

MAYOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL EXPO & AWARDS BACKGROUNDER:

City Mayors

Mayor Naheed Nenshi:	Mayor of Calgary, 2010 – present
Mayor Dave Bronconnier:	Mayor of Calgary, 2001 – 2010
Mayor Al Duerr:	Mayor of Calgary, 1989 – 2001

The City of Calgary – Mayor's Environment Expo, June 3-7

The Mayor's Environment Expo fosters environmental behaviour change through fun, educational and interactive exhibits and workshops aimed at youth. It ensures we have well-educated environmental stewards that practice and promote environmental sustainability. Entering its 25th year, the Mayor's Environment Expo engages and empowers over 3000 youth who will visit. To date, it has educated over 50,000 students. For more information: calgary.ca/mee

This year, the Expo will be open to the public on Saturday, June 7 with performances and workshops. To register for the free Community Day event, visit <http://www.calgary.ca/UEP/ESM/Pages/Mayors-Environment-Expo/MEE-Community-Day.aspx>

To honour the progress the Mayor's Environment Expo has made over the past 25 years and the generation of citizens that are more eco-literate than the generation before them, this year's Expo theme is **The Difference a Generation Makes**.

Jack Leslie Youth Environment Grant

The Jack Leslie Youth Environment Grant was initiated in 2004 by The City of Calgary in partnership with the Mayor's Youth Council and the Parks Foundation to recognize the environmental contributions of former Mayor Jack Leslie. The grants are supported through the Jack Leslie family, The City of Calgary and Youth Central.

2014 Jack Leslie Youth Environment Grant Recipients:

- *St Michael School* - Students at St Michael School will be creating an outdoor classroom to provide students with an opportunity to have a hands-on relationship with the environment as well as creating a sustainable project for years to come. They have already started a compost area, which is maintained by grade four and five students. The grounds will provide students and neighbourhood children a healthy place to play, learn and develop a respect for nature. Students will gain an understanding of how to protect the environment while learning the benefits of composting and how to reduce waste.
- *Sir Winston Churchill High School* - Students at Sir Winston Churchill High School will be installing an aquaponics tank in the school. The creation of a living food farm ecosystem that combines the fields of aquaculture and hydroponics will provide a year-round opportunity for students to learn about how raising fish to provide fertilizer for plants and vegetables through a closed-loop system. This project will help students enjoy a more environmentally friendly space, while gaining first-hand knowledge from growing produce, and seeing how the ecosystem works together.

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2014 Mayor's Environment Expo Youth Photography Contest

The Mayor's Environment Youth Photography Contest encourages youth to capture an environmental theme in their submission in specific categories.

Approximately 86 photos were submitted by Calgary students in the four categories of *Playing with Nature*, *My Green Tomorrow*, *Generations of Us* and *A River Runs Through It*. The presentations were made by Mayor Nenshi at the Museum of Contemporary Art (adjacent to the Calgary Municipal Building) on June 3. Student photography will remain on display from 12-6 p.m. every day until June 8th.

Photo submissions were narrowed down to the finalists in each category by a panel of judges following specific criteria. From the finalists, a panel of photography experts selected the overall top three winners.

Grand Prize Winners:

- **First place:** Layne McCarthy, Crescent Heights High School, *A River Runs Through It* category.
- **Second place:** Natasha Jaffray, Crescent Heights High School, *Generations of Us* category.
- **Third place:** Colton Peddie, Crescent Heights High School, *A River Runs Through It* category.
- **Honorable Mention:** Alex Woelfle, Lord Beaverbrook High School, *Playing with Nature* category.

Finalists and honourable mentions from each category:

Playing with Nature: 1 st Place - Ben Coxson 2 nd Place - Alan Luu 3 rd Place - Carley Pledge Honourable Mention - Alex Woelfle My Green Tomorrow: 1 st Place - Layne McCarthy 2 nd Place - Ben Coxson 3 rd Place - Alex Woelfle Honourable Mention - Carley Pledge	Generations of Us: Honourable Mention - Olivia Gauthier 1 st Place - Natasha Jaffray 2 nd Place - Eric Wong 3 rd Place - Carley Pledge A River Runs Through It: 1 st Place - Layne McCarthy 2 nd Place - Marisa Clark 3 rd Place - Colten Peddie Honourable Mention - Alan Luu
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Expo Eco-Leaders Program

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Expo and the theme **A Difference a Generation Makes**, The City chose 20 proposals from Calgary schools and supported the students over a period of six months to develop environmentally themed projects and exhibits to present at the Mayor's Environment Expo.

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Eco-Leader and Eco-Elementary School Projects

Based on applications, the schools (10 Eco-leader and 10 Eco-elementary) were supported to develop their special environment-related projects. An Eco-leaders Conference was held in January 2014, where teachers and students learned to develop a concept, encourage community participation and prepare projects for public display. The City provided each project with the stewardship of an Eco-Mentor to support students to keep projects on track and focused on its learning outcome. A materials grant was awarded to each participating school of \$1500 for the Eco-leaders (Gr. 7 to 9) and \$750 for each Eco-Elementary (Gr. 2 to 6) project.

School	Project
Alice Jamieson Girls Academy (Grade 4)	Down with Paper Towel Waste: <i>The Shake & Fold Way</i>
Alice Jamieson Girls Academy (Grades 6 & 7)	A Short History of Garbage <i>System for returning refundables</i>
Captain Nichola Goddard School (Grade 9)	Green Commuting Hubs <i>The Walking School Bus</i>
Children's Village School (Leadership Club)	Green Jeans <i>Rethinking materialism</i>
Connect Charter School (Grade 7)	Northern Gateway <i>Scale model of the pipeline</i>
Ecole Blessed Mother Teresa (Grades 3 & 4)	Vive l'environnement <i>Garden/compost at the school</i>
Ecole La Mosaique (Grade 5)	Techno Watersmart Veggie Patch <i>Rain barrel system</i>
Langevin School – I (Grade 9)	Eco-chino <i>Reducing paper coffee cups</i>
Langevin School – II (Grade 9)	Plan Bee <i>Sustaining the bee population</i>
Monsignor E.L. Doyle Elementary (Grades 4 & 5)	3 Rs <i>Repurposing items headed for the landfill</i>
Renert School (Grade 7)	4 Wheels Green Drive <i>"Green Bus" go cart</i>
St. Brigid School (Grade 8)	Conserving Water: <i>One Toilet or Tap at a Time</i>
St. Catherine (Grades 4 – 6)	The Other 2 Rs <i>Community Waste projects</i>
St. Henry (Grades 5 & 6)	Nose Hill Protection Team <i>Invasive species</i>
St. Rita Elementary School (Grades 4 - 6)	Wormtroopers <i>Vermicomposting</i>
St. Thomas More (Grade 6)	Reducers, Reusers and Recyclers <i>Wasteless Wednesdays</i>
Tuscany School (Grade 2)	Incredibees! <i>Puppet play</i>
West Island College (Grades 7 – 9)	Composting <i>Cross section of a garbage can: before and after</i>
Westmount Charter (Grade 7)	Bee-lieve! <i>Alternatives to pesticides</i>