

YOUTH ACTION NOW

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Youth Action Now supports youth-led grassroots initiatives aiming to promote positive change in Ottawa-Gatineau. Responding to priorities identified by young people locally, YAN offers resources, mentoring, and networking opportunities to groups with members aged 14 – 24.

We are excited to have supported 26 projects and initiatives during our most recent grant cycle. For example, YAN provided grants to Tumble and Flow, who collect and complete laundry for community members, as well as Hey Black Girl, who hosted a four-week series of professional development and support workshops for black youth in Ottawa.

Many congratulations to Youth Action Now grant groups who despite hardships continue to find collective and creative ways to support our community. Youth in our community are working together to advance racial and gender inequity, climate action, and access to essential services.

The past year has been undoubtedly challenging and we would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our supporters, donors, and volunteers. Thank you for your continued support of Youth Action Now, which allows us to continue providing funding, networking, and mentorship opportunities for youth-led social justice initiatives in our community.



**NEXT GRANT CALL:
MAY 2021!**

65

**TOTAL GRANT
RECIPIENTS**

20

**YOUTH ACTION NOW
VOLUNTEERS**

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Networking session:
Winter 2020



Celebrate and Commemorate Gala:
February 2020

NETWORKING

Networking sessions provide an opportunity for Youth Action Now to share YAN programming and showcase the work and organizing of local groups. These informal sessions allow youth to learn from and with other youth while keeping YAN informed on community needs. In 2020, YAN hosted two networking sessions - one in-person in January and a virtual session in the fall.

CELEBRATE AND COMMEMORATE

We were overwhelmed with the sense of community and passion shared together at our Celebrate and Commemorate gala in February 2020. We want to share our deepest appreciation to the attendees, musicians, donors, silent auction donors, and guests. This memorable evening was a heartwarming opportunity to commemorate Paul Dewar and celebrate the accomplishments of Youth Action Now and our grant groups. We look forward to celebrating in person as a community again!

STRATEGIC PLANNING

In light of the ever-changing and challenging circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, Youth Action Now spent summer 2020 re-imagining programming for the digital world. Youth Action Now distributed over \$27,000 in grant funding this winter and is looking forward to another round of innovative and inspiring grant applications in spring 2021.