



Backgrounder

Our history

Founded in 1991 by a diverse group of youth, educators, business leaders, government, and community members, LSF is a non-profit Canadian organization that was created to integrate sustainability education into Canada's education system. From its headquarters in Toronto, ON, LSF facilitates the delivery of sustainable development education programs and resources to teachers and students across Canada.

Our Goal

Our goal is to work together with educators, students, parents, government, community members and business leaders to integrate the concepts and principles of sustainable development into education policy, school curricula, teacher education, and lifelong learning across Canada.

Our Youth Forums

Our [Youth Forums](#) have historically been held as full-day, in-person experiences, but COVID-19 forced an unusual school year where students across Canada were learning both in the classroom and online from home. We knew that skipping a year wasn't an option since students needed access to the skills and knowledge provided in the Forums. With consistently changing guidelines and learning systems, we decided to find a way to move our Youth Forums to a virtual format.

Our new [Virtual Youth Forums](#) still build a sense of community and connection among teachers and students from different schools. And, most importantly, the Forums engage students in sustainability issues, equip them with skills and knowledge, and empower them to take action! The virtual events dramatically increased our audience and geographic reach. Last year 17,600 students across Canada participated in an Action Project.

We are pleased to announce that our Youth Forums won a [Canada's Clean50 Top Project Award](#), which annually recognizes the contributions of its recipient Honourees towards sustainable development in Canada. Learn about Clean50 at <https://clean50.com/>

Our Action Projects

We provide funding for students and teachers to engage their school and community in sustainability Action Projects. This includes any action that is student-led and contributes to the sustainability of their school or community—the only limit is the students' imagination! Past projects have included greening schoolyards, eliminating single-use plastics at school, and motivating communities to reduce their carbon footprint.

Our Survey

Climate change and its consequences are a growing concern. If you are a Canadian 12 years of age or older, we would like to know about your understanding and perceptions of climate change and its risks, and your views on how the education system should respond.

The survey will take about 15 - 20 minutes to complete and your answers will remain confidential and anonymous. By taking part in this survey, you will help our understanding of how the public, teachers, parents, and students view climate change education in Canadian schools and what supports are needed to effectively teach climate change in classrooms.

This survey is being conducted by Learning for a Sustainable Future (LSF) with support from Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Canadian Teachers' Federation. The results will be used to develop recommendations to governments, school districts and educators to help Canadian youth address climate change.

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