



YEC Celebration Forum Member Brief

The Celebration Forum is the final YEC event of the year, held at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. The forum gives YEC members the chance to share and celebrate the sustainability efforts that you've made in your schools and communities this year. This year's event will provide a great opportunity to connect with other members you've been communicating with online, and see what they have been working on.



YEC members at the 2019 Forum



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When you arrive, you'll see the registration desk at the Goodman Building gate. The Green Adelaide Education staff will be at the desk to check you in and answer any questions you or your parents/caregivers have.



Map of the Adelaide botanic Gardens, identifying the Goodman Gate meeting place



YEC banner

When you arrive, staff will give you your green YEC t-shirt and a lanyard with your name tag. You'll then be directed inside the gardens to our meeting spot. If you have any forms you haven't handed in yet, you can give them to staff when you check in.



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The Education staff will be at the forum the whole day, and you can approach them anytime if you have questions or concerns.



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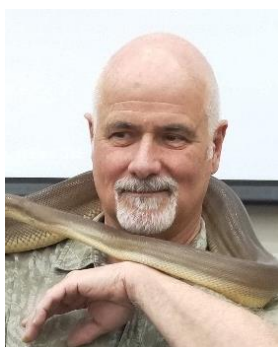
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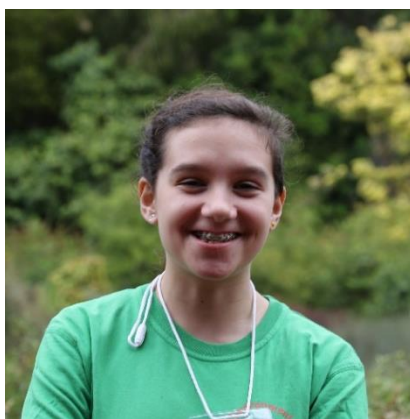
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You can also talk to the **YEC mentors** if you have questions or need support. They will be wearing bandanas at the forum, and will be helping to run activities throughout the day. Some of them will be at the gate to greet you.



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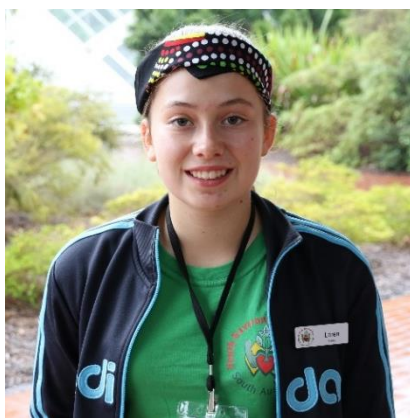
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Due to changes in the YEC program this year, the forum will be the first time most of the members and staff will meet each other. You might recognise members from the [Padlet Profiles page](#) or the monthly Zoom catch-ups, but the name tags will also help us all to remember each other's names.

As well as YEC members and Green Adelaide Education staff, we will invite the Minister for Environment and Water, as a special guest to see the great work you have all done this year.



YEC members with the Minister for Environment and Water



At the beginning of the day, the YEC mentors will lead some 'icebreaker' games helping us to get to know each other. Staff will outline the agenda and general guidelines for the day.

This year's event will feature fun activities and guest speakers, and you will get the chance to share your projects and achievements in small group conversations. These conversations will be recorded so that we can create case studies to add to the YEC website, and share with your family and friends.



YEC members playing an icebreaker game

There will be an opportunity to set up your poster and/or display demonstrating your YEC project, for staff and members to see during the day.



YEC members setting up their project displays

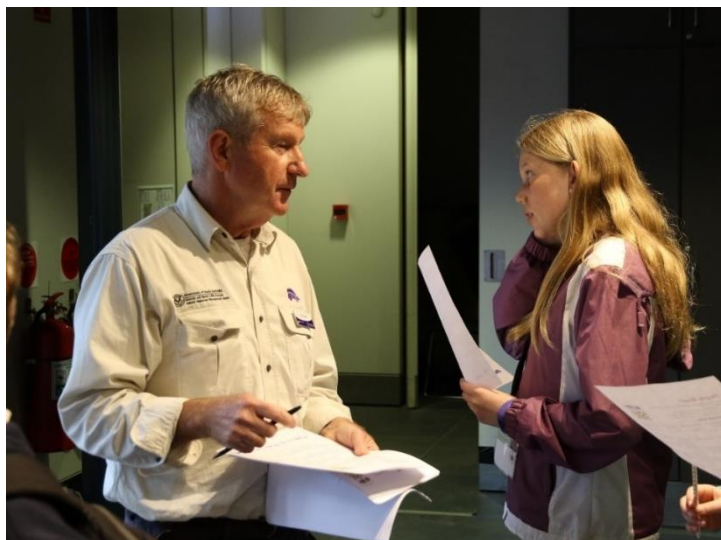


If we move around the gardens during the day, staff will give everyone a reminder in case they have any medication or items they would like to bring with them



Students doing a hands-on activity

The Celebration Forum is an exciting day, but we also understand that there are a lot of new faces and information to take in. If you start to feel overwhelmed at any stage, unwell, uncomfortable participating in an activity, or unclear about any instructions, then you can talk to one of the Education staff or mentors. We will be able to have a chat with you, help you to find a quiet place to take some time out if you like, and/or support you until you feel comfortable re-joining the group.



Staff and YEC member participating in an activity together



If there's anything in particular you would like us to know so that we can best help you to participate, then you or your parents can also let us know before the day, and we'll follow your recommendations on how you'd like us to support you.

The Celebration Forum is the final event of the year. We hope you're looking forward to sharing and celebrating your achievements with the other YEC members, staff and special guests. We look forward to seeing you on the day!



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