

## Regina Youth Climate Dialogue, June 2025

The **Regina Youth Climate Dialogue** is a two-day event bringing together youth (aged 25 and under) to foster connection, amplify their voices, and inspire climate action in Regina. The dialogue is tentatively scheduled for **June 6th and 7th** and will take place at the māmawēyatitān centre. Organized by **Break The Divide and the David Suzuki Foundation**, this event will engage **25-30 high school and university student youth participants**, with **honoraria provided** for attendees and table facilitators. Youth can register [here](#).

### **Objectives:**

- Build **community and collective power** in youth through meaningful dialogue.
- Empower youth to **explore their emotions** and **envision the future they want**
- Spark **organizing efforts** around climate justice, mitigation, and adaptation in Regina through stakeholder presentations on Day 2
- Support Break The Divide in collecting data on youth perspectives in Regina to support the expansion of school-based climate dialogue programs in Regina.

### **Event Structure**

#### ***Day 1: Youth-Only Dialogue (2 hours) - Friday, 4:00 – 6:00 PM***

This session will focus on climate emotions and youth experiences. Following the Climate Emotions Circle framework developed by Break The Divide, participants will share their feelings about climate change and their future in Regina. Table facilitators will support youth in navigating their emotions and envisioning a bold future for the city.

#### ***Day 2: From Emotion to Action (3.5 hours) - Saturday, 1:00 – 4:30 PM***

Day 2 will focus on translating emotions into **tangible climate action**. Youth participants and table facilitators from Day 1 will reconvene, joined by **grassroots organizers, experts, and stakeholders** (including city administrators and councilors). Table facilitators from Day 1 will continue their roles.

- **Expert presenters** will provide insights on key issues such as **housing, public transit, health, and climate adaptation**. **Youth-led discussions** will focus on identifying **bold ideas and priority goals** for making Regina more sustainable.
- **Attendees will collaboratively develop action plans** to achieve these goals.
- **Stakeholders will observe and engage** in discussions, ensuring youth voices help shape future climate strategies.
- The event concludes with **youth participants summarizing key insights and new ideas**.
- Following the dialogue, **next steps will be outlined**, including **future strategy meetings, advocacy efforts, and skills training** to support continued collaboration and impact.

This event aims to foster youth leadership in climate action and create lasting momentum for change in Regina. **We are seeking partners to help with youth recruitment—your support in spreading the word will be invaluable!**

## **Additional Information about Event:**

### *Who:*

Table facilitators will include individuals from Regina education networks, educators interested in leading Climate Emotions Circles in schools, members of EcoStress Sask, and Regina Energy Transition. Youth participants will be recruited from local schools, the University of Regina, Better Bus Youth, North Central Strong, and other youth-focused organizations in the city.

### *Background:*

Following a Climate Justice and Equity-focused dialogue hosted in August 2024 and a Right to a Healthy Environment Youth Roundtable hosted in Regina in December, 2024, there are clear opportunities for continued youth engagement in Regina. A Regina Youth dialogue held in 2019 helped the city move forward with an equity focused Energy and Sustainability Framework.