

Volunteer Opportunity

Youth in Action Grant Reviewer

United Way of Peel Region's **Women's Leadership Council (WLC)**, inspires women through personal philanthropy, volunteerism and advocacy in order to positively affect change in the lives of children in Peel Region who are at risk of, or living in poverty.

In partnership with United Way, WLC has identified financial literacy as a key component of **poverty reduction**. In addition to financial literacy sessions for youth and parents, WLC will be providing one-time grants to youth to increase youth's financial knowledge through youth lead projects.

Volunteer Position: Youth in Action Grant Reviewer

Youth in Action (YIA) Grants are one-time grant opportunities focused on youth-led projects that offer creative, youth-initiated ideas to address community issues facing youth in Peel Region. Youth and/or groups of youth between the ages of 14-24 are eligible to apply for this grant. Requests can be made for up to \$2,000 per project.

Number of Volunteer Reviewers Required: 2

Time Commitment

1 meeting on November 12, 2017 from 9am to 4pm
Some pre-read requirement

Roles & Responsibilities

Review grant applications from youth (criteria will be provided)
Identify and recommend grant recipients for 2018

Knowledge, Skills & Experience

- Strong analytical skills
- Ability to assess needs and grant applications objectively and in accordance with United Way's investments guidelines

Benefits

- Have a tremendous impact in the Community of Peel
- Broaden professional network
- Increased knowledge of human services sector
- Be recognized as a community leader



Fast Facts

Youth in Action grants build confidence and leadership in our youth

Canadian youth are taking on roles as consumers earlier than ever before

Youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness are often excluded from mainstream financial institutions because they feel intimidated or unwelcome

Youth with multiple barriers can sometimes be distrustful of organizations, financial institutions, and adults that appear to be knowledge keepers

Lack of financial literacy is a barrier to post-secondary education

Sources: Prosper Canada