# **Coquitlam Youth Strategy**







We're trying to figure out how to get everything done, learn some new skills, be active, and squeeze in some fun. How do you do it all? I'm balancing my schedule! I've been getting more exercise and sleep, and less screen time -- which helps a lot! And the City offers many ways to volunteer, try new things, stay active, and have fun social time. Recreation to fit into our busy schedules, all in one place.



#### **Engagement and Leadership**

lead\*er (noun): a guide, mentor, influencer, ground-breaker, trail-blazer

#### Volunteering

More flexible, short-term and drop-in volunteer opportunities. More outdoor volunteer experiences.



#### Leadership & Decision-Making

Have a say in programs and services for youth and young adults. Join a youth committee.

Help start a new group and work on projects that matter most to you. Join a Council Advisory Committee to provide feedback on City services.

#### Leadership to Employment

Short term job shadowing, internship and mentorship opportunities; career fairs. Leadership training and job readiness skills (resume building, interview skills, etc.). Support with volunteering, leadership and potential employment.

#### **Positive connections**

con\*nec\*tions (noun): networks, relationships, friends

#### Friendly, supportive staff

To make sure you have great recreation experiences. Provide info on health, wellness and resources when you need some extra support.

## Good times and new friends

More opportunities to meet new people and build new connections. Activity clubs, youth groups and more.

# Everyone welcome and included

Safe, inclusive programs and spaces for youth of all genders, cultures and abilities. All abilities welcome.

#### Know what's happening and connect with your City

Opportunities shared through popular social media. Ability to provide feedback and make program requests.

# **Active participation**

ac\*tive (adjective): involvement, energy, and movement



# Healthy life balance

well\*ness (noun): a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being.

#### **Good Ideas**

To achieve a healthier, happier life balance and manage stress. Access to healthy living resources and positive role models.

## Activities

**Stress/Time Management**: workshops and resources on healthy life balance.

**Drop-in Wellness Activities**: like yoga, tai chi, mindfulness and meditation. Time in nature.

#### **Spaces**

**Indoor**: areas to study, hang out with friends, have a snack, play an active game, do something creative, or just relax.

**Outdoor:** social and activity areas; pop-up opportunities; ability to borrow equipment; outdoor events; arts, culture and adventures.





