



# 2019 YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

Helping build community leaders.

## 2019 Youth Leadership Challenge - For Immediate Release

On the 27th of April 2019, sixteen selected senior high school students from Golden to Victoria, BC, convened in Maple Ridge for the 1st annual Youth Leadership Challenge. Run by the Youth Leadership Society of British Columbia, the Youth Leadership Challenge was a day-long event featuring numerous leadership themed events, including a physical team building exercise, and presentations to a community panel consisting of policy makers and other community members. This year, our community panel featured MP Ron McKinnon, city councillors Bonita Zarrillo and Chelsa Meadus, MLA Jagrup Brar, and SD43 Trustee Jennifer Blatherwick. We were also happy to have special guest speeches by MP's Ron McKinnon and Dan Ruimy. The challenge was a new space to encourage young leaders to develop leadership skills and better understand their capability for civic engagement. The day's theme revolved around inclusivity, with the winning team presenting a comprehensive proposal for a non-profit that focused on addressing the fundamental barriers that prevent people from escaping the poverty cycle. Each member of the winning team walked home with \$300 bursaries for higher education and their names on the YLC Victory Cup. The event would not be made possible without the generous support of our sponsors, including Wildplay Element Parks, TakingITGlobal, the Government of Canada, the Canadian Student Leadership Association, Canada's Energy Citizens, Fortis, Rotary - Coquitlam Sunrise, Rogers Telecommunications, the Steps Together Foundation, Connect Vancouver and the Canada Service Corps. For more information on the challenge, visit [www.youthleadershipchallenge.ca](http://www.youthleadershipchallenge.ca).



FIRST PLACE



SECOND PLACE



THIRD PLACE



FOURTH PLACE

THANK YOU TO OUR YLC 2019 PARTICIPANTS!

WITH MP RON MCKINNON, COUNCILLOR BONITA ZARRILLO AND CHELSA MEADUS, MLA  
JAGRUP BRAR + SD43 TRUSTEE JENNIFER BLATHERWICK



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