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### **YOUTH HQ ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

**Red Deer, AB** – Funded by the Boston Pizza Foundation, the Youth HQ Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a long-awaited necessity in the agency. We at Youth HQ believe the best way to represent and serve our youth is to hear concerns and needs straight from the source.

The YAC will intentionally cover the greater youth demographic. Youth ages 15-25, from different backgrounds, ethnicities, and communities are welcome. Youth who participate in our various programs and services and youth who have had no interaction with the agency are encouraged to apply.

Members of this council will represent the voices Youth HQ aims to serve. Their voices will influence all aspects of the agency; members will have input on topics such as policy and programming. Members will represent the concerns of youth in and out of the organization.

Commitment varies from one to four years in the council with four years being the maximum term of service. The first few months include training and a workshop to ensure the youth are able to serve to the best of their abilities. Meetings vary between 1 - 2 hours and one council representative will be present at every Youth HQ board meeting.

For any youth interested in becoming active as a youth leader in our community, applications for the Youth Advisory Council can be found at <https://forms.office.com/r/HwHjFezo8m>. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

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#### **BGC Red Deer & District Club**

BGC provides fun after school and out-of-school programs and activities to give young people the opportunities to develop their potential and achieve their dreams. As youth develop positive, healthy relationships with peers, role models and family members, they can become the best versions of themselves and develop into the leaders of tomorrow. BGC Red Deer was started in 1983, and currently serves over 900 youth in 12 communities around central Alberta.

#### **About Youth HQ**

Youth HQ empowers youth by fostering a community of support. Our network seeks to instill young people with confidence in their unique identities and abilities, providing them with skills for life through knowledge, healthy relationships, and quality experiences while providing safe

environments to learn and grow. Youth HQ coordinates programming for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Red Deer & District and Boys & Girls Club of Red Deer & District, offering numerous programs and services that support children, youth and families.

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