



YORKLANDS GREEN HUB
Opening green doors to the future.

Welcome to the Yorklands community update!

Yorklands Community Update: October 3, 2025

As we step into October, we're excited to share fresh updates from Yorklands — here's what's happening:

🤝 🌱 Small Change Fund - We're pleased to announce our new partnership with the Small Change Fund to grow a greener future at the Yorklands.

👁️ 🚗 Watching for 'Go' Boys: Matthew's Farmhouse Walk - On October 18, come join Susan Ratcliffe for a guided fall walk around the scenic Yorklands site. Uncover the story behind one of its heritage structures.

🗣️ 📄 Request for Testimonials - Let us know how Yorklands has touched your life by filling out our testimonial form. It only takes 60 seconds...or less.

👏 🌍 Volunteer Opportunities: Discover how you can get involved with YGH by exploring volunteer opportunities on our Stewards Team!

Enjoy the warm weather!

The Yorklands Team

Revive the Yorklands: A Community Vision for Nature and Belonging



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SMALL
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Bring your change here.

At the Yorklands, native plants now thrive beside old prison walls. We imagine a living classroom deeply rooted in reconciliation, biodiversity, and climate action. Where youth lead nature walks, newcomers grow food, and Indigenous Elders share stories with students in the shade of heritage trees. With your support, this future is within reach.

 Small Change Fund Partnership

Fantastic News, we are joining forces with **Small Change Fund** on a project called, [Revive the Yorklands: A Community Vision for Nature and Belonging](#).

We are working to create a model of urban conservation that supports biodiversity, fosters healing and reconciliation, and strengthens climate resilience.

If you make a donation to our joint project, you will receive a tax receipt through the charitable organization, Small Change Fund. Join us in making this project a reality. To learn more you can contact us at: info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

Discover our new vision for Yorklands—visit our website and watch the video below to learn more. [↓](#)

[🌐 Visit the website: https://smallchangefund.ca/campaign/revive-the-yorklands/](https://smallchangefund.ca/campaign/revive-the-yorklands/)



WATCHING FOR 'GO' BOYS

A walk around the Matthew's farmhouse with Susan Ratcliffe



SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 1-2:30 pm
MEET AT THE STONE GATE, 919 YORK ROAD

**Rain date will be October 19th, 10-11:30am*

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  Watching for 'Go' Boys: Matthew's Farmhouse Walk

Who doesn't love afternoon weekend walks during the autumn season?

Join Susan Ratcliffe for a walk around Matthew's Farmhouse, a heritage building on the Yorklands site. Susan will share stories of the building's former occupants, its purpose at the OR and the significance of these heritage buildings to our community.

We'll be meeting at the stone gate farther along York Road (919 York Rd). More specific instructions about where to meet will be emailed prior to the event.

➔ Get your free tickets today: <https://GoBoys.eventbrite.ca>

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* This farmhouse walk is a re-scheduled walk from the summer. Our first walk had to be canceled due to thunderstorms.

National Forest Week & Guelph Green Reads


The YGH Thanks You!



