

# MONDAY

- EXHIBITOR MOVE-IN

**Monday, July 23, 7:00 to 8:00** | Pier 4&5

- REGISTRATION

**Monday, July 23, 7:00 to 6:00** | Harbour Foyer

- SPEAKER PRESENTATION ONSITE UPLOAD

**Monday, July 23, 8:00 to 5:00** | Pier 7

- EXHIBITS OPEN

**Monday, July 23, 8:00 to 5:30** | Pier 4&5

## INTERACTIVE SESSION • CONSERVATION OUTREACH IN URBAN SCHOOLS: A FACILITATED DISCUSSION

**Monday, July 23, 8:30 to 9:30** | Dockside 9

### Session Abstract

The Montreal Chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology has developed a conservation workshop series aimed at increasing youth engagement, particularly those deemed to be “at-risk” hailing from low income neighbourhoods. In partnership with the Concordia University Biology Undergraduate and Graduate Student Associations, enthusiastic university students are trained in the material before hosting weekly evening conservation-focused workshops at a local high school aimed at encouraging students with learning and behavioural difficulties to learn about the importance of the rich biodiversity present in their immediate environment, as well as to create a sense of community belonging. In addition to encouraging university students to apply their knowledge and work in partnership with the public, these students also provide much-needed role models for economically disadvantaged youth, especially those hailing from underrepresented groups in conservation, and hold an important mentorship role in shaping the future of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields. Piloting in Winter 2018, the workshops are available in English, French and Spanish. The goal of this facilitated discussion is to share the successes and gather feedback from other members of the Society for Conservation Biology before continuing to a full launch of the program in Fall 2018. In addition to continuing with the implementation of the program at the high school level, these discussions will also lead to the creation of a shared resource for members of the Society for Conservation Biology to implement in their distinctive regions. Audience members will also have the opportunity to hold Skype/webinar-style Q&A sessions with students once the program is launched.

1 Conservation Outreach In Urban Schools: A Facilitated Discussion

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## SYMPOSIUM • BIODIVERSITY, BIOENERGY, AND SUSTAINABILITY ACROSS THE AMERICAS

**Monday, July 23, 8:30 to 9:45** | Harbour Ballroom C