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Connect-Learn-Share-Grow

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Across Canada, people and programs are creating impactful opportunities for young people to learn from and on the land. The YOLO Program & Practitioner Membership offers a space to bring these programs and practitioners together to build relationships, exchange knowledge, learn from one another, and strengthen land-based learning opportunities for youth. Membership goes beyond receiving YOLO communications. It means becoming a part of an active and growing community, where members can connect, participate, share their work and experiences, and help shape the future of the YOLO Community.

As a member, you can:

- Build relationships with practitioners and programs across Canada.
- Participate in shared learning, events, exchanges, and other opportunities.
- Contribute and celebrate your experiences, practices, resources, and stories.
- Share your perspectives and help inform the future direction of the YOLO Community.
- Participate in the ways that are relevant and valuable to you. There is no expectation that members take part in everything.

Read on to learn more!
Sincerely,
The YOLO Team!
www.youthontheland.ca

Membership At a Glance

Being part of the YOLO Community opens the door to opportunities to connect, learn, share, and contribute throughout the year.

Connect

- Build relationships with land-based practitioners and programs across Canada.
- Connect through networking, practitioner exchanges, and more!
- Take part in YOLO's annual in-person gathering.

Learn

- Participate in professional learning opportunities offered by YOLO.
- Receive early access to 2026/27 Virtual Learning Series.
- Access shared tools, resources, research, and practitioner knowledge.

Share & Be Seen

- Increase the visibility of your work through the Program & Practitioner Map, member stories, and program spotlights.
- Share your program, practices, stories, and learning with the wider community.

Grow

- Help shape YOLO's priorities and future direction through research, surveys, and community conversations
- Explore opportunities to participate in the YOLO Advisory
- Receive a YOLO member welcome and SWAG package + other incentives as they come up!

What's Happening in 2026/27

In addition to the standard offerings from the YOLO Community, there are many opportunities exclusive to Program and Practitioner Members. Here are some of the opportunities planned for 2026/27.

Virtual Learning Series - Building & Strengthening Land-Based Youth Programs: A 12-Part Professional Learning Journey Based on the Supporting Emerging Aboriginal Stewards (SEAS) Toolkit

- Monthly • Virtual • November 2026-June 2027

Have first access to take part in a multi-session professional learning journey focused on youth engagement in land-based learning through an investigation and application of the SEAS Toolkit. Learn alongside other practitioners, explore different sources of knowledge and perspectives, and apply new ideas directly to your practice.

YOLO Community Member Exchange and Collaboration Fund

- Available throughout the year (starting in November 2026)

Connect directly with other YOLO members to exchange ideas, learn about different approaches, share resources, and build relationships around common interests or areas of practice. We'll provide opportunities for members to apply for funding to connect and visit with fellow practitioners through peer-to-peer exchanges.

What's Happening in 2026/27

2027 YOLO Community In-Person Gathering in Manitoba

- Spring 2027

Come together in person with members of the YOLO Community to build relationships, spend time on the land, exchange knowledge and practices, and learn alongside one another. Members get early access to registration. More details coming soon.

Program Spotlights and Stories from the Land Feature

- Throughout the year

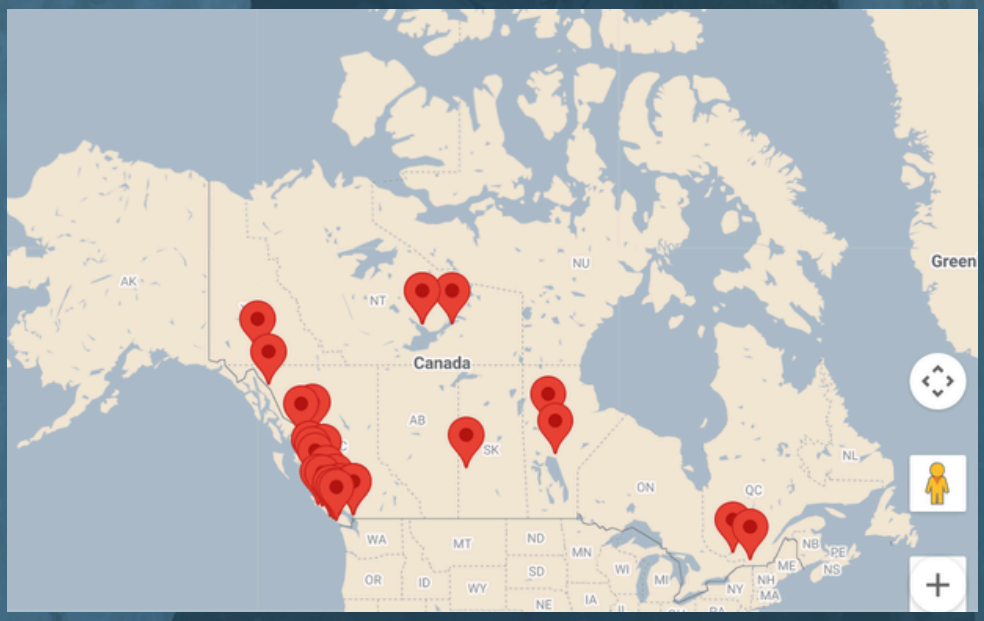
Share and celebrate the work happening across the YOLO Community. Through Program Spotlights and Stories from the Land, members can showcase their programs, share stories and experiences, highlight successes and learning, and help others discover the people and practices shaping land-based learning across Canada. We also offer honoraria to honour the sharing provided by members.

Explore the Program & Practitioner Map

The YOLO Program & Practitioner Map showcases the people and programs supporting land-based learning for youth across Canada.

More than a directory, the Map is a way to discover the work happening across the country, find others with shared interests and experiences, and create new connections across the YOLO Community.

Clcik on the map below to explore:



Keep Your Profile Current

Your profile helps other members understand who you are and the work you do. We'll check in annually to make sure your information is current and to learn more about how you'd like to participate in the YOLO Community.

What's Next?

Once you've officially joined the YOLO Community - Program and Practitioner Membership, here's what you can expect from us:

1. **Watch for Your YOLO SWAG**

We'll use the information provided in your application to send your YOLO Member SWAG Package as a small welcome to the membership.

2. **Look for Upcoming Opportunities**

We will add you to our Program & Practioner Membership listerv so we can keep you informed about learning opportunities, gatherings, practitioner connections, Stories from the Land, research, and other ways to participate throughout the year.

3. **Explore & Connect**

Take some time to explore the Program & Practitioner Map and other resources at www.youthontheland.ca. If you discover someone or something you'd like to connect with, YOLO can help make an introduction.

4. **Keep in Touch**

Have an idea you'd like to share? Looking for a particular resource, connection, or opportunity? Reach out anytime to the contact information below

Welcome! We look forward to learning, connecting, and growing together.

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