

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Hands to Larger Service and Club to Club Exchanges



### What is Hands to Larger Service?

Hands to Larger Service is a 4-H Canada program launched in 2018, funded through the [Canada Service Corps](#) by the Government of Canada. 4-H Canada is one of 14 [national partners](#) who form the Canada Service Corps.

[Learn more about the Canada Service Corps.](#)

### How does Hands to Larger Service work?

4-H Canada will select 26 Youth Service Leaders (ages 18 to 25), who will be trained to support and lead community-based service projects in summer 2020.

4-H Canada will support and empower this team of Youth Service Leaders, who will travel across Canada co-creating meaningful and lasting community-focused service projects in partnership with other youth as part of the 4-H Club to Club Exchange program.

This is an exciting opportunity for 4-H youth across Canada to demonstrate their leadership skills and commitment to community engagement!

### Why is the Hands to Larger Service program being linked to the Club to Club Exchange program?

- Because it's a perfect fit!
- The Club to Club Exchange program already takes great pride in the service projects that youth develop across the country, and we wanted to celebrate those efforts and contributions even more.
- By linking Club to Club Exchanges with Hands to Larger Service, exchange groups could get even more support – which means a win-win for Club to Club exchange groups. Groups will receive financial support (\$1,500 stipend to each group – ***please note that this is subject to funding and may not be available***) and the support of a Youth Service Leader.
- The projects generated through this program will allow for a real impact to be created within your community – one that is tied to your club and 4-H, and one that can keep on building after your Club to Club exchange is over, through Canada Service Corps [micro grants](#).
- Clubs applying to be part of the Club to Club Exchange program are strongly encouraged to identify a senior member (18 years and older) who could fill the role of their Youth Service Leader. They should encourage this member to apply independent of the club application at [apply to be a YSL](#).

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#### What do Youth Service Leaders do?

Youth Service Leaders (YSLs) work with 4-H youth taking part in Club to Club exchanges to identify community needs and co-create a service project that will have a meaningful impact.

Once selected, YSLs will take part in an in-person training program, developing project management and leadership skills and learning about community engagement, service learning and positive youth development.

Connecting with community partners, the trained YSLs - working in teams of two - will create networks and build relationships to develop innovative service projects with a lasting impact to communities.

Co-creating, leading and managing projects with other youth, YSLs will gain leadership experience and help others grow their own skills and learn more about the positive impact of service.

#### What is the role of clubs in Hands to Larger Service?

- Part of the Club to Club Exchange program is to co-create, in partnership with their assigned YSLs, a community service project, and to participate fully in the project as part of their exchange experience.
- Clubs will be asked to designate a youth participant who will serve as the youth perspective for the club and will work with the chaperone and YSLs on the project.
- Chaperones will be expected to support and assist their YSLs as needed, and *allow the YSLs to take the lead* on the community service project.
- Clubs will welcome their YSL and their co-YSL into their group and community during the delivery of the community service project. Clubs may be asked to provide a host family for the YSLs during the hosting portion of the exchange and may be asked to greet them at the airport, provide ground transportation to and from the service project, and other tasks.
- Clubs may be asked to host their YSL and twin YSL if there are no accommodations available,. This will be discussed and arranged on a case-by-case basis in April, May and June.
- Clubs will provide feedback and a reference for the YSL at the end of the project. 4-H Canada will provide an evaluation form to be completed by each club collectively.
- In their final report, clubs will be asked to share information, lessons learned, successes and highlights about the community service project, and the impact it had on their club and community.

#### Will there be any additional cost to the club for this project?

- Clubs will not have to budget for this project as part of their exchange. The cost of supplies, up to \$600, will be provided (*please note that this is subject to funding and may not be available*).
- Any additional expenses, including ground transportation provided by clubs and/or accommodation required for YSLs, will be covered by 4-H Canada (*please note that this is subject to funding and may not be available*).

#### How long should my club's community service project be?

- One to two full days should be reserved for the delivery of this project (a minimum of 8 hours).
- The specific day(s) will be determined during the planning process with your Youth Service Leader. Past experience shows that this up-front planning is a great way to get the groups working together and is a good activity to hold early in the exchange.



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- Youth Service Leaders will need more time than the minimum to plan and prepare the projects. Your club will be involved in part of that process, but it will vary from club to club.

### When will we know who our Youth Service Leader is?

Clubs will be notified of their Youth Service Leader the same day they are notified of acceptance into the Club to Club Exchange program (late January 2020). Chaperones will be connected to their YSLs in February through video conference.

### How do 4-H'ers apply to be a YSL?

If you know of a senior 4-H member, provincial Ambassador or recent alum who would be interested in applying for this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

- Read the [Youth Service Leader job description](#).
- Candidates should be 18 to 25 years old and a current 4-H member, provincial Ambassador or 4-H alumnus in good standing as of their last year in 4-H.
- Applications will be accepted from September 3, 2019, December 30, 2019 at [apply.4-h-canada.ca](http://apply.4-h-canada.ca)

### What are the next steps?

- In February, clubs selected to participate in the Club to Club Exchange will be introduced to their YSL and from that point on will begin the co-creation process for the community service project.
- In March, YSLs and club members will determine their community service project.
- At the beginning of April, confirmation of the community service project will be sent to 4-H Canada by the YSL.
- In April and May, the YSLs will work on planning the community service project in partnership with clubs.
- The end of April, Youth Service Leaders will attend a 5-day in-person training (location to be decided) where they will build skills and learn about youth-adult partnership, community engagement, service learning, and how to plan and deliver a community service project.
- In June, the final stages of planning the community service projects will be completed.
- In July and August, Club to Club exchanges will be happening and community service projects will be happening across the country. Youth service Leaders will join clubs to participate and capture the community service spirit.
- In September and throughout the fall, Youth Service Leaders will connect back with clubs to gather feedback and evaluate the impact of the experience. They will also do some follow-up and encourage clubs to keep the momentum alive! Micro-grants will be available to clubs after the exchange and YSLs will help coach clubs through the application process.

