



## Youth Engagement Project

### What is it?

Special Olympics British Columbia is undertaking a Youth Engagement Project to connect young people with individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID) in their community to provide youth with a meaningful opportunity to address the need for greater inclusion and respect for people with ID in communities across B.C. The SOBC Youth Engagement Project is funded by the Government of Canada under the Canada Service Corps.

SOBC will provide successful applicants with information, resources, support, and funding of up to \$1,000 to help them to design and execute a project that addresses inclusion in their community. The participants will have the option of creating their own unique action plan, event, or project, or working with SOBC staff to refine an existing initiative.

### Why should I apply?

As the goal of the selected projects will be to increase the level of inclusion and engage others, this service opportunity will provide you with a chance to make a real difference as a leader and a voice of change within your community. Additionally, this meaningful service opportunity will allow you to develop and enhance your personal and professional skills under the valuable mentorship of our staff at SOBC.

### How do I apply?

Take some time to fill out the following application form to tell us about yourself and your project idea prior to our application deadline (June 30, 2019):

<https://forms.gle/ZuA2nwFV2sACWiri9>

Youth Projects can include but are not limited to:

- Fundraising – raise funds through a project that brings the community together, raises awareness for Special Olympics and the importance of building an inclusive society.
- Competition – a project to host a competition that is run by community members (especially other youth in a community) to benefit the athletes within that Region.
- Recruitment – a project to recruit athletes and volunteers into the Local Special Olympics program.
- Awareness – an awareness campaign that can bring in funds, recruit volunteers and athletes and ensure that SOBC is front and centre in the minds of the community.

Although you are encouraged to think of your own unique project idea that you would like to implement in your community, we recognize that some youth may want to enact change in their community by restructuring one of our pre-existing initiatives. A document outlining our pre-existing initiatives can be found here:

[https://www.specialolympics.ca/sites/default/files/SOBC\\_YouthEngagementProject\\_Pre-ExistingInitiatives\\_June2019.pdf](https://www.specialolympics.ca/sites/default/files/SOBC_YouthEngagementProject_Pre-ExistingInitiatives_June2019.pdf)



### Important Dates & Timelines:

June 30, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Application deadline</b></li> </ul>
July 5, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Successful applicants contacted</b></li> </ul>
August 16 to 18, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All participants attend <b>Youth Summit</b> meeting in Vancouver, B.C., to develop valuable leadership and project management skills, and to launch service opportunities; travel and accommodation will be provided.</li> </ul>
September 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants are introduced to their community's SOBC Local Committee and educated about SOBC and the state of inclusion in their community.</li> <li>• Participants develop <b>a report on inclusion</b> in their community, which identifies gaps in inclusion present in their community.</li> <li>• Participants develop <b>an action plan</b> to address these gaps, increase inclusion, and engage other youth within this community.</li> <li>• Participants develop <b>a budget</b> for any activities with associated expenses, which must be reviewed and approved by SOBC and the SOBC Local Committee.</li> </ul>
October 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following approval by SOBC and the SOBC Local Committee, <b>begin participant project.</b></li> </ul>
October 2019 to March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ongoing execution of participant project.</b></li> <li>• Participant continues to attend SOBC Local Committee meetings.</li> </ul>
February to March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants complete <b>a final report</b> detailing activities of service project and recommendations for future inclusion initiatives.</li> <li>• Youth Engagement Coordinator will complete <b>a final survey</b> to evaluate the overall experience of participants and Local Coordinators.</li> </ul>
March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Final Youth Summit and Awards Ceremony</b>; travel and accommodation will be provided.</li> </ul>
Participants will be supported and mentored by SOBC and the SOBC Local Committee to ensure successful and timely completion of each of the above checkpoints.	

If you have any questions about the application, please don't hesitate to contact SOBC Youth Engagement Coordinator Jocelyn Kerr at [general@specialolympics.bc.ca](mailto:general@specialolympics.bc.ca).