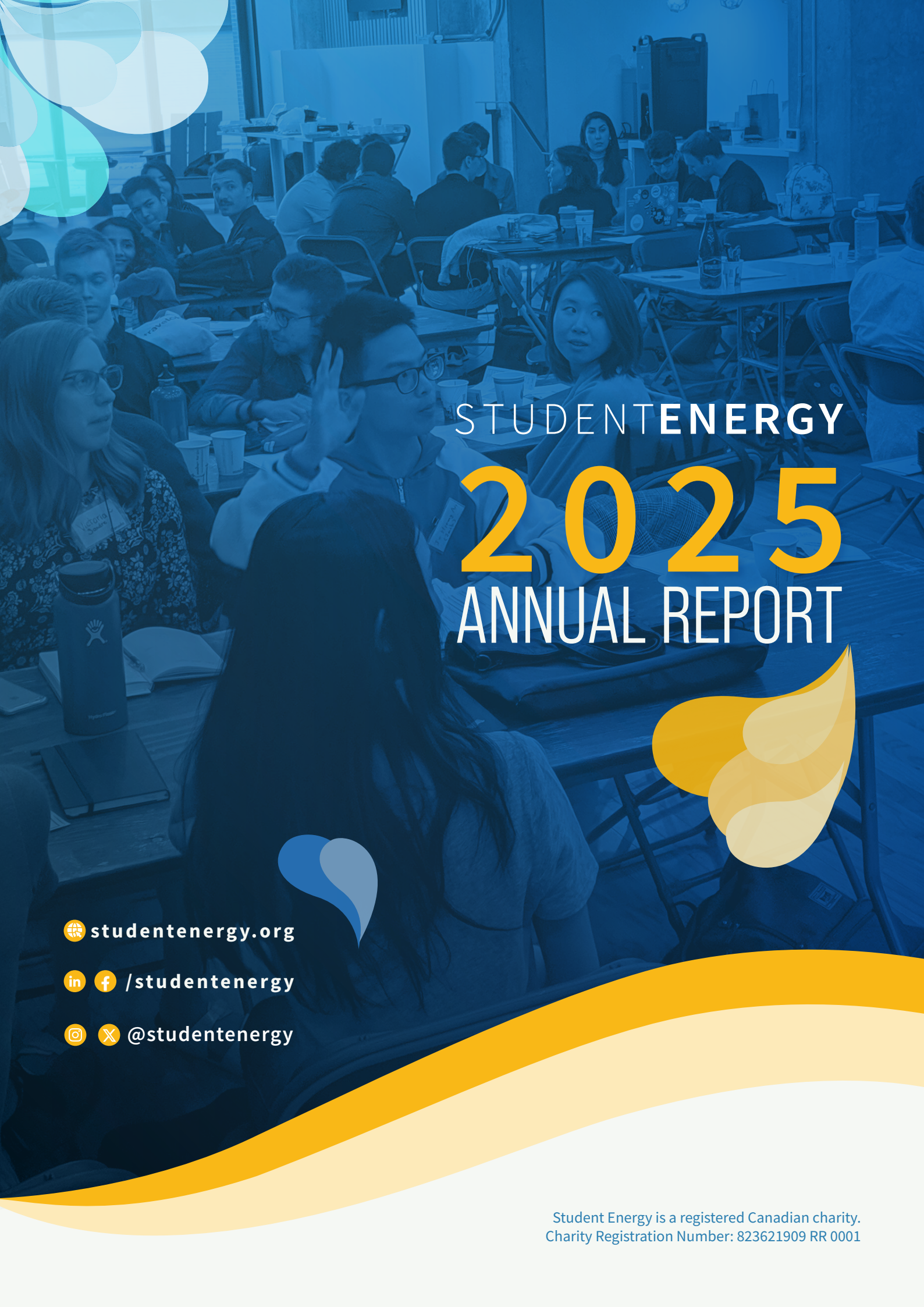




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About Us

Student Energy is a global youth-led organization empowering the next generation of leaders who are accelerating the transition to a sustainable and equitable energy future.

We work with a network of 50,000 young people from over 120 countries to build the knowledge, skills, and networks they need to take action on energy.

We also collaborate with governments, companies, and organizations to facilitate meaningful youth engagement and mobilize resources to support youth-led energy solutions.



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Letter from the Board Chair and Executive Director

Dear Student Energy Community,

The past year unfolded against a backdrop of continued uncertainty across the climate and energy sector. Economic pressure, political change, and shifting funding priorities created real challenges for organizations working on climate and energy, and youth-led organizations were arguably affected more than most. Young people are already driving the energy transition, but the investment needed to match their contributions still hasn't caught up.

But moments like these do not call for retreat. They call for focus, for stronger collaboration, for continued investment in the people already doing the work.

At Student Energy, that meant staying close to our mission and getting more intentional about how and where we invested our efforts. Guided by our Theory of Change, we deepened our impact by responding to the sector's evolving needs, and strengthening the pathways and partnerships that enable young people to lead meaningful change.

Our milestones that defined 2025 for Student Energy included:

- Our global community continued to grow, with **15 new Chapters across 14 countries** expanding our network to **60 Chapters worldwide**. Our **first Virtual Youth Impact Forum** engaged more than 1,000 youth with registrants from 106 countries, strengthening collaboration across regions.
- We deepened our place-based approach by launching the first **Student Energy Career Training (SECT) Women in Energy Africa** cohort, bringing together 25 young professionals from 15 African countries, while enhancing international cooperation through **The Clean Economy Bridge Research Program**, connecting young leaders with policymakers and industry in **Canada, Germany, and the United States**.
- We invested in tangible pathways for young people to lead the transition to a clean energy future by launching **Green Jobs** to support 35 young professionals through **nearly \$750,000 in wage subsidies**, and continuing to fund youth-led clean energy solutions through **Guided Projects**, with **five community solar PV projects** across Canada.

