

# Library and Archives Canada's Youth Advisory Council

Dr. Guy Berthiaume  
CDNL, Athens, August 27, 2019



Library and Archives Canada



Library and Archives  
Canada

Bibliothèque et Archives  
Canada

Canada



# LACYAC 2018-2019 Members

# LAC Youth Advisory Council – Overview

- The Youth Advisory Council was launched in September 2018, as a pilot project for a year
- It provides guidance to LAC through brainstorming, advice and feedback
- The Council is composed of 20 members between the ages of 19 and 25, living in Canada's National Capital Region.

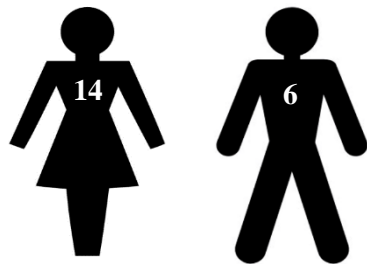
# LAC Youth Advisory Council – Overview

- Members were recruited through social media over the Summer of 2018
- Members are students and young professionals from a wide range of fields (history, library science, comms, pol sci, law, economics, languages, etc).
- Several members have experience living, studying or working in other parts of Canada, to counterbalance the fact that the meetings are held in the Ottawa region

# LAC Youth Advisory Council – Stats

## Equity:

Visible Minority:	4
Indigenous person:	2
Person with disability:	1
LGBTQ2:	2

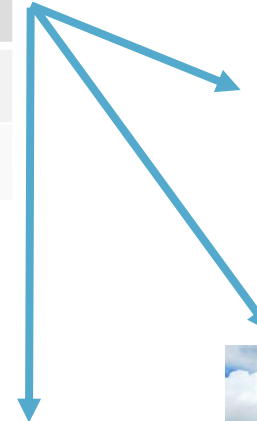


## Age:

Age	No. of Youth
19	4
20	2
21	2
22	4
23	3
24	3
25	2

## Status:

Student:	15
Employed:	4
Other:	1



# Meetings



- Meetings are held in person, approximately once a month between September 2018 and June 2019.
- Meetings are relaxed and informal.
- They focus on discussion and interactive activities, rather than formal presentations.
- Topics are chosen based on YAC members' interests and LAC priorities.

# Meetings

- Implementation is important!
- Members insist on knowing how their feedback is implemented and leads to meaningful changes
- Senior Management is included at every meeting
- A “What We Heard” report is created after every meeting and circulated within LAC and among YAC members

# 2018-2019 Discussions

Social media • Co-Lab • Collection Search (Beta) • GLAM Summit 2019 • Visitor experience at 395 Wellington • LAC-OPL joint facility • Prime Ministers and the Arts exhibit • Three-Year Plan 2019-2022 • Web renewal • LAC and universities • Reference Services, Digilab and students • Enriching LAC's library collections • Guidelines for facilitators • Planning the June YAC meeting • YAC recruitment 2019-2020 • Vancouver-based YAC • YAC 2018-2019



# Impact of discussions

- Great ideas for the program of our 3<sup>rd</sup> GLAM Summit (speakers from video game industry; livestreaming and Instagram stories)
- Encouraged us to be bold on social media: we post more funny and silly posts
- Helped us shape our priorities for our 2019-2022 3 Year Plan
- Provided much food for thought on the shape of our new joint facility with the Ottawa Public Library

# Beyond Advice

- Members volunteered for events, contributed articles, make presentations to staff, etc.



# Way Forward

- LACYAC, from pilot project to one of LAC's permanent advisory committee as of 2019-2020
- Regional LACYAC as a pilot project in Vancouver for 2019-2020
- Demand for a national LACYAC