New space: upstairs at Paul's Hall, 12286 Peggy's Cove

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Youth Ride! a youth-led research and action

project finding solutions for sustainable transportation in the St. Margarets Bay area, including

Hubbards and Hammonds Plains. Tell us how you get around and help create new youth solutions for transportation. We pay \$20 to youth who participate in a focus group and you can get credit for volunteering too!



Fall Schedule

All events at our new GPI Youth Studio upstairs at Paul's Hall

Drop in to volunteer or hang out.

All Wednesdays 2-6 then 6-8 for Meditation and Mi'kmaq Drumming

Make Bike Art Stained Glass

November 10-December 8, Sundays, 1:30-3:30

Youth (ages 14-25) focus groups and brainstormings—receive \$20.

Wednesday, November 13, 6-8:30 Friday, November 18, 3-6

All Ages Youth Coffeehouse

Friday, November 29, 7

Partially funded through the Nova Scotia Moves Program, NS Department of Energy. Community partners: St. Margarets Bay Stewardship Association, Paul's Hall, Transition Bay, and BayRides Community Transit

About Youth Ride! Research and Action Pilot Project in St. Margarets Bay, including Hammonds Plains and Hubbards

For youth age 14-25 And intergenerational activities for everyone

We train young researchers and they conduct the research, analyze the results, and share these with the larger community. Youth have been creating the research questions and also getting input from our partners.

We are partnering with Paul's Hall, Bay Rides Community Transit, Transition Bay, and the St. Margarets Bay Stewardship Association and building more collaborations all the time.

We want participants who are young adults who live in the Bay area full or part time and youth from Sir John A. MacDonald High School, John Peter Alan High School, Forest Heights High School, or wherever.

We have lots of volunteer opportunities for youth and we help with fulfilling requirements for academic credit.

We are researching sustainable transportation for both youth and elders, and ways that these two groups have dovetailing needs and can help each other. We are looking at community transit through small buses, casual transportation (pre-arranged hitch hiking), cycling and potential for the creation of bike paths, potential for water transportation, and potential for a bike share program, as well as whatever new ideas the young researchers discover. The initial focus of the project will be the St. Margarets Bay area, including Hammonds Plains and Hubbards, later extending to include communities across HRM and surrounding areas. This is the first project to our knowledge where youth are invited to express their own needs regarding transportation. They will share their findings in community engagement events and through an online GPS mapping system. These findings will be linked to sustainable land use planning through our membership in the HRM Alliance and through our partnerships. We also hope to look at cycling as a viable transportation option in the neighbourhood, using a community bike ride to promote access to the parkways available in the area, while also working to build the infrastructure to make cycling a safe choice.