

Many young people are acutely aware of the precarious state of our planet but lack understanding of the complexity of issues and solutions and have rarely been given the means and opportunity to take positive, meaningful action. *Youth Leadership in Sustainability* (YLS) is an innovative educational program that prepares grade 11 and 12 students for leadership roles in pursuing sustainability at the local and global levels. The YLS classroom is on Trent University campus (and PACE @ PCVS) but the program will take students into the forests, the community, and the region.

Program Highlights

- YLS is a Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB program in partnership with Trent University, Fleming College and the Kawartha World Issues Center
- 1 (fall) semester – 4 gr11/12 course credits integrated and tailored to program objectives
 - **World Issues** | CGW4U/C
 - **Environmental Science** |SVN3M **OR** **Environnement & Resource Management** | CGR4M
 - **Sustainability Leadership** | IDC3O: This Interdisciplinary Studies course was created for the YLS program. It focuses on social justice, civic engagement, communication, networking and media skills and clean/green innovation
 - **English – Contemporary Aboriginal Voices** | NBE3U/C: (Gr11 full English equivalency with focus on Indigenous authors and perspectives. Communication skill development aimed specifically at leadership needs) **OR English 4U/4C** (will draw many readings from Indigenous authors)
- open to any student in the Peterborough region who can get themselves to Trent University & PCVS on school days. Program is administered from PACE @ PCVS, but a shared student model allows YLS student to play sports for home school.
- a rich (Trent) university campus classroom setting and further access to facilities and faculty/staff at Fleming Frost Campus' renowned *School of Env. & Natural Resource Sciences*. Access to downtown agencies through PACE@PCVS
- 1st year Trent (U stream) or Fleming (C) credit awarded to graduates
- emphasis on field learning – working with leaders in the community and the region on issues of energy, food, water, waste, transportation, urban planning and climate change
- strong focus on the role of innovation and on developing the background to understand and participate in the quickly emerging green economy
- development of understanding of sustainability from Indigenous perspectives
- leadership skill development around community mobilisation, group facilitation, accessing levers of political power, communication and networking
- cost: approximately \$650
- registration for fall 2020 is now open through program website <http://yls.green>. See what the 2019 class has been up to on their [Instagram page](#) (@ylspeterborough)