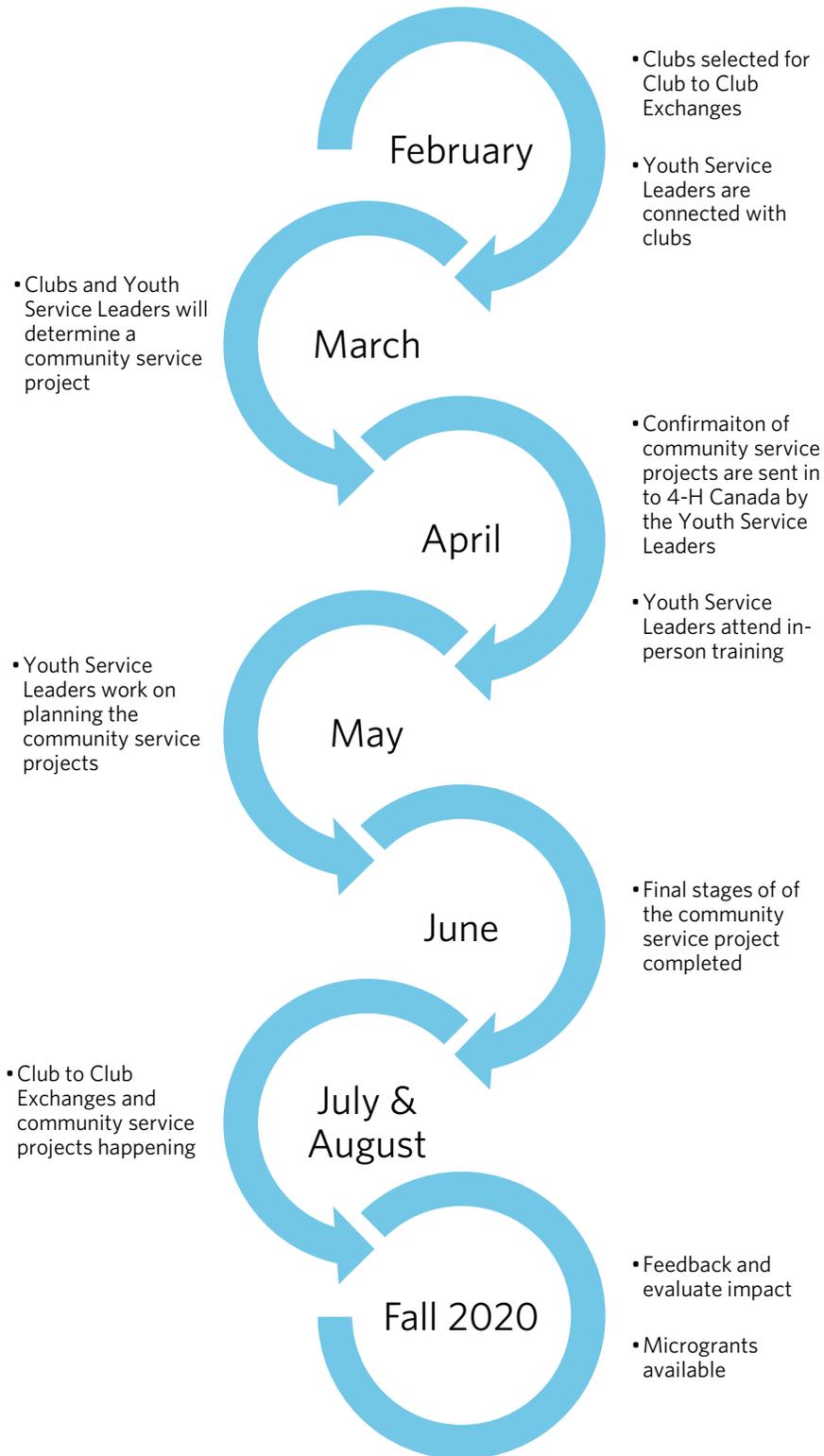
*\*In the case where adequate funding is not achieved, the Hands to Larger Service / Youth Service Leader program is subject to cancellation and your club will be expected to run their own Community Service Project.*

*If you are expected to run the project on your own, a webinar and downloadable "Creating Lasting Impact through Community Service" Leader Resource will be available to support you in the delivery of your project.*



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### What is the Canada Service Corps?

[Canada Service Corps](#) is Canada's new national youth service initiative that encourages young Canadians to get involved in service to their communities and gain valuable skills and experience that will benefit them in every aspect of life. It will also provide young Canadians with the opportunity to build service opportunities that currently do not exist.

More meaningful volunteer and service opportunities means more young people will have the chance to practice leadership, develop individual strengths, and gain essential life and work experiences. As a nationwide initiative, Canada Service Corps will help more young Canadians to understand the importance of serving their communities, and instill a sense of civic engagement and global citizenship

### More questions?

No problem! We want to help answer as many of your questions as possible about this awesome new program and how you can be part of it.

- For Club to Club Exchange questions, contact Sue Steeves, Manager of Admissions at [ssteeves@4-h-canada.ca](mailto:ssteeves@4-h-canada.ca)
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