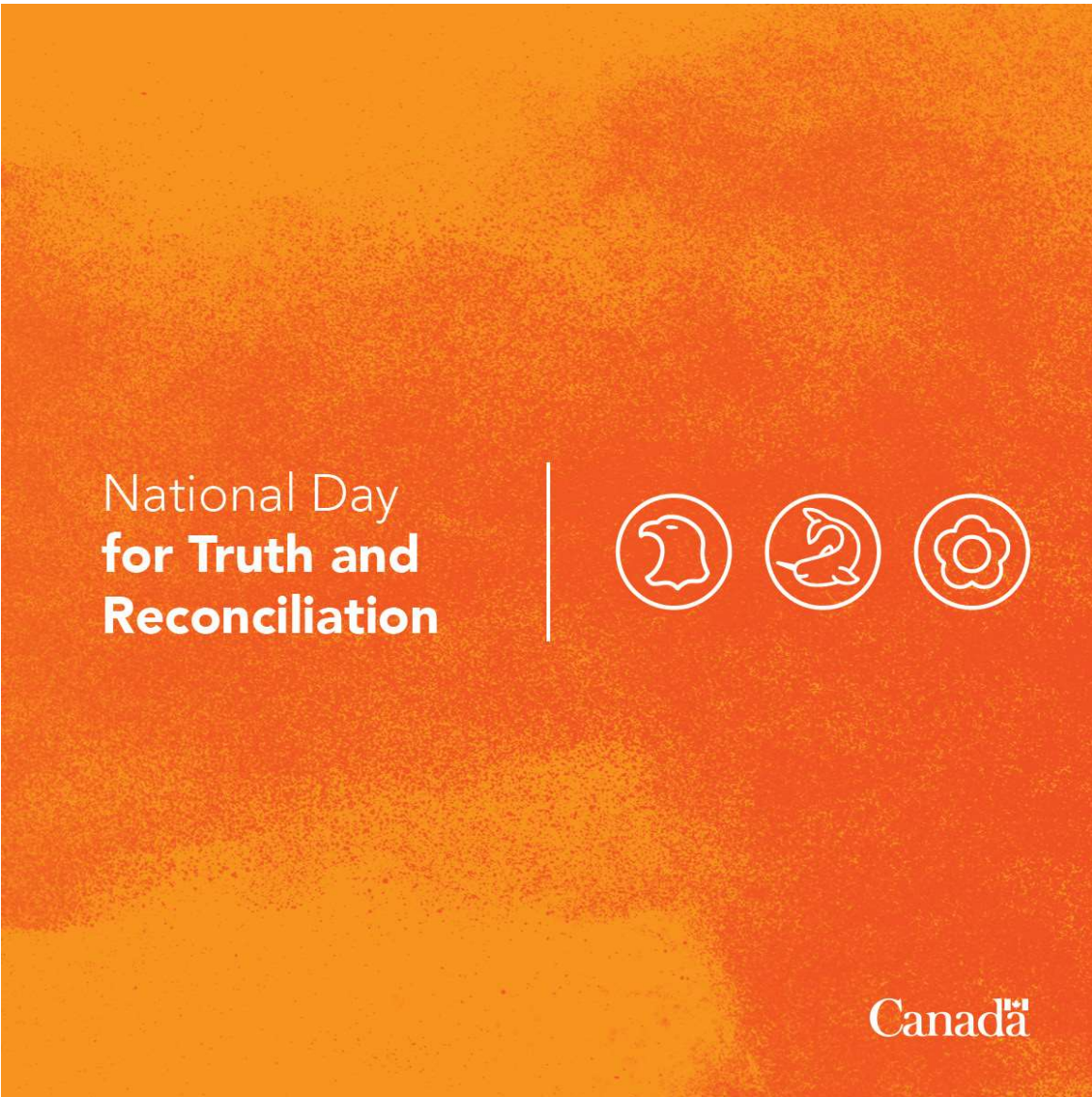
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 The Yorklands Green Hub Thanks You!

The YGH would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the community partners, organizers, and participants who helped celebrate National Forest Week and Guelph Green Reads. Whether you attended an event or volunteered your time, your contributions make a meaningful difference in strengthening our community. A special thank you goes to Dr. Nadina Galle for coming back to the Arboretum and leading another insightful Q&A session.



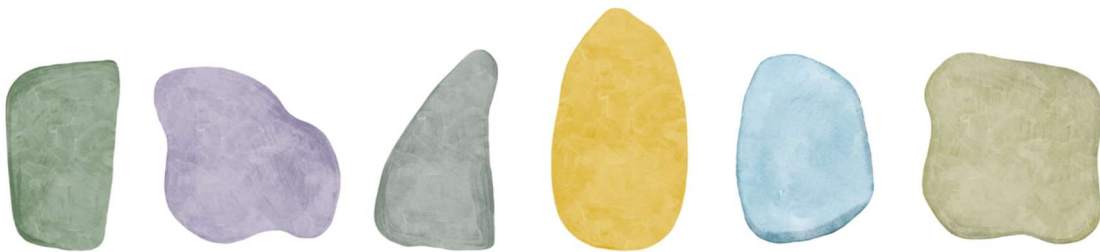
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: September 30

Yorklands Green Hub acknowledges the great harms that were perpetrated on so many Indigenous children for the last 150 years in residential schools across the country. Some of whom came to be incarcerated at the former Ontario Reformatory/Guelph Correctional Centre.

