



Provincial Aboriginal Youth Council

The Provincial Aboriginal Youth Council helps lead the Friendship Centre Movement to reflect the aspirations of Indigenous youth across the province.

PAYC is looking for new council members! The next election will take place virtually on **September 23, 2021.**

What does PAYC do?

PAYC members attend **monthly meetings**, participate in **workshops** and community **engagement sessions** with the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCAAFC), and **assist with planning** the annual Gathering Our Voices: Indigenous Youth Leadership Training event.

Who can join PAYC?

Eligible candidates for PAYC must be between the **ages of 18 to 24** to join the **PAYC Executive Committee**, and between the **ages of 14 to 25** to join the **PAYC General Committee**.

How can I join PAYC?

To join, youth complete the PAYC Candidate Form to submit with a letter of support from their Friendship Centre.

PAYC is a supportive team of ambitious youth who strive to amplify youth voices and uplift their communities.

Questions?

Contact education@bcaafc.com, or 250-388-5522 ext. 216.



BC Friendship Centre Youth Declaration

We are the BC Aboriginal Friendship Centre Youth Movement.

As Friendship Centre youth we envision a world...

- Where we can see, learn and live our individual cultures... we are self-determining and we experience unity across all our people and equality amongst other world cultures
- Where we know who we are and we understand the value that we each bring to this life... we are healthy mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually
- Where we can nourish ourselves with healthy food and safe water from our lands... and we live in clean, healthy and safe homes and communities
- Where we lean on our families and our Elders and they are there for us... our lives are filled with fun and passion; our minds are engaged by mentors who understand; and we feel safe to share our hearts and minds with others

As Friendship Centre Youth, we believe that our collective voices can make a difference. Together, we will...

- Build unity amongst ourselves and reach out to other Indigenous cultures locally, nationally, and globally
- Strengthen BC's Aboriginal Friendship Centre youth movement and strengthen the youth connections within and between Friendship Centres
- Work with our Friendship Centres and the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres to build our people's future leaders... us – our sisters and brothers, our cousins, our friends and our own children

We call on the Federal and Provincial Governments, to support us in these efforts and to work with us to remove the barriers to our vision.

We call on First Nation Governments, our Friendship Centres and other Aboriginal organizations, to work together to support and implement the spirit of this declaration.

We call on ourselves, the BC Aboriginal Friendship Centre Youth, to implement this declaration and to realize this vision for our people. In all that we do we will respect our Elders, our land and ourselves. We will role model our values of friendship, acceptance, responsibility, passion and pride in who we are and in our culture.

Finally, we invite each and every one who supports our declaration in spirit to join with us to uplift our communities and create brighter futures for Indigenous youth.

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Candidate Form

Full Name:

Age:

Phone Number:

Email:

Home Friendship Centre:

1. Tell us a little bit about yourself: your community/nation, your family, interests, etc.

2. Why do you want to be on the BCAAFC-PAYC Executive and what would it mean to you?

3. If elected, what leadership qualities will you bring to the BCAAFC-PAYC Executive?