- Youth voices continued to shape the future of energy through the **Youth Impact Framework Pilot Cohort**, delivered in partnership with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), alongside the **launch of Energy Voices podcast**, a new education platform amplifying diverse perspectives across the energy transition.
- Momentum continued to build toward **Student Energy Summit 2026** through an expanded organizing team, strengthened partnerships, the selection of **25 Student Energy Summit Ambassadors from 1,200+ applicants**, and engagement at global forums, including SEforALL Global Forum, the VII BRICS Youth Energy Summit, and COP30.
- Our work also received growing national and international recognition. Student Energy was honoured with the **Governor General's Innovation Award** and invited to join the **UN COP30 Action Agenda Activation Group #18**, reflecting confidence in our role as a trusted partner in advancing youth leadership in the transition to a sustainable energy future.

Taken together, these milestones reinforce what we have long believed: when young people are equipped with the right knowledge, networks, resources, and opportunities, they become powerful drivers of the energy transition.

2025 also marked the launch of our Vision 2030, a global call-to-action that directs our work over the next five years through four strategic priorities: community activation, funding youth projects, accelerating pathways for clean energy careers, and scaling youth influence across the global energy system.

To the bold young changemakers and community members who make up Student Energy: thank you for your leadership and your belief in a better energy future. To our donors and partners: thank you for helping bring that vision to life. Your support continues to make this work possible, and we look forward to building what comes next together.

To those we haven't worked with yet: Young leaders around the world need your support, and we're ready to work with you to get them what they need to build stronger, resilient communities. Let's connect and make it happen.



Our Impact at a Glance

Here's a snapshot of what we accomplished together.

172 youth participants

from **45 countries** graduated from our programs

6,100+ Chapter members from 60 universities across 32 countries



36,053+
youth engaged through chapters

CAD \$758K+

Invested in wage subsidies, training, and wraparound support

CAD \$92,000

in funds directed to youth in 2025

204,000

views on our
website and Energy
Systems Map

Delivered 600+
coaching hours
across all programs

With over

**63.3% woman and 2.33%
non-binary participation,**

We're empowering youth to lead the clean energy transition
through inclusive, gender diverse cohort programs

Messages from our Senior Managers of Community and Events and Technical Programs

Community and Events

“Student Energy’s work has always been rooted in community – beginning with our first international Student Energy Summit in 2011 – and our global youth network continues to be at the heart of everything we do.

This past year truly reflected the power of our community. While navigating an uncertain funding landscape, each decision on where to focus our efforts was made with care and intention, creating meaningful opportunities that united, empowered, and mentored young leaders around the world.

In this time of limited resources, the outstanding creativity and collaboration across the Student Energy team is what made the 2025 Virtual Youth Impact Forum possible, connecting more than 1,000 youth from over 100 countries. Extensive planning in 2025 laid the groundwork for our successful Student Energy Summit 2026, taking place in the heart of the Amazon, in Manaus, Brazil. These events not only demonstrated the resilience and dedication of our global team and network, but the undeniable passion amongst young people to continue to fight to solve energy challenges on local and global scales.

As we continue working toward Vision 2030, I am excited to see our regional communities grow stronger, our global network deepen, and Student Energy continue to champion young leaders to shape a sustainable, just, and equitable energy transition.”



Technical Programs

“This past year asked us to adapt with intention. As the ground shifted beneath the sector, with funding tightening and the pace of climate support slowing, we chose not to narrow our ambition but to sharpen our focus. We looked closely at where our technical programs could do the most good, and we built from there.

