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Universities and Student Unions at STU and UNB Partner with the Foundation for Environmental Stewardship to Host United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals Youth Training on Oct. 21st

The student unions at St. Thomas University and the University of New Brunswick along with faculty and staff from the universities will be partnering with the UN accredited [Foundation for Environmental Stewardship \(FES\)](#) to host a unique training opportunity for youth.

In celebration of Canada 150, the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) Youth Training Canada aims to mobilize 10,000 Canadian youth to implement the Sustainable Development Goals through 100 local actions and 50 trainings in colleges and universities across Canada. STU and UNB are hosting one of two Atlantic training events.

"These kind of learning opportunities are invaluable to students who want to make a difference in the world and who are looking for something to set them apart in a competitive job market," said Jimy Beltran, STUSU vice-president of student life and one of the event organizer.

On Saturday, October 21, local high school and post-secondary students will attend a day of training focused on empowering youth to implement the seventeen sustainable development goals created by the United Nations. The training will see students interact with UN and FES officials, policymakers, faculty and community activists as they receive training in skills related to reaching the goals. Participants will be provided with lunch and receive a certificate acknowledging their training.

"This event is an exciting chance for students to develop as global citizens and learn from qualified professionals so that they can turn their passion for change into action," said Jessica Hughes, manager of the Office of Experiential and Community Based Learning at STU.

"Skills-based training is a focus with several sessions being offered in the areas of project management, media training and campaign building. In addition, with the generous support of NB Power, there will be seed funding for student groups to help kick-start the local sustainable development projects."

Hughes said that faculty and staff from both UNB and STU will collaborate on the training. The organizers were grateful to the sponsors and partners who have supported the event to make the sustainable development goals more accessible. The sponsors are NB Power, STU Office of Experiential and Community Based Learning, STU Students Union, UNB Faculty of Arts and the UNB Student Union.

Tickets are \$20 and cover the training, certificate and lunch. To purchase tickets, see <http://bit.ly/2w10aAa>.

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