



Community Climate Ambassador

West Kootenay Crew

Wildsight Youth Climate Corps

Contract Dates: May 8th to August 25th, 2023, with the potential for an extension (pending funding and project opportunities).

Location: We will be working across the [Regional District of the Central Kootenay](#) in communities and working directly with local governments, organizations and community members.

Schedule: 35–40 hours per week. A flexible schedule is required to fully participate in community events, with at least some weekend and potentially evening work needed.

Compensation: \$20 per hour (with an additional 4% vacation pay) + certifications, and training.

Training and Certifications provided:

- OFA1
- Mental Health First Aid
- Justice and Equity Training
- Local/Regional Economics and Climate Programming Training
- Local/Regional Impacts of Climate Change and Benefits of Climate Action
- Communications Training
- Leadership and Professional Development Training
- Deep Canvassing Training

Opportunity Description:

This season, the West Kootenay cohort of [Wildsight's Youth Climate Corps](#) will be focusing on community engagement, in partnership with the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), the City of Nelson and potentially other local municipalities. We will be working to build public

awareness of and participation in local climate programs including through the [RDCK's Climate Actions](#) and City of Nelson's Climate Plan, [Nelson Next](#). These plans support commitments such as the [100% Renewable Kootenays](#) initiative and identify pathways for effective community-wide collaboration to reduce emissions and build resilience.

This position will be dynamic and innovative, requiring both public interface and computer skills. After an extensive training period (including the certifications and training listed above and more), the crew will engage directly with communities across the RDCK through multiple channels, such as markets, fairs, door-to-door canvassing and more. Crew members will be stationed throughout the RDCK to develop relationships with members of the public, community groups, and other stakeholders.

There will also be opportunities to work collaboratively on other in-person projects, such as a hugelkultur bed research project and developing tools to reduce waste in the local economy. Online components will include some training, plus digital communication and outreach about your experiences throughout the program. All of this work will be supported by teams at Wildsight, the RDCK and the City of Nelson, and potentially other municipalities.

Your role:

We are seeking passionate, motivated, and empathetic individuals, driven to take meaningful climate action in their local communities. Engaging with local professionals, Wildsight staff, local governments, other organizations, and local residents, you will gain the knowledge, skills and training necessary to advance climate-resilient communities.

With support and direction from the West Kootenay YCC Coordinator, crew members will:

- Serve as an ambassador for Wildsight, the RDCK, the City of Nelson, and potentially other municipalities, to educate the public about local climate plans and programs and otherwise support their implementation
- Developing facilitation and collaboration skills, bringing diverse people together to find collective solutions
- Learning to listen and communicate compassionately to community members about the climate crisis and local solutions
- Participate enthusiastically and professionally in introductory and ongoing training and learning activities (both general and project specific)
- Work collaboratively with fellow crew members and external partners to complete projects at a high standard of quality
- Support the YCC team in producing and sharing communications content to tell the story of our work through multiple channels

Requirements:

- Motivation to be part of solutions to climate change
- Passion for community building
- Willingness to engage others in climate action
- Adaptable and adventurous attitude
- Experience working independently

- Capable of working remotely
- Love for the outdoors, with the ability to work in a variety of conditions
- Previous familiarity or experience with climate action or in climate-related fields is an asset but not a requirement
- Must have a valid driver's licence

Eligibility:

- As a condition of funding partnerships, applicants must:
 - Be between 17 - 30 years of age
 - Be legally entitled to work in Canada
- We are looking for individuals based in various locations around the Regional District of Central Kootenay with the ability to travel between communities as engagement opportunities are present.

How to Apply:

Wildsight is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in our hiring processes and work environment and actively recruits for diversity within our crews. We encourage women, people of colour, people of Indigenous ancestry and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals to apply for this position. Wildsight recognizes climate justice as essential for climate action and we actively recruit for diversity.

Please fill out our [online application form](#). Email any questions to wkycc@wildsight.ca. While resumes, cover letters or other materials (such as art, videos, or information on events/initiatives that you have been involved in) are in no way mandatory, you can email these optional items to wkycc@wildsight.ca.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; don't wait to apply!

For more information on Wildsight's Youth Climate Corps, please visit: wildsight.ca/youth-climate-corps