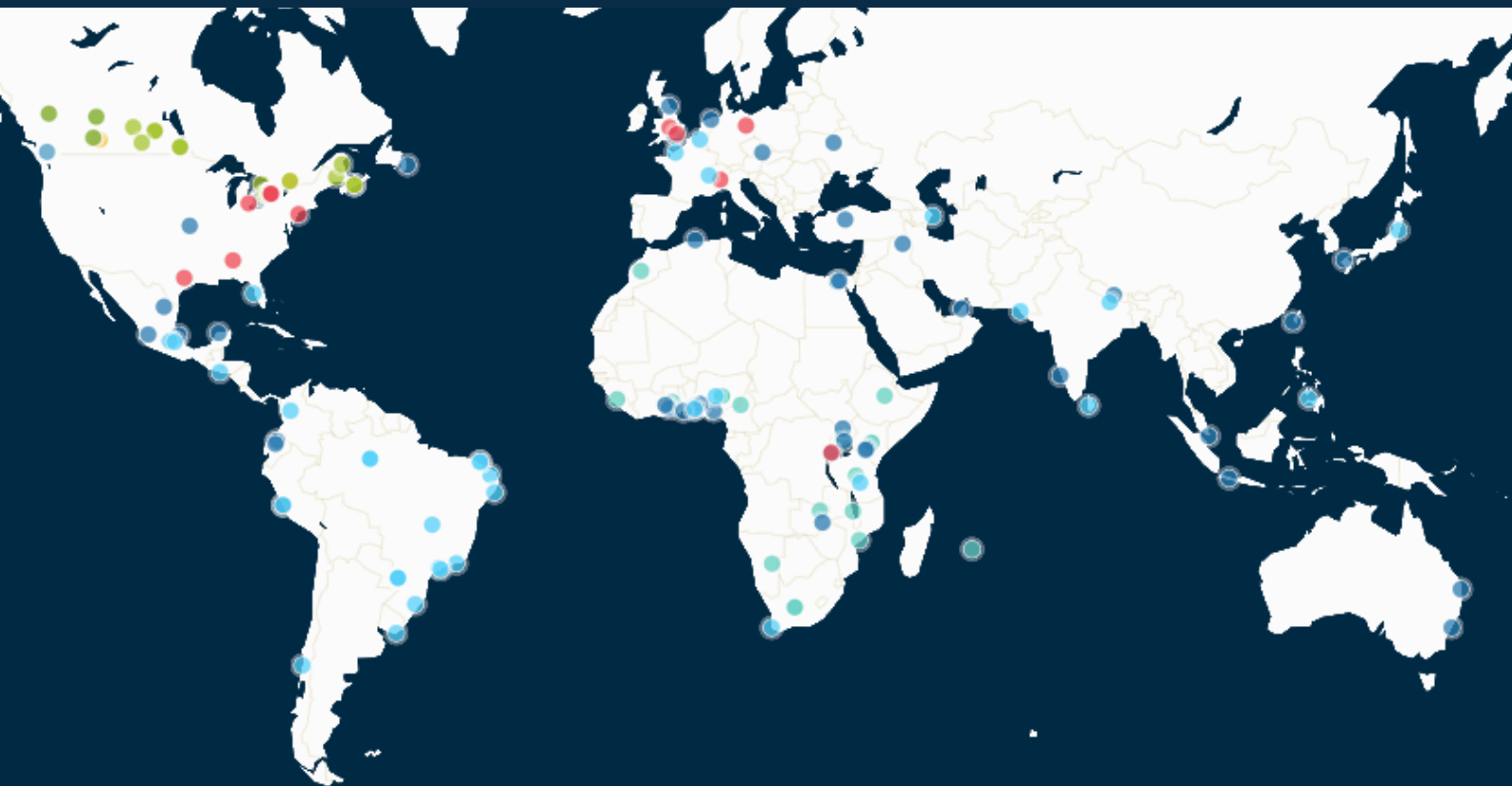
Even in a constrained year, we expanded our program offerings. We created the Clean Economy Bridge Research Program, opening a transatlantic pathway for young people to move from inquiry to applied insight and to carry research into the communities and markets they know best. We continued our work through Student Energy Guided Projects, supporting youth to empower their local communities using clean technologies. This year, the Career Training program cohort was dedicated to training women in Africa. We invested in a generation of young women whose leadership Africa’s energy transition cannot do without.

What excites us most is the range of ways we now walk alongside young people, from applied research to hands-on projects to targeted skills training that meets youth where the need is greatest. Staying grounded in our Theory of Change and building toward Vision 2030, we are reminded that the energy transition belongs in large part to the generation that will live longest with its outcomes. On the evidence of this year, it is in capable and determined hands.”





2025 Programs Map



73*

Chapters

With 6100+ members
from 38 countries

50

Career Training Participants

Working in 10 teams with 9 project partners

25

Guided Projects

Working in 5 solar energy
projects across Canada

35

Green Job Placements

Supported with \$750,000+ in wage
subsidies

15

Youth Researchers

Under The Clean Economy Bridge
Research Program

37

SES Volunteers

From host country Brazil and
global SES Ambassadors

**Map reflects 59 Chapters active as of December 31, 2025. In total, 73 Chapters were active during all or part of 2025.*

Our Vision 2030

The Challenge

The global shift to clean energy is at a critical crossroads. Progress is happening, but inconsistently, and not quickly or equitably enough to meet the scale of the climate crisis and still persistent energy access gap. Young people are ready to lead, yet they continue to face barriers to the resources, networks, and influence needed to drive meaningful change.



Our Vision

To empower one million young people worldwide to lead the transition to a sustainable energy future.

Launched in 2025, Vision 2030 is Student Energy's strategic roadmap for the next five years. It reflects our belief that accelerating the energy transition begins with investing in young people and creating the conditions for them to lead.

Building on more than 15 years of global youth leadership and a community of 50,000+ young people across 120+ countries, Vision 2030 focuses our work through four strategic priorities that expand access to community, funding, career opportunities, and influence:

- Funding Youth Projects
- Accelerating Pathways for Clean Energy Careers
- Community Activation
- Youth Shaping Policy and Systems

The following pages highlight how Student Energy advanced each of these priorities throughout 2025.





STRATEGY 1:

Funding Youth Projects

Access to funding remains one of the greatest barriers facing young climate leaders. Student Energy has long worked to close that gap through **Guided Projects**, supporting youth-led clean energy initiatives across Canada. Under Vision 2030, we are building on that foundation to fund 1,000 clean energy projects by mobilizing catalytic funding, launching new grant mechanisms, and enhancing our regranting arm to make funding more equitable and accessible.

Between 2019-2021, only 0.76% of global climate funding went to youth-led initiatives

(ClimateWorks Foundation)



Guided Projects

Student Energy Guided Projects (SEGP) empowers youth-led teams to transform clean energy ideas into community-led action by providing funding, mentorship, hands-on training, and project development support. Participants design and deliver community-based solar PV projects that address local energy needs while building the skills to lead future clean energy initiatives.



