



Invitation to Youth Leaders ASI Youth Leadership Program – August 23-25, 2021

*Are you passionate about seeing change in your community?
Do you want to grow as a champion of child and youth mental health and wellbeing?*

Then this program is for you!

You are invited to apply for the Youth Leadership Program being offered this year during the [Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities](#) (ASI) to explore the theme *The Great Reconnect: Building Personal, Community and Societal Resilience for our Post COVID-19 World*. The Youth Leadership Program is being planned and managed by a committee that includes youth and youth leaders.

Who qualifies? You do!

ASI 2021 will support at least five youth from each Atlantic province to participate in this year's online forum. Young people between the ages of 18 and 25 who are affiliated with a community group and have experience/interest in being an advocate or leader are encouraged to apply. Exceptions to the age limit may be made for young people who fit all other criteria. The ASI Youth Leadership Program is inclusive and welcomes young leader applicants from all communities and lived experiences. Youth organizations are encouraged to provide mentorship and support to nominated youth, from the application process through to conference participation, to foster their successful engagement in the policy experience. Applications will be received until **June 30, 2021**.

What is provided?

The program will extend over 3 days (August 23-25), beginning with an online orientation and leadership workshop for youth delegates the morning of August 23. Following the workshop, youth delegates will join other registrants for the ASI 2021 opening and keynote presentation and the full ASI program over the next 2 days. To create space for youth voices, round table discussions and learning circles will provide opportunities to learn together, build networks and celebrate innovative ideas for upstream investment in mental health promotion. All youth registered for the program are expected to attend these sessions to learn about and celebrate advancements on the [Call to Action](#) and contribute to a policy brief on upstream investment. In addition, emotional support and safe spaces will be available during the program. As this is an online event again this year, we will continue to learn how best to collaborate online and make space for open dialogue.

What are the elements of the program?

All youth who are accepted to the program will:

- engage in a one-day youth leadership workshop;
- participate in the full [ASI 2021 program](#), providing a youth voice during general sessions and round table discussions; and
- participate along with others in celebrating successes in achieving the [Call to Action](#) and contributing to a policy brief on upstream investment.

Once accepted to the Youth Leadership Program, you will sign an agreement that will outline your commitments and accountabilities. This will also include a process by which to request support or withdrawal from activities if needed.

What is the selection process?

Applications will be reviewed by the organizing committee and participants will be notified of their acceptance by July 5, 2021. We want to ensure that many youth voices are represented during ASI 2021 and will try to accommodate as many requests as possible within our budget and capacity.

How do I apply?

You can apply by completing the online form through the following link by June 30, 2021:

- English version: <http://www.thequaich.pe.ca/UltimateSurvey/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=520>
- French version: <http://www.thequaich.pe.ca/UltimateSurvey/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=522>

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