



## **Pivot Green Announces the Winners of the Canadian Youth Climate Action Award**

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Pivot Green, in partnership with the Small Change Fund, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2024 Canadian Youth Climate Action Award. This Award recognizes the important work that young Canadians are undertaking in concert with other generations in the fight against climate change. The first-place winner will receive a plaque celebrating their achievement along with an honorarium of \$5,000 to support their ongoing work. A second-place winner will receive \$2,500 and two runner-up organizations will receive \$1,000 each. In addition, four organizations will each receive \$500.

The overall winner is **St James Town Climate Action CREW**, a Toronto-based, intergenerational group whose goal is to prepare high-rise, low-income racialized residents to be ready before, during, and after extreme weather emergencies occur. In the appraisal of the judges, this program is very likely to save lives. At its core, it is about neighbours taking care of one another. The second-place winner is **Youth Imagine the Future – A Festival of Writing & Art**, in Kingston, Ontario. This initiative addresses the ever-growing issue of youth climate anxiety by providing a creative outlet for youth to imagine a better future by working together in the fight against climate change. The judges noted this project highlights some of the progress being made amid the doom and gloom of climate change.

The two \$1,000 prizes will go to **Active U**, located in the Greater Toronto Area, who are providing marginalized youth an opportunity to experience outdoor activities in order to foster an understanding of the importance of protecting our environment, and **Shake up the Establishment**, based in Vancouver and Toronto, who are providing opportunities for youth across Canada to meaningfully support local advocacy groups in their efforts to address urgent policy matters including a campaign to sue "Big Oil" to hold polluters accountable.

The final four honorariums will go to Human Nature Projects Ontario/Environmental Youth Advocacy Fellowship (GTA/Hamilton), SculptShore: Art to Action (Nova Scotia), Solastalgia Zine (Vancouver), and The Global Sunrise Project - A Positive Impact Storytelling Hub For Inspired Climate Action (Toronto). Details on all the winning groups will be available soon after Earth Day on our website: [pivotgreen.ca](https://pivotgreen.ca)

On Earth Day the judges released the following statement: "We were truly inspired by the variety of submissions. By engaging diverse communities such as newcomers to Canada, our most vulnerable neighbours, school children, and families, these submissions offered innovative solutions with real potential for impact."

Pivot Green would like to congratulate all the winners. We would also like to thank all the groups who took the time to apply. As well, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our judging panel, our partner Small Change Fund, and all our donors who made this Award possible. Happy Earth Day to all.

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