HIGHLIGHT STORY

Through the Guided Projects program, Sonia Vinogradova, Team Lead of Spark Source Consulting, led the installation of a 5 kW solar array on a local organic farm in Ontario, coordinating stakeholders and project delivery around the busy harvest season. The installation now provides the farm with more stable energy costs while reducing its carbon footprint. Beyond the installation, the team hosted a community showcase to raise awareness of the role local agriculture and clean energy play in building climate resilience. Following the project, Spark Source participated in the Youth Impact Framework Cohort and is now expanding its work to help more farms across Ontario transition to clean energy.

2025 IMPACT



3

community-based solar PV projects installed



40+

kW of solar PV capacity installed and operational across communities



68,000+

kWh of clean electricity generated annually

“I would describe it as surreal. After a year of fundraising applications, receiving two awards, and exchanging hundreds of emails with various stakeholders, seeing the physical system fully operational in person was an incredible moment. At the same time, it served as motivation for us to begin the next initiative while knowing that although it might seem out of reach at the beginning, we can definitely get it done.”

Kareem Yousef, UofC Energy Team

Guided Projects

“The SEGP provided an incredible opportunity to explore the energy sector and entrepreneurship. Through coursework and hands-on project work, I gained skills in design, modeling, planning, leadership, budgeting, and stakeholder engagement. Support from program coordinators made the experience even more empowering and impactful.”

Habibatallah Mahmoud, Solar EV Team Lead

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2026, we will launch the next Guided Projects cohort, supporting three new community-based solar initiatives in Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario, and British Columbia.

As we work towards our Vision 2030, we will expand equitable funding opportunities that enable more young people to transform clean energy ideas into community-led solutions.

Building on the success of Cohort 2, the 2026–2027 Guided Projects cohort is already supporting three new community-based solar initiatives across Canada.

1 Newfoundland & Labrador | MUN Solar Outreach Team

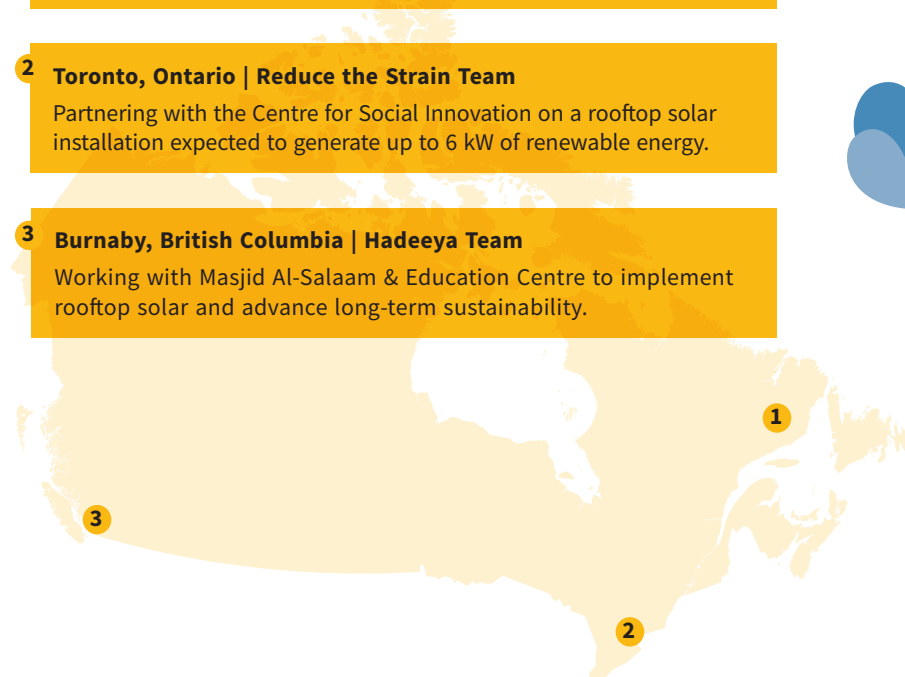
Installing rooftop solar at the St. George's Indian Band Daycare to expand clean energy access and reduce operating costs.

2 Toronto, Ontario | Reduce the Strain Team

Partnering with the Centre for Social Innovation on a rooftop solar installation expected to generate up to 6 kW of renewable energy.

3 Burnaby, British Columbia | Hadeeya Team

Working with Masjid Al-Salaam & Education Centre to implement rooftop solar and advance long-term sustainability.



2025 MILESTONES

Launched in 2024, Guided Projects Cohort 2 continued into 2025, with participating teams reaching key implementation milestones and bringing community-based solar projects to completion across Canada.

January 22, 2025

Spark Source Consulting's 4.95 kW solar PV system at Beetbox Farm in Ottawa came online.

February 20, 2025

Solar EV's 2.18 kW installation at Winnipeg Trails, Manitoba, became fully operational.

April 24, 2025

The SEGP Cohort 2 officially concluded

August 21, 2025

Luminosity Legends completed a 1.46 kW solar PV installation at x^wcičəsəm Gardens, British Columbia.

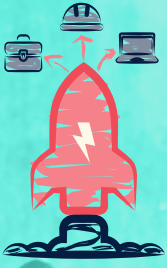
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SE GUIDED PROJECTS

See the programs details at studentenergy.org/program/guided-projects

Explore Guided Project Impact at <https://studentenergy.org/guided-projects-impact-by-the-numbers>



STRATEGY 2:

Accelerating Pathways for Clean Energy Careers

The global clean energy transition is creating rapidly growing demand for skilled workers, alongside growing labour shortages, yet millions of young people still struggle to access the resources needed to break into the sector. Student Energy is responding through **Career Training** and the **Green Jobs** program. Under Vision 2030, we're expanding this work by strengthening career readiness training and mentorship programs, launching the Youth Energy Careers Hub, and facilitating 1,000 youth job placements alongside 1,000 mentorship connections to help more young people enter and thrive in the clean energy workforce.

