These are troubling times. Led by the demands of global youth, Canada and 24 other countries have declared a climate emergency. This is a radical education program to meet this urgency. Youth have the passion and ideas to activate changes we need now; for ourselves, future generations, and the more-than-human world. Schools haven’t equipped us to cooperate or handle this emergency. This program is certified by York University but runs very differently than a typical classroom. It’s a response to the global youth call to take this crisis seriously. Rooted and Rising will empower young people to take control over their lives and our collective way of living. This is a healing space for radical disruption.
In the Rooted and Rising Program, you can expect to:

- Meet allies and build community
- Learn how to cooperate with people across differences to co-create a culture of care
- Step into your unique gifts, purpose, and leadership
- Skill-up: learn core skills to turn your passion into action
- Learn how to practice compassion and process the feelings that come up in this work in a non-judgemental environment
- Connect with mentors and elders working in different realms
- Practice having conversations with people in positions of power

Where and When and How Long? This is a 12-week program in Toronto starting on March 28th. It begins with a 2-day intensive, and we meet every Saturday afternoon until June 27th. The full list of program dates is available in the Application!

What does it cost? Your time and commitment. The program costs no money, and you will be cared for with a small meal at every session, and TTC fare to get to and from the program.
Who should apply? Youth passionate about creating a better world for people and all living beings. We encourage everyone to apply. We will do our best to accommodate accessibility concerns and unique needs. If you have any questions, email us at cohenrox@yorku.ca

How to Apply: We invite you to share a 3-5 min video, audio, or 350-750-word written piece.

1) Tell us a bit about yourself.
2) If you have past experiences with climate justice, action or community work, tell us about it! If you don’t, tell us how your passion was sparked.
3) Why would this program be a good fit for you at the present moment? What are you hoping to learn/gain?

You can share up to 3 pieces of work you’ve done that you think would be helpful to your application – an essay, art piece, photo of you in action, etc. But this is optional, not required.

CLICK TO APPLY APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FEBRUARY 28TH

Who is running this?
A bunch of people and community groups diverse in age, ancestry, experience, and education. Our team is a combo of Millennials, Gen Xers and Baby Boomers all passionate about empowering young leaders.

See our website for bios of the team and a list of our partners: younglivesresearch.ca