

4-H Canada

# Citizenship Congress 2021

## Examining Public Programs:

Exploring the Issue of Universal Basic Income



Tuesday, May 4 -  
Sunday, May 9, 2021



11 - 15 hours, over 5 days



Virtual, via Zoom



4-H members ages 16 - 21  
10 members per province

## About

Developed in 1972 as a way to unite 4-H members from across the country, 4-H Canada's Citizenship Congress is considered a flagship program that gives 4-H members knowledge and insight about Canada, its history and its systems. Delegates explore and develop skills related to civic engagement, governance, parliamentary procedures, citizenship, and politics.

In 2021, we will be exploring issues of income security and public programs with our theme, **Examining Public Programs: Exploring the issue of Universal Basic Income.**

Citizenship Congress creates multiple opportunities for delegates to network and learn from experts on governance and civic engagement while fostering their research skills, public speaking skills and expanding their knowledge on parliamentary procedure as they prepare for the annual Citizenship Congress debate.

## Conference Experience from Home

To help enhance your virtual conference experience, delegates will receive an exciting conference kit filled with 4-H Canada goodies and other fun items! A collection of digital resources and guidebooks will be provided to help you make the most of Citizenship Congress.

## What to Expect

Taking place virtually via Zoom, Citizenship Congress kicks off with three days of debate skill & prep sessions from May 4-6, so that delegates and debate groups can begin forming their platforms and meeting their other party members.

Each delegate must attend at least **ONE** debate prep session but are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible.

The conference will officially open on Friday evening, the annual debate will take place on Saturday and we will end with workshops and a closing activity on Sunday.

This year's debate resolution is "**Be it resolved that the Government of Canada will provide a guaranteed basic income for all Canadian citizens over the age of 18.**"

## Learn More

Visit [4-h-canada.ca/citizenship-congress](https://4-h-canada.ca/citizenship-congress) to learn more about Citizenship Congress 2021.

For more information or questions, contact the 4-H Canada Program Team at [program@4-h-canada.ca](mailto:program@4-h-canada.ca)



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# Conference Agenda

All times are in Eastern Time (ET). Please note, session times and topics are subject to change.

Time (ET)	Tues. May 4	Wed. May 5	Thurs. May 6	Fri. May 7	Sat. May 8	Sun. May 9
12:00 p.m.						
12:30 p.m.					Welcome & Mock Debate #2	Speaker Session
1:00 p.m.					Break	Open Space Technology
1:30 p.m.					Debate	Closing
2:00 p.m.						
2:30 p.m.						
3:00 p.m.						
3:30 p.m.						
4:00 p.m.	Skill Session			Opening Event		
4:30 p.m.						
5:00 p.m.	Debate Prep Session	Skill Session		Mock Debate		
5:30 p.m.						
5:45 p.m.					Final Debate Prep Session	
6:00 p.m.		Debate Prep Session	Skill Session	Press Conference & Wrap-Up		
6:30 p.m.						
7:00 p.m.			Debate Prep Session			
7:30 p.m.						

## Registering for Citizenship Congress

Provinces must provide finalized delegation lists to 4-H Canada by Tuesday, April 6.

Delegate Registration will take place between April 7-14, 2021.

All registered delegates will receive a Registration Guide that will provide details and descriptions of each debate prep session and each debate role, before being asked to complete the "program registration" to choose their preferred debate roles and register for their debate prep sessions.

## 4-H Canada is looking for extra help during Citizenship Congress

In order to continue to expand our virtual conference experience, 4-H Canada is looking for program support from any staff or leaders that may want to be a part of the conference and help us make it an engaging experience.

If you are interested in supporting, you would be helping us with:

- Maintaining our Youth Safety Guidelines
- Encouraging and supporting delegates during programming - particularly during breakout sessions

If you know of any staff or leaders that would like to be a part of Citizenship Congress, please let us know by emailing [program@4-h-canada.ca](mailto:program@4-h-canada.ca).