“The global renewable energy workforce is projected to grow from 12 million today to 38 million by 2030, while nearly three-quarters of renewable energy companies report talent shortages.”



Career Training

Participants work with sector leaders on real-work energy projects and graduate with a tangible project deliverable that demonstrates their abilities to future employers and strengthens their career prospects.

In 2025, SECT launched Women in Energy Africa, Student Energy's first Africa-focused cohort dedicated to supporting young professional women pursuing careers in the energy sector. Reflecting Student Energy's equity-centred approach, the program expanded access for women who remain underrepresented and face greater barriers to entering and advancing in energy careers.

2025 IMPACT



Equipped

25

Young professional women from 15 African countries



Delivered

5

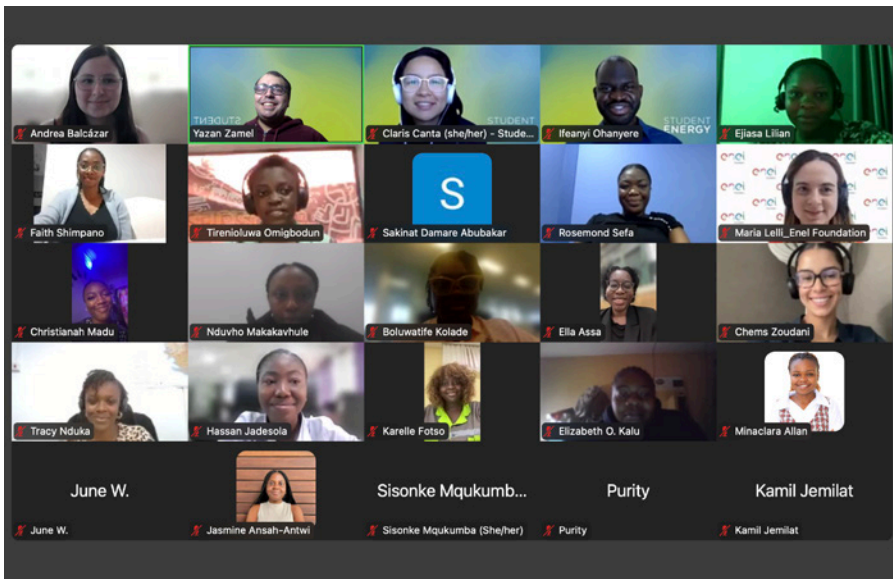
Energy research projects with industry partners



Achieved

96%

program completion rate across the cohort



HIGHLIGHT STORY

As part of the Women in Energy Africa cohort, one participant team partnered with Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) to explore how school electrification can support girls' education and future opportunities in Tanzania. Drawing on desk research and field survey insights, the team examined how energy access influences gender equity and educational outcomes. Their final report presented practical recommendations to advance sustainable school electrification, strengthen gender-responsive policies, improve data collection, and deepen community engagement.

This project was one of five research initiatives completed through the cohort. Participants collaborated directly with industry partners on topics including women's participation in the energy sector, electric mobility, education, and inclusive career pathways across Africa.

Career Training

“When I joined SECT, I was a recent graduate from a village without electricity, unsure of my place in the energy sector. The Career Training Program transformed not just my career trajectory, but how I see my role in Africa’s energy future. As Research Lead, I grew from a recent graduate into a confident researcher, guiding my team to a 100% project score while investigating gender equity in clean energy with Women in Energy Sierra Leone. I have developed skills in project management, stakeholder engagement, and evidence-based analysis that I use daily in my work. SECT showed me that the energy transition needs not just technical experts, but leaders who understand community, equity, and purpose. I’m proud to be part of a network that’s shaping Africa’s energy future.”

Maria Kativa

Top skills the SECT cohort acquired:



Energy System Fundamentals



Project Management Fundamentals



Job Search Strategies



Frameworks and Tools for Projects



Cover Letter and Resume Writing

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2026, we will officially conclude the Women in Energy Africa cohort with the publication of Women’s Participation in the Just Energy Transition in East Africa, a participant-led research report developed in partnership with Enel Foundation and supported by RES4Africa Foundation.

Building on the insights gained from this cohort, we will strengthen the Career Training Program through participant feedback, curriculum enhancements, and strategic partnerships. This work will lay the foundation for an even stronger and more responsive program in 2027.

