

# Making Waves

Inspiring Climate Action through Storytelling & Community

Friday, October 24th, 1-2pm ET | Online via Zoom Presented by Sylvie Stojanovski & Sujane Kandasamy





## Land Acknowledgement

The Starfish Canada respectfully acknowledges that our work stretches across the homes of many First Nations Peoples, Métis, and Inuit, in what is now known as "Canada." Canada is a settler-colonial state, having established itself through the systemic oppression of First Nations Peoples, Métis, and Inuit through physical and cultural genocide. All settlers in Canada have the moral obligation to redress these historical and ongoing injustices, working to acknowledge the truth and walk in reconciliation.



### Presenters



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# Community Agreements



**Shared learning:** Encourage each other and yourself



Possibility and curiosity: Be open to new ideas and perspectives



Respect, kindness and care: Take care of each other and yourself





## Flow of the Session

- 1 Introduction
- 2 About The Starfish Canada
- 3 Core Programs
- 4 Our History
- 5 Two-Eyed Seeing in Practice
- 6 What's Next
- 7 Closing





# The Starfish

The Starfish Canada is a national charitable organization that uplifts youth changemakers, amplifying their voices in climate action while centering our approach on equity and justice. We provide the essential education, resources, communities, and recognition for youth to thrive as leaders in shaping a climate-resilient future.



## Leadership & Education Programs











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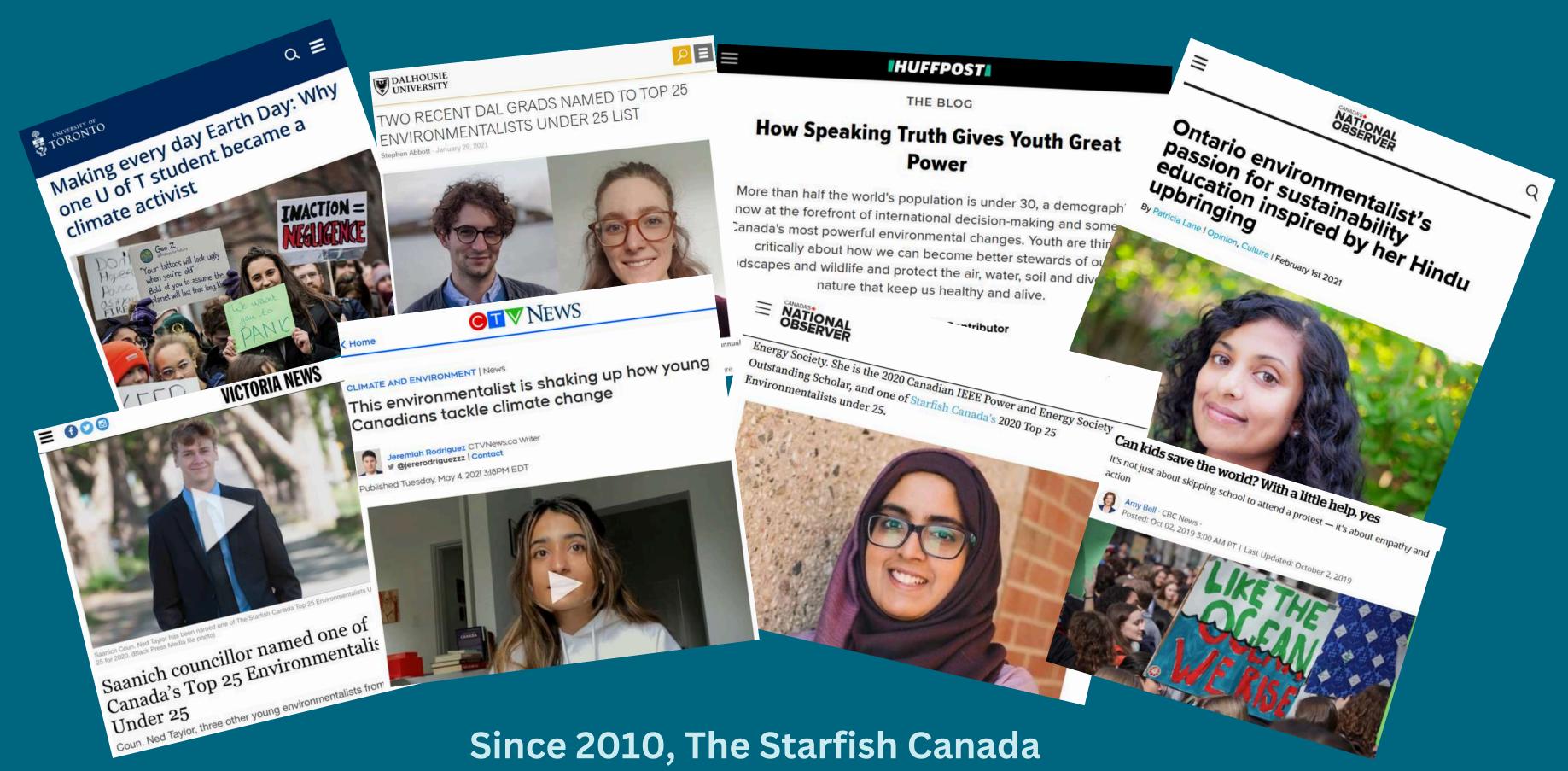


You've probably heard the saying "Youth are the leaders of tomorrow."

The truth is...

They're also already leaders of today.





has celebrated and empowered Canada's young environmental leaders to share their voices with our national community.



