



## Welcome back!

It sure is good to be EWBack! We hope you all had a restful break, and that the new semester is off to a great start. 2017 promises to be a busy, yet incredibly exciting year for EWB U of T, and it is a fervent desire of ours (Santa can confirm this) that you join us for this journey! In addition to our weekly Member Learning sessions, this newsletter outlines several key ways you can get involved with the chapter this year.



## National Conference Reflections

BA 024 (Bahen Centre for Information Technology)

The Engineers Without Borders Annual National Conference is happening this weekend in Edmonton, Alberta, and EWB U of T is sending 15 of our EWBabes to attend! Interested in hearing about their experiences and takeaways? Want to know more about EWB and what we do? Come out to our Member Learning session next Tuesday!

There will be tea and there will be snacks! All we need you for the chats!



## EWB Case Competition 2017

EWB's 2017 case competition is being held on March 18th, and we are on the hunt for an ambitious executive team to organize it.

We endeavour to engage 100 participants (inter-disciplinary teams of 4-5 students) in addition to 15 industry professionals - to judge the case competition and network with participants.

If you are interested in this rewarding opportunity, please apply [here](#).

The **deadline to apply is January 12th**, and **interviews will be scheduled between January 14th and 15th**.

# ACTIVE CITIZENS SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

APPLICATIONS DUE BY END OF FEBRUARY

## Launching 'Active Citizens Social Enterprise'

The British Council Canada and the United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada) are pleased to share with you the launch of Active Citizens Social Enterprise (ACSE). ACSE is a social leadership training programme that provides an opportunity for young Canadians from diverse backgrounds, between 18-35 years of age, to learn about and experiment with social innovation through intercultural dialogue and community-led social development. Recruited youth will gain skills to tackle local challenges that align with established Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targets.

The programme will train 150 Canadian youth and local trainers in six cities across Canada on the ACSE toolkit, developed by the British Council and implemented in more than 10 countries. This workshop and toolkit enables participating youth to develop their leadership skills as social entrepreneurs to assist them in effectively addressing their identified community challenge.

During late March 2017, 10 youth participants will be chosen by a diverse selection committee to be part of the programme's Innovation Summit in Ottawa. The Summit will showcase the youth's passion and commitment for social enterprise while convening high level representatives from the public and private sectors, innovation-focused enterprises and start-ups, social enterprises of all sizes, British Council, and UN representatives. This Summit will also provide the opportunity for partnership development, to showcase social enterprise ideas, and innovation.

The British Council Canada and UNA-Canada are looking for diverse and talented young individuals who are committed to and passionate about social entrepreneurship, community-engagement, social development issues, and the SDGs.

To apply, interested candidates are encouraged to complete the application form below. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the end of **February 2017**.



## Become LEED Accredited! - Upcoming Courses

Are you interested in getting involved in the green building and sustainability industries? Opportunities are plentiful and passing your LEED professional designation is required to get involved!

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a green-rating point system to certify a building's sustainability. Just as Buildings can be LEED certified, students and professionals can also become LEED accredited.

The LEED Green Associate (GA) credential is the only professional designation used to market yourself to employers and clients to show you have certified knowledge in the green building industry. To date, this course and its materials have proven to be instrumental in helping over 7000 students pass their exam at a 100% pass rate - and it does not require any specific background.

This course is offered at a quarter of the price and time as compared to our competition, and it is geared at allowing students to graduate with letters after their name that never expire! Additionally, a new LEED rating system (v4) was introduced this year, and this training course is one of the few that has been updated to teach the current rating system to ensure your knowledge is up to date! This course meets the exam's eligibility requirements and the USGBC charges a \$100 (reduced for students) fee for the actual exam which can be taken at any time at your nearest Prometric Center.

### **LEED Green Associate (GA) Stand-alone Training**

When: January 14th 2016, 6:00 - 10:00PM

Where: University of Toronto; Bahen Centre for Information Technology (BA B024)

Registration: <http://leadinggreen.com/torontoga2>

When: January 15th 2016; 12:00 - 6:00PM

Where: University of Toronto; Bahen Centre for Information Technology (BA 2179)

Registration: <http://leadinggreen.ca/torontogap/>

Cost: \$400 per person (AP BD+C only) **OR** \$300 per person (AP BD+C only and took LEED GA within the past month)

The LEED AP+ is the second tier of the LEED designation and is a credential in the green building industry! Passing the LEED Green Associate is a prerequisite for the LEED AP+ and is the flagship designation for sustainability in the green industry. The LEED AP+ (Building Design and Construction specialty) focuses on major renovations and new buildings and is required for actual sustainability consulting work. For more information, please click [here](#).

Registration for the LEED Green Associate is open until January 14th, 2017 [here](#), and registration for the LEED AP BD+C is open until January 15th, 2017 [here](#).

On behalf of EWB U of T's co-presidents and ML lead(s),

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