SEE CAREER TRAINING

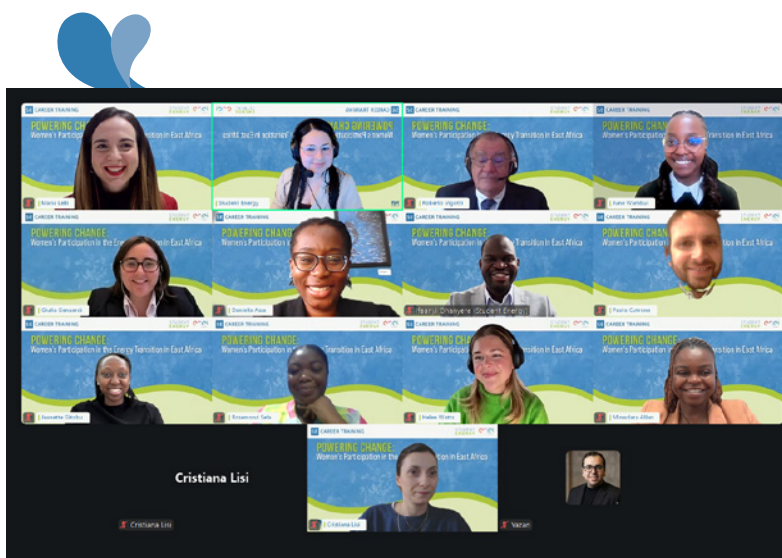
See the programs details at

https://studentenergy.org/program/career_training_program

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Enel Foundation



Green Jobs

Green Jobs is Student Energy's wage-funding program that creates pathways into Canada's clean energy and natural resources sectors by connecting youth with paid employment opportunities. Student Energy began administering the program in 2025 as a delivery partner for Natural Resources Canada's Science and Technology Internship Program (STIP) – Green Jobs. Combining wage-funded placements with job-readiness support, the program helps participants gain practical industry experience while supporting employers to develop emerging talent.

100% of Green Jobs placements supported roles delivering positive environmental outcomes, including:



**Decarbonization
& Infrastructure
Development**



**Operational
Efficiency**



**Evidence-Based
Scalability**



**Systems-Level
Stewardship**

2025 IMPACT



35

Youth placements
across Canada's
green economy



\$758K+

Invested in wage
subsidies, training
and wraparound
support



75%

Participants
remained employed
with host
organizations

"I felt happy to be contributing to work that helped commercial and residential clients generate their own clean energy. This experience taught me that even small roles can make a real impact. I'd want other young people to know that you have to start somewhere even if the role feels small... you are contributing to sustainability and every effort matters big or small."

Green Jobs Youth Participant

"[The Green Jobs Program] provides valuable opportunities for participants to gain real work experience while also supporting organizations with additional team capacity... [Our Green Jobs Participants] demonstrated how motivated young professionals can bring fresh perspectives and strong commitment to sustainability-related work. The main takeaway for other employers is that giving young professionals the opportunity to learn and contribute can bring real value to the team."

Sue da Silva, Powertec Solar Inc, Green Jobs Employer

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2026, Green Jobs will continue into its next phase with renewed funding from Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN), by growing the program's employer network, increasing access to paid placements, and supporting more roles that advance positive environmental outcomes across Canada's green economy.

SE GREEN JOBS

See the programs details at <https://studentenergy.org/green-jobs>

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Canada

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Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN)



STRATEGY 3:

Community Activation

Our strength is our people. Through long-standing programs like **Chapters**, **SES**, and our partnership with **SevenGen**, Student Energy has been strengthening youth collaboration and supporting community-led action worldwide. Under Vision 2030, Student Energy is growing its global community by expanding Chapters, establishing Regional Hubs, and creating more opportunities for young people to come together through convenings and shared learning.

As young people continue to call for faster climate action, building stronger communities and connections will be essential to turning that ambition into collective action.

“While many countries have set net zero targets for 2050 or later, 65.2% of youth respondents want their country to reach net zero emissions by 2030, underscoring the urgency young people place on accelerating the energy transition.”

Global Youth Energy Outlook (p.8)



Chapters

Student Energy Chapters are student-led communities at colleges and universities, that bring together young people passionate about climate and sustainability. Supported through mentorship and a global network of peers, Chapters embody the youth empowerment model central to Student Energy's Theory of Change by enabling local leaders to engage their communities and drive grassroots action that advances the energy transition.

In 2025, Student Energy welcomed 15 new Chapters across 14 countries, growing the network to 60 Chapters spanning 32 countries.



HIGHLIGHT STORY

Student Energy at Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán (UADY) designed and created the Garden of Resilience, a sustainable campus food garden that serves as a living classroom for sustainability, biodiversity, and well-being. The outdoor learning space integrates pollinator gardens with circular economy practices, including organic waste composting and responsible water use. It also serves as a hub for environmental awareness, where students actively engage in climate education and local climate action.

2025 IMPACT



6,100+

Student members active across 60 Chapters worldwide



200+

200+ Chapter-led projects and events delivered worldwide



36,000+

People engaged through Chapter initiatives

“When I joined Student Energy, I had very limited knowledge about energy and the energy transition. Through active participation in the Chapter Program, my understanding and passion for energy have grown significantly. Today, I feel confident discussing energy topics, even as someone whose academic background is not strictly energy-focused. Student Energy has played a major role in shaping my confidence, broadening my horizons, and guiding my interest toward energy and sustainable development.”

Student Energy Chapter President

Chapters

HIGHLIGHT STORY

Student Energy at Nnamdi Azikiwe University (UNIZIK) hosted *Empowering African Students for the Clean Energy Transition*, a two-day virtual summit organized in collaboration with seven Student Energy Chapters across Africa. The summit featured a webinar that demystified the energy transition for African students and a panel of energy professionals from the UK, India, and Nigeria who shared practical guidance on skills, opportunities and career readiness in the sector. Bringing together students, researchers and young professionals from across Africa, the event strengthened collaboration, knowledge exchange and youth empowerment in the global energy transition.

“*[Establishing a Student Energy Chapter at my university] allowed me to connect with motivated students, engage with energy professionals, and create opportunities that would not have existed otherwise.*”

Student Energy Chapter President

SE CHAPTERS

See the programs details at
<https://studentenergy.org/chapters>



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Natural Resources
Canada

Ressources naturelles
Canada

Canada

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

January 2025

Hosted the inaugural Virtual Youth Impact Forum, bringing together more than 1,000 young people from 106 countries for knowledge sharing, networking, and celebration

April - May 2025

Delivered a three-part Career Readiness Workshop Series, equipping Chapter members with practical skills in personal branding, job searching, and interviewing.

