveen Brar (current Ocean Bridge cohort) just finished up in Poland, spoke on a panel in youth and climate. Her and Jessica, and Caroline were all there. They will hopefully host an event to talk about youth engagement in the context of COP.

Mentorship calls with Steering Committee went well. Insights from calls: youth were interested in post-secondary and future plans. Scott provided 2 youth with ideas to ask questions of schools and alumni, connections to Canada green corps network and other similar organizations.

Recommend to be more intentional next year in creating opportunities to do these calls.