

Port Hope Sustainability Expo

YOUTH SHOWCASE

Are you passionate about finding creative climate action solutions? Take part in the Sustainability Expo's first ever youth showcase to share your innovative ideas with the community!

Categories

- U12 & U18 Port Hope's Sustainable Future Art Contest
- U12 & U18 Upcycled Creations
- U18 Climate Research Project



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Sunday
April 26th
10 am - 3 pm

Town Park Rec Centre
(62 McCaul St)

Entries must be submitted to a participating teacher or dropped off at the Joint Operations Centre by Wednesday April 15th to be displayed and/or receive an award at the Expo.

For more information on participating please contact LWinters@porthope.ca

Sustainability Expo - Youth Showcase 2026

The Port Hope Environmental Advisory Committee invites you to participate in our first ever Sustainability Expo Youth Showcase! The showcase will provide a platform for the amazing youth in Port Hope to share their innovation and creativity and work towards a greener future. Show off your art skills with the art contest, share your inventions with upcycled creations, and inspire the community through the climate research project. Submissions will be displayed at the Sustainability Expo from 10am-3pm, Sunday April 26th, 2026 at Town Park Recreation Centre. Come check out your entry and learn more about sustainability in Port Hope through a full day of workshops, presentations, and exhibits!

Entry Regulations

Submission

- All entries must be submitted to a participating teacher or dropped off to the Port Hope Joint Operations Centre (284 Victoria St N, Port Hope) before **4pm on Wednesday, April 15th 2026**.
- All entries must include the category, participants name, age, school, and a contact method (email or phone number). Unlabeled entries will not be eligible for judging.
- Participants may only submit one entry per category.
- Entry into the U12 category is for participants 12 and under, while U18 is for those 18 and under.
- The winners of each category will be announced at the Port Hope Municipal Council Meeting on April 21st, 2026 at 6:30pm and have their names published in the Council Agenda

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Submission Retrieval After the Expo

- All submissions will be available for pick up at the Town Park Recreation Centre (62 McCaul St, Port Hope) after the Expo on April 26th between 3 and 5 pm or upon request before April 30th by emailing LWinters@porthope.ca.

Categories

U12 & U18 Port Hope's Sustainable Future Art Contest

Participants will submit a piece of art that represents the theme of Port Hope's Sustainable Future. It is recommended to limit the size of the artwork to smaller than 45cm x 45cm (18 inches x 18 inches). Participants are welcome to use any materials or medium (paint, pencil, collage, markers, mosaic, etc.) to create their entry.

Entries will be reviewed by Mayor Hankivsky based on creativity and best representation of the theme. Winners will be recognized by the Mayor and their art will be displayed at Town Hall after the Expo.

U12 Upcycled Creations

In this category, participants are asked to give a second life to something that was worn out or destined for the garbage/recycling through upcycling. The item must be created entirely or almost entirely of materials bound for the landfill or recycling. Please include a short statement with your submission telling us what you've created and the materials you've used.

Materials can include (but are not limited to):

- Recyclable items (plastic cartons, bottles, cardboard)
- Scrap Fabric
- Old or torn clothing
- Broken or worn out toys

Entries will be judged on creativity, and use of sustainable materials. The small judging panel will consist of municipal employees, councillors, and/or Environmental Advisory Committee Members. Winners will be awarded a prize at the Sustainability Expo donated by one of our local sponsors.

Ideas:



U18 Upcycled Creations

In this category, participants are asked to give a second life to something that was worn out or destined for the garbage/recycling through upcycling. The item must be created entirely or almost entirely of materials bound for the landfill or recycling. Please include a short statement

with your submission describing your project and how the materials you used were diverted from waste.

Materials can include (but are not limited to):

- Recyclable items (plastic cartons, bottles, cardboard)
- Scrap Fabric
- Old or torn clothing
- Broken or worn out toys
- Broken pottery or dishes

Entries will be judged on functionality, creativity, and use of sustainable materials. The small judging panel will consist of municipal employees, councillors, and/or Environmental Advisory Committee Members. Winners will be awarded a prize at the Sustainability Expo donated by one of our local sponsors.

Ideas:



U18 Climate Research Project

For the Climate Research Project, participants are asked to create a poster sharing about an interesting sustainable or environmental project that should be implemented in Port Hope. The poster should explain the initiative, how it could be implemented in Port Hope, and how it would positively impact the community, environment, and/or climate. Pictures and diagrams are highly encouraged.

Entries will be reviewed by a small panel of Municipal Employees, Councillors, and/or members of the Environmental Action Committee. The winners will receive recognition and a prize donated from one of our local sponsors. In addition to the prize, the first place submission will have the opportunity to work with municipal staff with the goal of implementing their project in the community.

Please feel free to reach out to lwinters@porthope.ca with any questions or clarifications on the Youth Showcase or Sustainability Expo.