October 2025

Hosted Brazilian Voices on COP30: Perspectives Across Generations, creating space for intergenerational dialogue ahead of COP30

November 2025

Closed applications for a redesigned Chapters process, with the new Expression of model launching in February 2026.

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2026, we're launching a new and improved Student Energy Chapters application and look forward to welcoming new Chapters into the community. Building on the momentum of SES 2026, we are also working to establish our first Student Energy Chapter in the Amazon at Centro Universitário de Ensino Superior do Amazonas (CIESA).

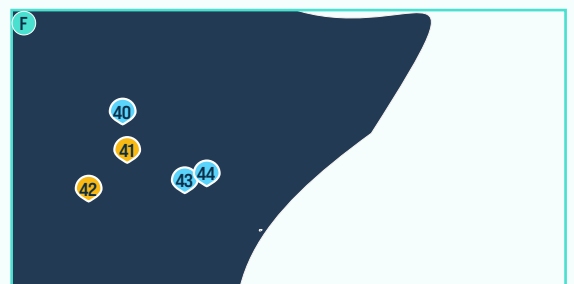
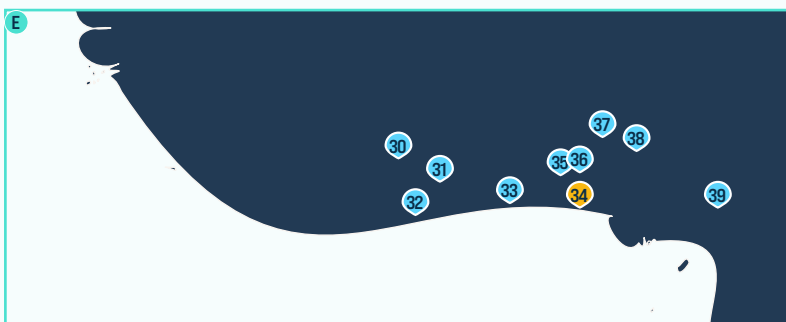
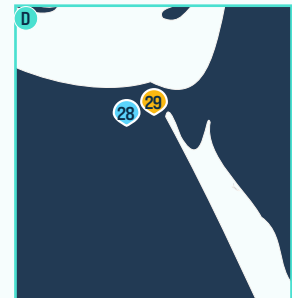
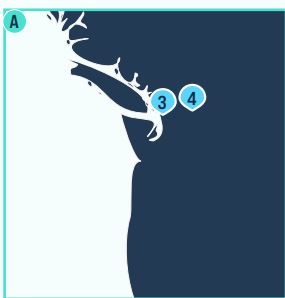
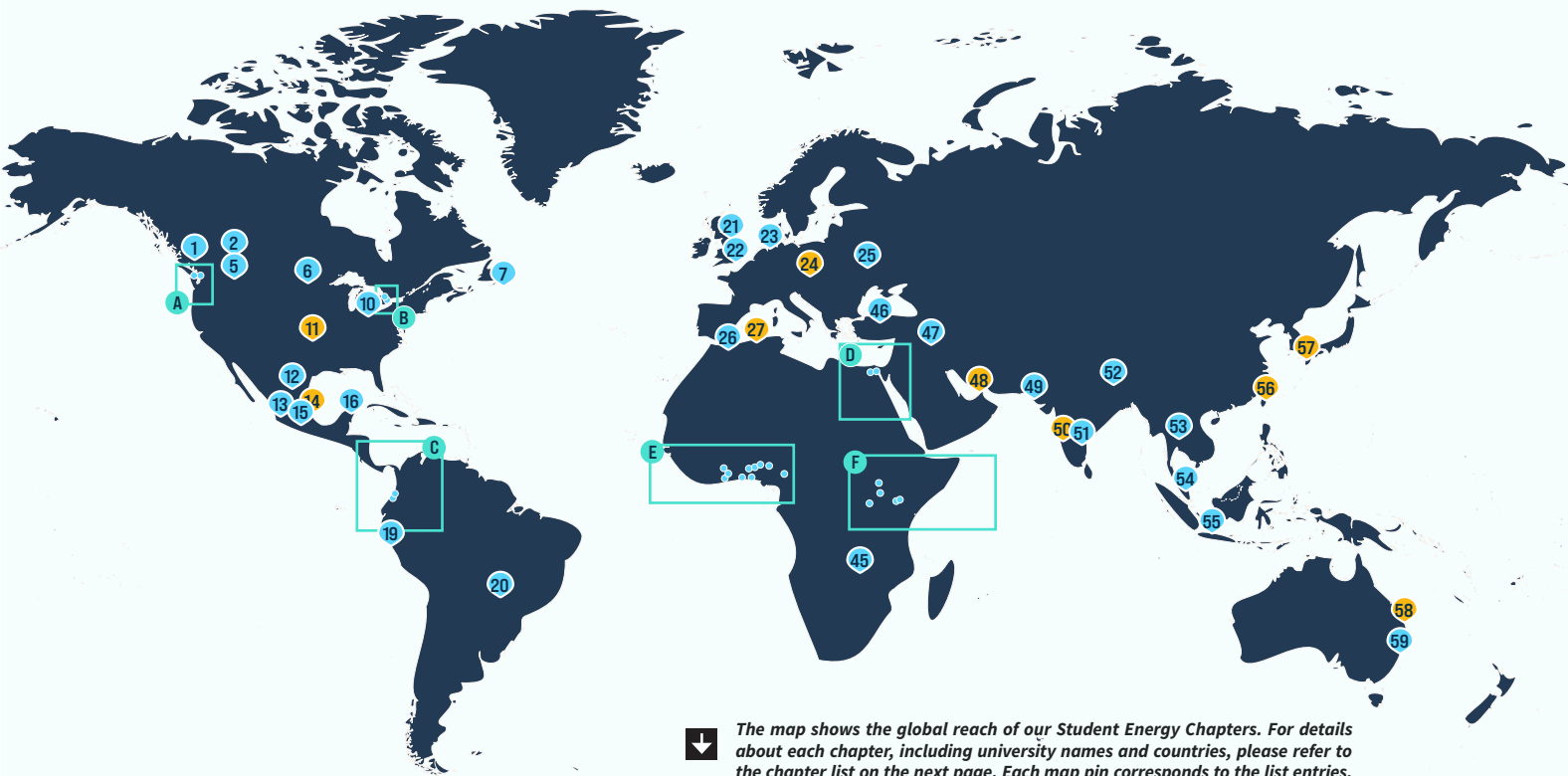
As we work toward Vision 2030, we will continue expanding the Chapters network and strengthening youth collaboration through connected communities around the world.

