



The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, supported by the Government House Foundation is launching it's sixth year of Stewards of the Future, a program to promote environmental awareness and stewardship among youth.

"It is my great pleasure to continue support for Stewards of the Future, the priority project started by the Honourable Judith Guichon. She created this program inspired by the inquiring and creative minds of the youth of British Columbia and her love of the beautiful natural spaces of our province. I am very pleased to continue this important initiative and encourage students to consider how we can come together to establish a vision for a sustainable future."

The Honourable Janet Austin Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

Stewards of the Future supports and encourages youth to connect with their environment. Funding is available for students to go on field trips, learn best practices and engage with their ecosystems and local communities. The program features a toolkit designed to support teachers and students to approach and explore their environments and the opportunity to steward best practices in their communities. The toolkit includes step by step program guidelines, tools to help students and teachers to better engage, and information on how to apply for funding.

To view the Stewards of the Future toolkit and apply for the program, visit: <https://ltagov.bc.ca/blog/office-of-the-lg/apply-for-the-2020-stewards-of-the-future-session/>. Applications for funding for 2020 are due November 29, 2019.

In July 2019, the Trust for Sustainable Living International Youth Conference and Debates were hosted by Her Honour at Government House with students and teachers taking part from around the world. We are encouraging all Stewards of the Future students to consider registering in this International event in 2020. We are encouraging our stewards to enter the essay competition and participate in this year's international debates which will be hosted online.

In addition, The Trust for Sustainable Living will host the "Partner Power" Conference which follows the on-line debates in Oxford, England. One outstanding Stewards Project will be chosen by a panel of experts selected by Her Honour. The panel (in consultation with the chosen project's teacher champion) will select one student from the project's group to attend the "Partner Power" Conference. The selected student will be flown all expenses paid to Oxford England to attend the Conference in July 2020. To qualify, the student must have registered and submitted an essay to the Trust for Sustainable Living Essay Competition. More information regarding selection criteria will be made available during the application for funding for the Stewards of the Future project.

To learn more about the Trust for Sustainable Living International Essay Competition and the international debates being held online this year, visit: <https://trustforsustainableliving.org/take-part/international-schools-essay-competition-and-debate>. Deadline for submission to the essay competition is December 20, 2019.