

Call for Candidates:

Relay Education (TREC Charitable Foundation), Board of Directors

Educating and inspiring for a 100% renewable energy future

Relay Education (incorporated as TREC Charitable Foundation) is a national charity that delivers hands-on quality programming about renewable energy, conservation, climate change, and green careers for all ages. Relay is creating systemic change for a greener future and fostering the next generation of green energy leaders. We engaged more than 19,400 students and adults last year.

As our programs enter their 15th year of delivery and our 9th year as a registered charity, we are seeking experienced professionals to join our Board of Directors and help us deliver our mission to educate and inspire individuals and communities in building a 100% renewable energy future.

In your role as Director you will be part of a vibrant and growing educational charity. We develop and deliver curriculum-linked programs in schools and in partnership with Indigenous communities. We also host a large multi-day festival, connect young people with green job opportunities and participate in community events. Beginning in Toronto, Relay Education now has staff and delivers programs in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and Nunavut. We offer classroom programs in both English and French in addition to incorporating Indigenous culture and historical teachings.

If you are interested in being part of a passionate, dedicated team please read below and see the instructions on how to apply.

Skills and experience that can help the mission:

Relay Education values diversity and inclusion and our goal is to diversify the perspectives on our board, and gain expertise to support inclusive program expansion, strategic development and governance in the following areas:

- Legal Professionals
- Energy industry (specifically renewables and conservation)
- Non-profit management
- Fundraising and business development
- Education



Expectations

- Consistent attendance at board meetings (at least 70% i.e. 5 out 7 meetings per year);
- Participate in other committees as needed (e.g. Event planning, Fundraising, Program Development, Partnership, etc.);
- Support fundraising activities of the organization;
- Support partnership building;
- Act as an ambassador for the organization in your community;
- Preparation in advance for regular board meetings, including review of materials provided;
- Three-year term with the possibility of extension;
- Willing to participate on a voluntary basis.

Time Commitment

Bi-monthly Board Meeting 3 hours/meeting (every 2 months)
Committee Work 1-2 hours/month
Attendance at Annual Retreat & key events Up to 2 days per year
Available to Staff for advice 1-2 hours/month

<u>Instructions</u>

To express your interest and for more information please send us an e-mail: wesley@relayeducation.com Please include a cover letter to indicate how your skills and experiences can help us achieve our goals and attach your CV. We will follow-up to schedule a conversation.

Our Programs

We deliver meaningful engagement with more than 19,000 people in Canada through the following programs:

- Kids' World of Energy Elementary Program offers curriculum connected renewable energy excursions and in-classroom programming to students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 9. Part of the Kids' World of Energy program, is our annual Festival. The Kids' World of Energy Festival, is a four-day educational event, reaching 2,000 students, parents and teachers. The Festival began in 2008 and was developed to bring grade 5 and 6 students together to provide them with a focused day on energy-environment connections.
- The Green Collar Careers secondary program engages young people (ages 15-29) in how they can make an impact in building a sustainable future and



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highlights the different career opportunities they can pursue in the green economy. We also provide ongoing opportunities for participants to receive job mentorship, internships and career guidance.

- Renewable Energy 101 allows secondary school students conduct hands-on experiments with energy storage, solar and wind energy technologies.
- Our Indigenous Programming includes co-developing and co-delivery of renewable energy education and career programs with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities across Canada.

History of Relay Education

Relay Education was created by the TREC Renewable Energy Co-op to support, through educatin, its mandate for the transition to a democratic renewable energy future. Established in 1998, TREC was formed to develop community-owned renewable energy projects and achieved a major milestone in 2002 by building the first urban-based, co-operatively owned wind turbine in North America. In the process, TREC realized the need for greater awareness and education around renewable energy and green technologies, especially for youth. Out of this, TREC's education program was founded, which has grown from providing general renewable energy information to developing and delivering unique learning activities around the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum topics to Ontario students.

A growing interest in the educational programs led to the incorporation and launch of TREC Education in 2010 (name changed to Relay Education in 2018), a registered charity, which now delivers these education programs. These education programs have engaged more than 120,000 students over the past 15 years. There have been significant and regular investments over the past decade to ensure our education, training and outreach programs are the best learning experiences possible, linked to the curriculum of schools across Canada when applicable, and are an engaging and memorable experience for all.