



Shaun O'Leary

Term on Council:
2014 - Present

Hometown:
London, ON

Current Community:
Victoria, BC

Inspiration

I thought that joining the Young Leaders Community Council would be a great opportunity to get involved in the community. I really enjoy being part of such an important decision-making process.

Fun Fact

I share my birthday on August 1 with my grandmother who lives in Newfoundland.

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I believe it will be a great personal growth experience for me to help make decisions and have a positive impact on youth organizations serving Vancouver Island.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

Graduating from the University of Victoria.

Bio

Shaun O' Leary completed a certificate at the University of Victoria in the STEPS Forward Program in 2013. During his post-secondary studies, he engaged in a rich variety of opportunities that allowed him to make some wonderful contributions to life on campus.

His volunteer work at the ESL Centre and his design of a logo for the Morning Munch are highlights. Shaun's position as radio specialist for CFUV radio also sees him interviewing local sports celebrities and athletes in Victoria. Shaun won a community radio award for sports programming from the National Campus and Community Radio Association.

Shaun's hobbies include badminton and yoga, and he is a member of the Special Olympics Floor Hockey team. As a lover of film and theatre, Shaun has volunteered at the Victoria Film Festival and the Fringe Festival. He is also working on a full-length documentary on the Disabled Sailing Association of Canada – the first one of its kind. He believes these forms of dramatic expression are important for youth.

He has worked as an office assistant for the City of Victoria (HR) and the Capital Regional District (Environmental Sustainability). He is presently employed part time at JEA Pensions, where he led a fundraiser to raise over \$1,600 to the Dandelion Society. Shaun has also supported organizations like the Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island's Gatekeeper's

Program, the SPCA, and with the Canadian Cancer Society with their Relay for Life fundraiser.

His goal is to help engage youth in B.C. both creatively and actively, so they can feel supported, valued, and empowered in their lives.



Shaun takes in the view with a furry friend.