

### **Call for nominations**

You are encouraged to circulate this call within your networks to reach all who might be interested.

### **Youth panellists at the [RCEN 2010 Conference](#) "Conserving Biodiversity Pays: the Values of Ecosystem Services"**

The Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) is calling for nominations and applications for participation of youth panellists in its aforementioned conference to be held from September 17-19, 2010, in Montreal. We are looking for youth panellists for the following panels:

- **Perspectives on Biodiversity - The Values of Ecosystem Services**  
Short presentations on the different values of ecosystem services by groups identified by the Convention on Biological Diversity and other perspectives.
- **Visions of the Saint Lawrence in 2021**  
A look at the ecosystem services provided by the Saint Lawrence River, threats to its biodiversity and possible solutions that will protect it for the next 10 years.
- **Panel on the Boreal Forest, the Oil Sands and Biodiversity\***  
\* Please note that for this call, we are specifically looking for an Aboriginal youth, male or female.

The registration fee, meal costs and half of travelling expenses (e.g. 50% of bus, train or airplane ticket costs) for the conference will be covered for the youth panellists. However, panellists will be responsible for arranging and paying for their accommodation and other applicable fees (including 50% of their travel expenses).

In order to participate as a youth panellist, you must meet the selection criteria and expectations below:

#### **Selection Criteria: Successful applicants**

- Are between 15 and 30;
- Have substantial knowledge of the panel's theme;
- Are confident speaking and delivering a formal presentation in front of a large group;
- Have experience with research and community work at the local, national and international level is an asset.

#### **Expectations of the youth panellists:**

- Participate in a teleconference both before and after the event;
- Adequately prepare your presentation and send it to Marie-Pierre Daigle ([marie-pierre@cen-rce.org](mailto:marie-pierre@cen-rce.org)) at least two weeks prior to the conference;
- If necessary, undertake additional independent research on the theme in order to better answer specific questions related to the topic discussed;

- Contribute actively to the panel; and
- Partake actively in the entire conference.

If you are interested, please submit your application in a cover letter format by providing the required personal information and answering the following questions:

- Your name, age, and region of residence.
- Indicate your language proficiency in English and French.
- Do you work or volunteer for an environmental organization?
- Which panel are you interested in?
- Why are you interested in participating as a panellist?
- Describe your specific qualifications related to the panel's topic for which you are applying. Please indicate any research, work, and/or volunteer experience that you may have in that field.
- How do you plan to pay for your travel and other costs incurred by this trip?

Your nomination must be e-mailed to Marie-Pierre Daigle, Youth Caucus Intern, at [marie-pierre@cen-rce.org](mailto:marie-pierre@cen-rce.org) before **Sunday, July 18, 2010 at midnight, Pacific time.**

**For more information about the Youth Caucus and the RCEN, check out what Mr. & Mrs. Bouche have to say, as well as "The Interrogation"!**

If you have any questions or would like to join the RCEN Youth Caucus, please contact Marie-Pierre Daigle at 613-728-9810, ext. 235 or [marie-pierre@cen-rce.org](mailto:marie-pierre@cen-rce.org).

**Thank you and good luck!**