



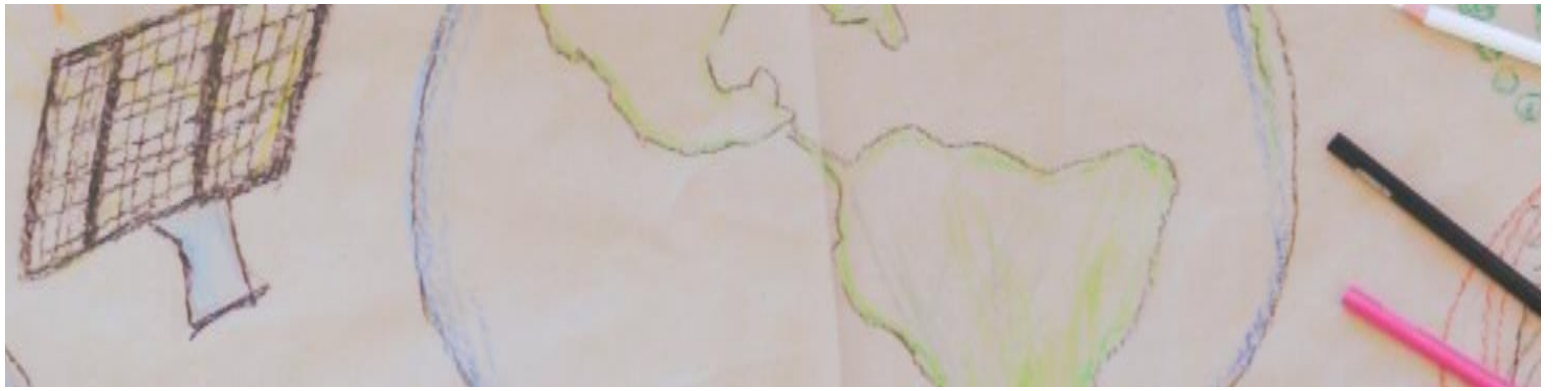
Calgary



# Mayor's Environment Expo

Inspiring and educating youth on environmental leadership and sustainability

## Information for Teachers



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Naheed K. Nenshi, Mayor

## 2021 Mayor's Environment Expo

### A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR NENSHI

On behalf of the City of Calgary, I am pleased to invite you and your students to the 32nd annual Mayor's Environment Expo, taking place virtually June 1-3, 2021.

The Expo has brought the community together for more than three decades, showcasing exciting initiatives and sharing ideas to protect our environment at home, work and school. While we hoped to resume hosting the Expo in person at the Municipal Complex this year, we continue to face challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and public safety remains our top priority during this time. Our team has worked hard to build on the success of last year's first-ever virtual Expo, and is excited to offer an expanded online program this year for students of all ages. Taking place over three days, the program has been designed to educate and inspire young Calgarians, while also empowering them to take their environmental learning beyond the classroom.

It is the responsibility of each and every one of us to conserve and protect our environment. By working together, we can take steps to shape a healthier and greener city for tomorrow. I look forward to hosting you and your students at this special event!

Sincerely,

Naheed K. Nenshi  
MAYOR

*See you at the Expo!*

# Introduction

## About the Mayor's Environment Expo

The Mayor's Environment Expo is a free educational and interactive event for students of all ages. Held in conjunction with National Environment Week, the goal of the Expo is to encourage Calgary youth to practice and promote environmental actions, shaping a healthier and greener city for tomorrow.

### Event overview

The 2021 Mayor's Environment Expo will take place from June 1 - 3. Due to gathering restrictions in place as a result of COVID-19, this year's Expo will be held virtually.

More than 100 online workshops are on offer, all designed to educate and empower your students to take their learning beyond the classroom – and to ultimately become the environmental stewards of tomorrow.

### Program and Registration

Explore the full Mayor's Environment Expo program and register your class for a session through Eventbrite at [calgary.ca/mee](https://calgary.ca/mee). Registration opens April 22, 2021.

### Questions?

Have questions about the Mayor's Environment Expo? Contact [expo@calgary.ca](mailto:expo@calgary.ca).



