

4-H Canada

Citizenship Congress 2020

Looking to the Future: Canada's Role in Climate Action



Friday, Dec. 4 -
Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020



9 hours, over 1.5 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 2020, we are highlighting climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals with our theme, **Looking to the Future: Canada's Role in Climate Action.**

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 kit filled with event materials and fun stuff. 4-H Canada will also create opportunities for networking and skill-building before and after the conference. A collection of digital resources and activities will be provided to help you make the most of Citizenship Congress.

What to Expect

Taking place virtually via Zoom, the conference kicks off Friday evening, continues with a half-day of programming on Saturday, and culminates in the annual debate.

Using **Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Climate Action)** as our focus point, we will explore where Canada currently stands on climate action and how we might need to shift and change policies to meet the targets of SDG 13 by 2030.

Learn More

Visit 4-h-canada.ca/citizenship-congress to learn more about Citizenship Congress 2020.

For more information or questions, contact Lina Saigol, Youth Programs Manager, at lsaigol@4-h-canada.ca.



**Learn
To Do
By Doing**

Conference Agenda

All times are in Eastern Standard Time (ET) *Please note: session times and topics are subject to change*

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

Welcome & Opening Event

4 - 4:45 p.m.

Break

Careers on the Grow: Getting Started in Politics & Policy Work

5 - 5:50 p.m.

Break

Debate Introduction: Mock Press Conference

6 - 6:30 p.m.

Day 1 Wrap-Up

6:30 - 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Welcome & Mock Debate

12 - 12:45 p.m.

Programming Hour - Guest Speakers

12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

Break

Opening of Debate

2 - 2:15 p.m.

Debate

2:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Break

Unconference & Open Space Technology

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Closing Event

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Debate Structure

This year the structure of the annual Citizenship Congress debate will be taking a bit of a different format from what you may have seen in the past.

Instead of receiving a pre-determined Resolution (the topic of the debate), the Resolution will be drafted by the delegates who are assigned to the Governing Party in Parliament, with guidance and support from 4-H Canada staff.

Mirroring real parliamentary politics, delegates assigned to the Official Opposition and Third Party roles will receive the Resolution once it has been drafted and will be expected to draft responses to the Governing Party's proposal as preparation for the annual debate.

Each delegate will be asked to rank their desired roles for the debate while registering for the Citizenship Congress. A full list and description of roles will be sent to delegates before they register to provide more information about each role.

To support delegates in preparing for the debate, 4-H Canada will be holding multiple debate prep sessions for delegates to meet each other, begin working together to draft their responses, and learn more about the issue that we will be discussing at Citizenship Congress.

Each delegate will be asked to register and attend at least ONE debate prep session before the conference. However, delegates are welcome and encouraged to attend multiple prep sessions if they wish.