

YOUR COMMUNITY

If you care about the decisions made in your school, community, Nova Scotia, Canada, and around the world - then you care about politics. Politics is for everyone! Politics provides you with sidewalks, roads, skateparks, and playgrounds. Even if you are not old enough to vote, you can still get involved and educate yourself!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student council is a great way to get involved and organize around issues you care about. Student councils or leadership teams provide the student body with a voice to the administration. Some junior high schools, high schools, universities and colleges have student councils!

MUNICIPAL YOUTH COUNCILS

Some municipalities have Youth Councils. These councils provide youth in the community a voice at council meetings. They typically have roles similar to the municipal council roles - such as a Youth Mayor, Youth Deputy Mayor, or Youth Town Councillor. Contact your local council to see if your municipality has a youth council!



POLITICAL PARTIES

Canadian provincial and federal governments are formed by elected representatives who belong to political parties. Political parties are a collective of like-minded individuals running on the same 'platform' (commitments to the community).

Most political parties have a 'youth wing,' or an association specifically for youth members. Youth wings advocate for important issues to youth across the province and country.

- ♥ Green Party of Nova Scotia - greenpartyns.ca
- ♥ Green Party of Canada - greenparty.ca
- ♥ Nova Scotia Liberal Party - liberal.ns.ca
- ♥ Liberal Party of Canada - liberal.ca
- ♥ Nova Scotia New Democratic Party (NSNDP) - nsndp.ca
- ♥ New Democratic Party of Canada (NDP) - ndp.ca
- ♥ Progressive Conservative Party of Nova Scotia - pcpartyns.ca
- ♥ Conservative Party of Canada - conservative.ca
- ♥ Peoples Party of Canada - peoplespartyofcanada.ca

You can find all registered political parties at the Elections Canada website (elections.ca) or the Elections Nova Scotia website (electionsnovascotia.ca).

EQUAL VOICE

Equal Voice is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to electing more women at all levels of political office in Canada. They inspire and engage with women to encourage politics as a future career choice. Equal Voice encourages women to run for office, raises awareness about the impacts of women's involvement in politics, and celebrates their achievements. equalvoice.ca

DAUGHTERS OF THE VOTE

Daughters of the Vote is a program that encourages young women and gender-diverse leaders to experience Canadian politics by inviting them to participate in conversations at the Canadian House of Commons. For more information go to the Equal Voice website! equalvoice.ca



WHAT IS CLIMATE CHANGE?

Climate change is the changes in climate patterns. These changes are happening faster due to carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere.

These changes, and the pace that they happen at, can create a domino effect and cause changes to the climate or ecosystem in other regions.

The following steps will help slow climate change's impact:

- ☐ *switch to renewable resources*
- ☐ *take the bus, walk or cycle*
- ☐ *use a clothesline to dry your laundry*
- ☐ *turn off the lights if you don't need them*
- ☐ *turn off your computer or console if you're not using them*
- ☐ *and more! Write down your ideas on the next page , or share them on social media!*
- ☐ *drive an electric car*
- ☐ *use LED lights*
- ☐ *recycle*
- ☐ *compost*

For more information on things that you can do:

- ♥ Efficiency Nova Scotia : efficiencyns.ca
- ♥ Clean Nova Scotia: Clean.ns.ca
- ♥ Ecology Action Centre: ecologyaction.ca

You can find more info and videos at legalinfo.org/g4g or women.novascotia.ca/g4g.



A network graph visualization is displayed over a background of horizontal purple lines. The graph consists of numerous nodes, each represented by a small colored circle. The nodes are connected by a web of thin, light-grey lines, forming a complex network structure. The nodes are colored in several distinct groups: blue, green, yellow, red, and grey. The overall layout is somewhat sparse, with clusters of nodes and connecting lines scattered across the frame.