# Participating Organizations

The City of Calgary has partnered with a variety of local organizations to deliver this year's exciting Mayor's Environment Expo program, including:

- [Alberta Environment and Parks](#) (Aquatic Invasive Species K9 Program and the Bow Habitat Station)
- [Alberta Institute for Wildlife Conservation](#)
- [Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area](#)
- [The Arusha Centre](#)
- [Blitz / City Nature YYC](#)
- [Break The Divide Foundation](#)
- [Calgary Region Airshed Zone](#)
- [Canadian Wildlife Federation](#)
- [CPAWS](#)
- [Coded Minds](#)
- [Evergreen Theatre](#)
- [Ghost Watershed Alliance Society](#)
- [Green Hope Foundation](#)
- [Green Calgary](#)
- [Hands-on Growing](#)
- [Inside Education](#)
- [Nature Calgary](#)
- [Prospect Human Services](#)
- [Parks Canada](#)
- [Rothney Astrophysical Observatory](#)
- [Simon Jackson | Spirit Bear Youth Coalition](#)
- [Students on Ice Climate Action Cohort](#)
- [University of Calgary - School of Architecture and Design](#)
- [Walter MacDonald White Bear](#)

A number of City of Calgary departments will also be offering sessions this year:

- [Calgary Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [Environmental and Safety Management](#)
- [Parks and Recreation](#)
- [Waste and Recycling Services](#)
- [Water Resources](#)

## Our Venue Support Partners

Under normal circumstances, the Mayor's Environment Expo receives venue support from our partners, the [Calgary Public Library](#) and the [University of Calgary School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape](#). The City of Calgary is thankful for their ongoing support despite this year's event being held virtually.



# About Virtual Workshops

Most of the 2021 Mayor's Environment Expo sessions will be held online using Microsoft Teams Live Events. This platform was selected to ensure that the privacy of all participating students is protected. Attendees will not be required to provide any person information and will not be able to share their video. You and your students will be able to participate in a moderated Q&A, if offered by the hosts of the session.

Note: Two sessions will be offered through Microsoft Teams Meetings. Only one class will be able to participate at a time, ensuring the privacy of your students remains protected.

## Teacher Orientation Session

An orientation session will be offered for teachers on May 19, 2021 from 4-5 p.m. To register, [click here](#).

## Before Attending a Virtual Event

Before attending a Microsoft Teams Live event, you should:

- Make sure your browser allows third-party cookies.
- Ensure your browser supports [Microsoft Teams](#) and [Microsoft Azure Media Player](#).

## Joining a Live Event

A link to the live event will be sent to registrants via email a few days before the event, and again shortly before the session is scheduled to begin.

To join the live event:

- Click the link or copy and paste the link into your preferred web browser. For best results, use Chrome, Firefox, Edge or Safari.
- Select 'Watch on Web'.
- Select 'Join Anonymously'. If you are asked to provide a name, please only use your first name and the name of your school.

You may also access the live event by logging into Eventbrite.

## Session Recordings

Recordings of sessions you are registered to attend will be available to view for 30 days after the event. These recordings can be accessed at any time during that period using the joining link provided to you via email in advance of the event.

## Languages

Though most sessions will be held in English, subtitles will be available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Hindi, Spanish and Urdu.

## Additional Support

For more information about Microsoft Teams, [click here](#) to visit the support page.

# Other Educational Opportunities

Take your students environmental learning beyond the classroom by taking advantage of other environmental opportunities available to young Calgarians of all ages, such as:

## A+ for Energy

The A+ For Energy program provides schools with funding to implement creative approaches to energy education. This is your chance to receive a grant of up to \$5000 to transform an idea into action! Preference is given to projects that demonstrate measurable greenhouse gas emission reductions and high student engagement. All K-12 teachers in Alberta are welcome to apply. For more information and to view past projects visit [Inside Education](#).

## The Alberta Emerald Foundation

The [Emerald Youth Grant](#) program empowers students and youth to make their dream environmental projects a reality. It's easy – first, get inspired by the [Emerald Documentary Series](#), [What On EARTH Can We Do? Podcast](#), or [Emerald Speakers Series](#), then pitch your idea to the Emerald Foundation online.

To apply, visit [emerald.foundation.ca/eygrants](http://emerald.foundation.ca/eygrants).

## Caring for our Watersheds

Open to all students in Southern Alberta in grades 7-12, this program encourages students to develop ideas for protecting and caring for our local environment and watershed. Students will be challenged to research their local watershed, identify an environmental concern and work to develop a creative, but realistic solution. To learn more about Caring for our Watersheds program, [click here](#).

## CPAWS: Action Challenge

CPAWS Southern Alberta is rewarding Canadian youth for their environmental actions with the new Action Challenge! Who can participate? Youth-oriented groups such as; classrooms, clubs, schools, and families who live in Canada! Teams register, submit their 'green actions', earn points and have a chance to win our Grand Prize. For more information visit [ActionChallenge.ca](http://ActionChallenge.ca) or contact [actionchallenge@cpaws.org](mailto:actionchallenge@cpaws.org).

## The City of Calgary

The City of Calgary offers a number of educational opportunities related to [Water](#) and [Waste and Recycling](#). Visit [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca) to learn more.