

Lake Macquarie Sustainable Neighbourhood Alliance (Inc)

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Young Leaders - Volunteer Position Description

Choose your own adventure!

Are you a young person looking to connect with your community and get practical experience in engagement, sustainability and other skills?

We are looking for enthusiastic people to help us foster a more sustainable Lake Macquarie.

Learn more about applying community development, project management or marketing principles to real world projects.

- *Connect with like-minded peers and the wider community.*
- *Learn new skills and develop practical experience.*
- *Make a difference to local sustainability.*
- *Find a short term, project based or ongoing role to suit your interests and availability.*

Sustainable Neighbourhoods

Sustainable Neighbourhoods empowers the community to act on local sustainability issues. We are a network of active, skilled and supported citizens who create a range of local projects and events that protect the natural environment, reduce our ecological footprint, and increase community wellbeing.

Our vision

Neighbourhoods that are empowered to live sustainably

Our mission

Our work is to foster sustainable neighbourhoods and a healthy environment in Lake Macquarie.

Our values

We are guided by our values of:

- participation
- inclusion
- collaboration
- empowerment
- shared responsibility

Young Leaders Volunteer Role

Volunteer role	Young Leaders
Purpose	<p>Encourage and support other young people to participate in and create their own Sustainable Neighbourhood projects and activities.</p> <p>Contribute to the Sustainable Neighbourhoods youth engagement objectives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help develop and implement strategies to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ engage with young people and encourage their participation in Sustainable Neighbourhood activities ○ encourage and support young people to develop their own projects and activities • Help establish a virtual network to support young people to connect with each other and to the Sustainable Neighbourhood network
Supervision and support	Young Leaders will be supervised and supported by the Alliance Secretariat.
Duties and responsibilities	<p>We anticipate that a team of Young Leader volunteers will work together with other volunteers and the Alliance Secretariat.</p> <p>Young Leaders can nominate short term or ongoing tasks and roles that would suit their interest, and could include for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and develop relationships with potential allies and partners (for example, Youth Advisory Council, Intrepid Landcare, Australian Youth Climate Coalition) • Act as a liaison between Sustainable Neighbourhoods and a particular organisation or network • Help to promote Sustainable Neighbourhood projects and activities to young people • Connect with your local Sustainable Neighbourhood Group to contribute your project ideas. • Lead your own Sustainable Neighbourhood project, with support from the Sustainable Neighbourhood Alliance and wider network. For some ideas, visit www.sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au/latest-news. • Establish and/or manage a social media page to attract interest and participation from young people • Adhere to all Sustainable Neighbourhood policy and procedures, for example, regarding Governance, Health

	and Safety, Child protection; and Privacy.
Suitable for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people (~12-30 years) looking to connect with like-minded peers and the wider community, to make a difference to local sustainability. • Secondary and tertiary students looking for real world experience in Community engagement; Community development; Marketing, media and communications; Environmental Management and Sustainability; Business; Community Services; Project and event management. • Young adults looking for practical experience and skill development.
Commitment	<p>Variable, depending on your interests and availability.</p> <p>For example, you might like to make a short term (2 months) commitment to help create and establish a Facebook group for local young environmentalists to connect with each other. A longer term commitment might be taking on the role of managing / administrating the Facebook group for 6-12 months.</p>
Time required	<p>Variable, depending on your interests and availability</p> <p>For example, attending and contributing to your local Sustainable Neighbourhood Group meetings may require 2-3 hours per month. Or leading and organising an event may take 2-5 hours per week over an 8 week period.</p>
Location and equipment	<p>Variable, depending on your role.</p> <p>Some work from home may be required, including access to an internet connection and suitable device to access email, phone and various social media platforms as required.</p> <p>Face to face meetings and travel to and from may also be required, but can be arranged to be a convenient location eg close to home or public transport.</p>

To apply

To express your interest in this role, please email the Sustainable Neighbourhood Alliance Secretariat at admin@sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au. Please include your name, email and phone contact details, and a brief description of your background and/or interest in the role. Just a few sentences is totally fine.

Please get in touch to talk about a role to suit you at admin@sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au or 0466 748 333.