YGH is working with our Indigenous partners toward integrating both the Indigenous heritage of the Yorklands (OR) property as well as the wise approaches of caring for the land into our programming and our narratives.

C U L T U R A L H U M I L I T Y

Presented by: Chloe Blair



Cultural Humility Training

We are inviting all of our volunteers to attend two upcoming Cultural Humility Training sessions facilitated by Chloe Blair:

- **Part 1:** Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 PM (Online)
- **Part 2:** Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 PM (Online)

Important: Volunteers must attend Part 1 in order to participate in Part 2.

These sessions teach you to actively reflect on yourself, explore cultural and societal identities and beliefs; bringing a greater awareness of one's own background and biases; and emphasizing the treating of others with openness, empathy and

respect. A zoom link will be emailed to registered participants closer to the training dates.

Our focus in particular is on Indigenous peoples and cultures in these sessions as Yorklands is striving to work closely with local Indigenous groups to decolonize our programs and narratives. If you have questions, please contact info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

Click here to register: <https://yghculturalhumilitytraining.eventbrite.ca>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Make meaningful contributions to our community and help build a stronger, more sustainable, and environmentally conscious future for all!

Email us at: info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

👏🌍 We're Looking for Volunteers!

Want to get involved with Yorklands Green Hub?

Want to make meaningful contributions to the community, meet new people, and help cultivate a stronger, more sustainable and environmentally conscious future for all?

Look no further – such opportunities are available to YGH volunteers!

We are looking for someone to join our team of **Yorklands Stewards!** Stewards help **keep our site clean, safe, and welcoming so that everyone can enjoy the trails and natural heritage year-round.** Volunteers replace garbage bags on-site 2–4 times per month, usually working in pairs on a rotating schedule with other team members. The role requires about 1–2 hours per month on weekends.

Whether you love connecting with the community or organizing communications or events, we'd love to hear from you!

Email us at info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca to learn more or apply here:
<https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/volunteer-form/>.

HOW HAS YORKLANDS TOUCHED YOUR LIFE?

*TELL US HOW IN 60 SECONDS! FILL OUT THE
FORM BELOW*

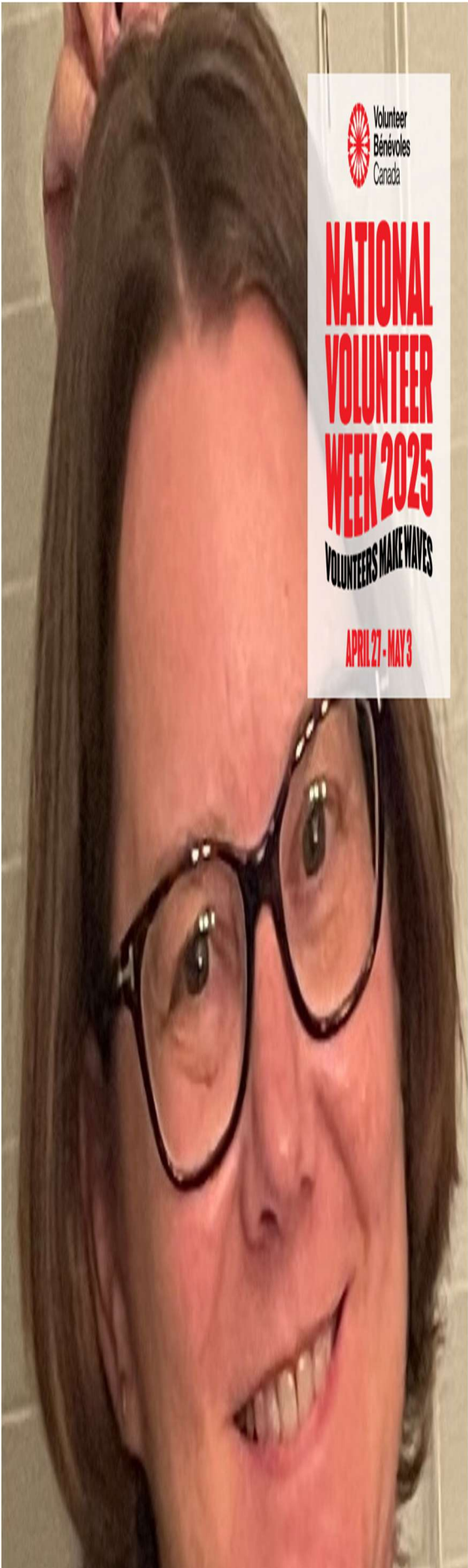


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If interested, please fill out the form below and share your experiences! Your responses are extremely valuable for the YGH.