#### 2014

⋆ The Starfish Canada becomes a non-profit organization

#### 2020

- \* The Starfish Canada
  Team grows over 100
  remote volunteer writers,
  editors, directors &
  project managers are
  recruited!
- \* Programs move online
- ⋆ Mentorship program is piloted

#### 2022

- \* Speakers Bureau program begins
- ⋆ Online & in-person workshops in schools
- \* Youth Advisory Action Committee is formed

#### 2025

- ⋆ Co-Executive Director model adopted
- ⋆ The Starfish Canada marks its 15 year anniversary!

### Our Journey

#### 2010

- ⋆ thestarfish2010.com launches
- ⋆ The Top 25 Under 25EnvironmentalistsProgram launches

#### 2019

- ⋆ The Starfish Canada becomes a registered charity with the CRA
- ⋆ TDSB partnership begins

#### 2021

⋆ First Executive Director is hired

#### 2024

- ⋆ Beyond the SDGs and Interweaving Voices projects launched
- \* Starfish LinkedIn Newsletter launched
- ⋆ Inaugural YouthEnvironmentalChangemakers Summit



## Two Eyed Seeing: Traditional Approach

Looking through one eye with the strength of Indigenous Knowledges and the other with Western ideology and ways of knowing. Oftentimes looking for overlaps and navigating through bias in order to integrate the perspectives over having one dominant one.



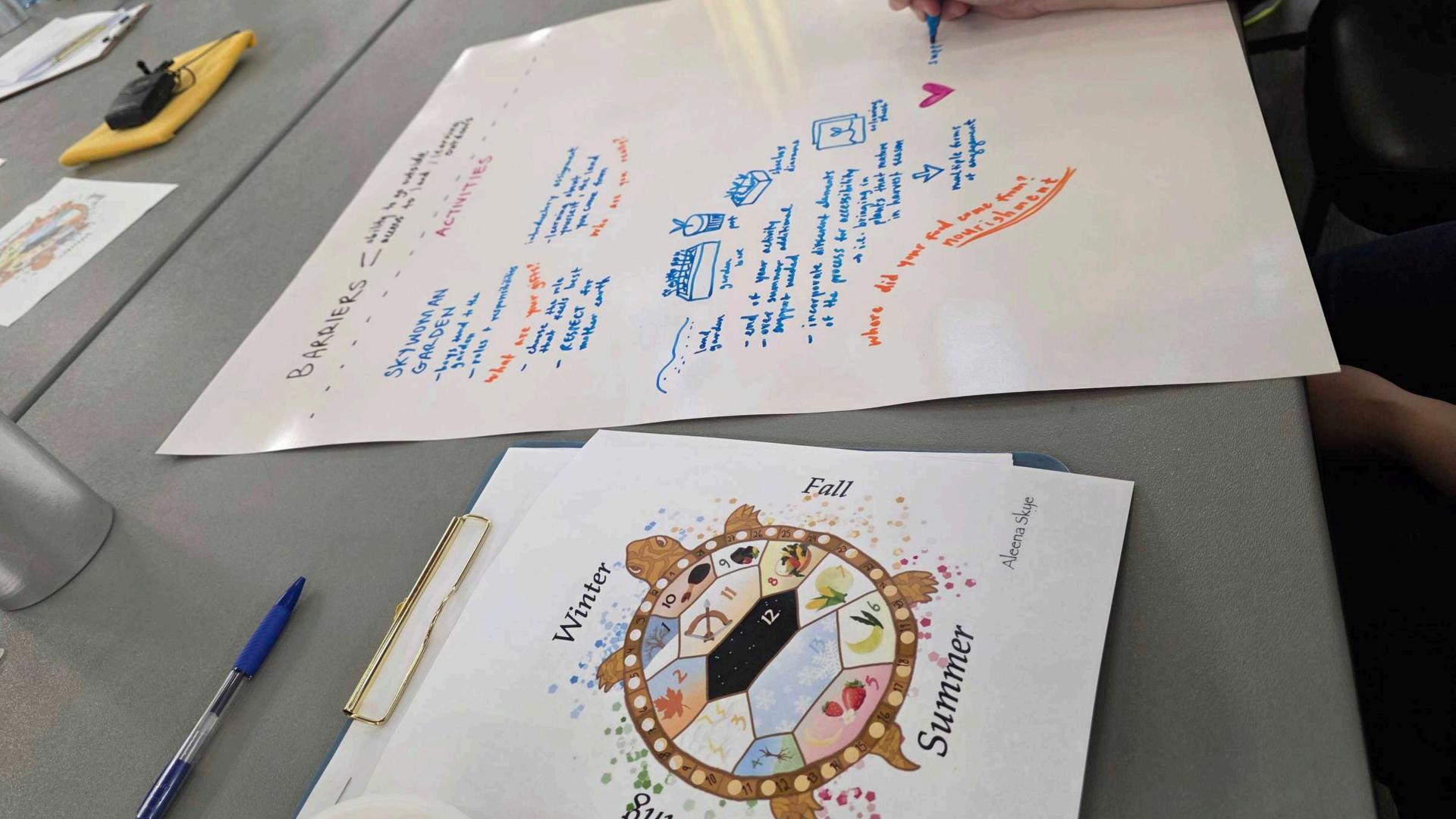






# INTERWEAVING VOICES TOGETHER

A THREE-YEAR CO-DESIGN PROJECT BRAIDING TOGETHER INDIGENOUS AND WESTERN KNOWLEDGES FOR COMMUNITY-DRIVEN CLIMATE ACTION.





## What's Next?



Apply for our Climate75
Fellowship



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(Vancouver or
Montreal)





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