



About Ecosource and the Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA):

- Ecosource is an Ontario-based environmental education non-profit serving youth, adults, and families.
- PEYA is a regional network of over 1400 action-oriented students in Peel concerned about environmental issues and determined to make positive change! PEYA is a youth-initiated organization, guided by a student Executive Committee and supported by Ecosource.

Key Takeaways:

- Sustainable change begins with understanding. Education and engagement are just as important as business and technological advances.
- There are several levels of approval an idea or proposal must go through before becoming a project that is taken on by a team or individual.
- Grants are essential to the running of a not-for-profit organization.
- Team building and support is essential to enjoying your work and the people you work alongside.



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My Role:

- Furthering the contributions of the Peel Environmental Youth Alliance within the Peel Region and beyond.
- Providing support to PEYA programs including the PEYA Annual General Meeting.
- Working alongside the Travelling the Credit River Project.
- Providing research support to develop opportunities for more partnerships with youth and community-based organizations.

Key Contributions:

- Creation of the Peel Green Guide
 - A directory containing 150+ green organizations, services and environmental destinations. The guide aims to help everyone to make sustainable and ethical choices in their everyday life
- Developed a Strategy Plan for PEYA initiatives
 - Incorporated outreach, social media and event management plans
 - Suggested sustainability strategies for PEYA initiatives
- Planned and Implemented the first Brampton Green Drinks event
 - First event was held at T by Daniel in Brampton
 - Will occur on the third Thursday of every month



- Contribution to various workshops:
 - Peel Children's Water Festival
 - PEYA Annual General Meeting
 - Travelling the Credit
 - World Population Day (A Girls Empowerment Movement project)
- Input and suggestions towards PEYA initiatives
 - EcoBuzz
 - Stewardship Day
 - The Amazing Green Race
- Maintained and managed PEYA's Social Media Content

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