Link to the form is here: <https://form-can.keela.co/testimonial-form>





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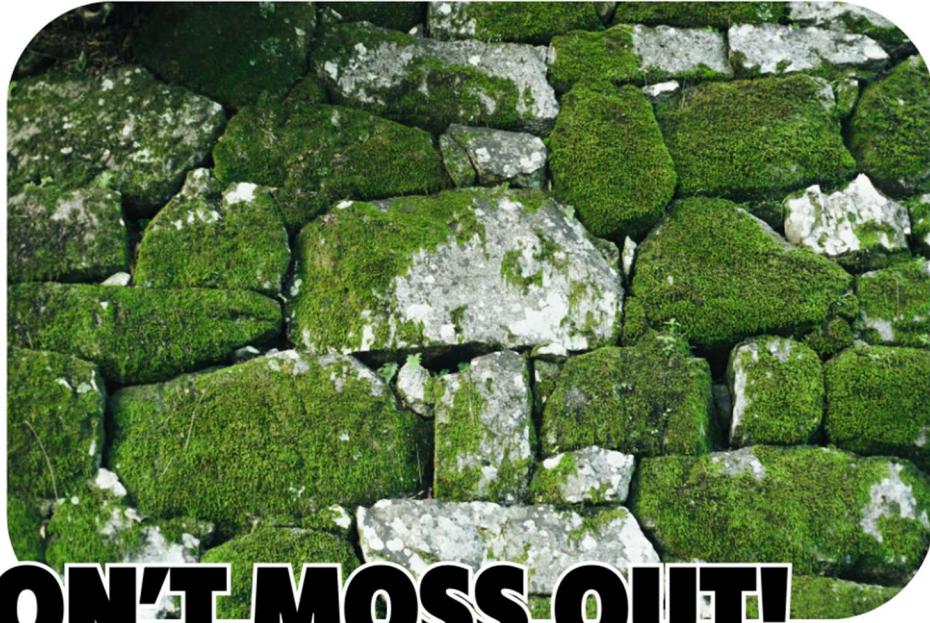
**NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER
WEEK 2025**

VOLUNTEERS MAKE WAVES

APRIL 27 - MAY 3

We've decided National Volunteer Week is too short to celebrate all the wonderful people that make our work possible. Every week we'll be introducing you to some exceptional YGH volunteers in each bi-weekly e-blast. This week we're pleased to introduce you to our Yorklands Stewards Coordinator, Carol!

"I have enjoyed hiking and appreciated history since I was a young girl. When my daughter searched for a place to volunteer for high school, helping keep Yorklands a clean place was an ideal choice for both of us. We spent time together doing what we enjoyed and contributing to the community we love."



DON'T MOSS OUT!

Become a member today

Our members enjoy exclusive rewards and benefits! Walk a mossy path towards a greener future with us by becoming a member today!

VISIT: [HTTPS://YORKLANDSGREENHUB.CA/BECOME-MEMBER/](https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/become-member/)

By now you've heard about the launch of our new membership model, designed to offer enhanced benefits and flexibility to our valued members!

As we continue our mission to promote environmental sustainability and community engagement, we believe that this new model will better serve the diverse needs and interests of our members. As current memberships expire, we will be gradually transitioning all members to the new membership model. Rest assured, we will

provide ample communication and support throughout this process to ensure a seamless transition for all members.

We invite you to explore our new membership tiers and consider renewing your membership at your preferred level. Your continued support enables us to drive positive change in our community and beyond.

For more information about the new membership model or to renew your membership, contact Kim Wakeford at yghmembershipsecretary@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

A special thank you to our sponsors at the Guelph Museums and The Neighbourhood Group for supporting our membership programs!



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