List of Chapters

Student Energy Chapters is dedicated to building strong communities for young people and providing connections at a global scale. We **supported 73* chapters** in 2025, including **15 new chapters** from **14 countries**.

Active Chapters as of December 31, 2025

● New ● On going



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Chapters

Active Chapters as of December 31, 2025

● New ● On going

#	Chapter	Country
1	University of Northern British Columbia [UNBC]	Canada
2	Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)	Canada
3	University of British Columbia (UBC)	Canada
4	Simon Fraser University (SFU)	Canada
5	University of Calgary (U of C, UCalgary)	Canada
6	University of Manitoba (UM)	Canada
7	Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN)	Canada
8	York University	Canada
9	University of Toronto	Canada
10	University of Western Ontario (UWO)	Canada
11	University of Kansas	United States of America
12	Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education (ITESM, Tec de Monterrey)	Mexico
13	University of Guadalajara (UdeG)	Mexico
14	Higher Technological Institute of Poza Rica (ITSPR)	Mexico
15	National Polytechnic Institute of Mexico (IPN)	Mexico
16	Autonomous University of Yucatan (UADY)	Mexico
17	Yachay University for Experimental Technology and Research (Yachay Tech, UITEY)	Ecuador
18	the Central University of Ecuador (UCE)	Ecuador
19	University of Engineering and Technology (UTEC)	Peru
20	Federal University for Latin American Integration (UNILA)	Brazil
21	University of Durham	United Kingdom
22	The University of Surrey	United Kingdom
23	University of Groningen (UG, RUG)	Netherlands
24	Masaryk University	Czech Republic
25	Institute of International Relations (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Kyiv University, KNU, IIR UA)	Ukraine
26	PAUWES (Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Science)	Algeria
27	University of Boumerdès	Algeria

#	Chapter	Country
28	Cairo University	Egypt
29	The British University in Egypt	Egypt
30	University of Energy and Natural Resources (UENR)	Ghana
31	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)	Ghana
32	University of Mines and Technology (UMaT)	Ghana
33	University of Lomé	Togo
34	University of Lagos (UNILAG)	Nigeria
35	Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta (FUNAAB)	Nigeria
36	First Technical University, Ibadan (Tech-U Ibadan)	Nigeria
37	Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU)	Nigeria
38	Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA)	Nigeria
39	Nnamdi Azikiwe University (UNIZIK,NAU)	Nigeria
40	Gulu University	Uganda
41	Makerere University	Uganda
42	Carnegie Mellon University Africa	Rwanda
43	Multimedia University of Kenya (MMU/ MURES)	Kenya
44	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT)	Kenya
45	University of Zambia (UNZA)	Zambia
46	Middle East Technical University (METU, ODTÜ)	Türkiye
47	University of Kurdistan Hewlêr (UKH)	Iraq
48	American University of Sharjah (AUS)	United Arab Emirates
49	NED University of Engineering & Technology (NEDUET)	Pakistan
50	National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal (NITK)	India
51	Atria University (AU)	India
52	Tribhuvan University (TU)	Nepal
53	Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)	Thailand
54	National University of Singapore (NUS)	Singapore
55	Padjadjaran University (UNPAD)	Indonesia
56	National Cheng Kung University	Taiwan
57	Kyushu University	Japan
58	Queensland University of Technology (QUT)	Australia
59	University of New South Wales	Australia

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Student Energy Summit 2026

The Student Energy Summit (SES) is the world's largest and most diverse youth-led energy event. Since 2009, it has brought together more than **4,000 young people from over 200 countries**, providing them with the space to engage directly with decision-makers and influential leaders shaping their energy future.

Throughout 2025, planning was well underway for the eighth edition of the biennial international Student Energy Summit. In-person gatherings like SES are essential to youth leadership, creating space for knowledge-exchange and building networks for greater impact on energy.

SES 2026 will take place in the heart of the Amazon Rainforest in **Manaus, Brazil**, under the theme *Amazonian Connection: Community Roots, Flourishing Horizons*. The Summit will highlight the intersection of energy and biodiversity, showcasing how a just energy transition can protect vital ecosystems and empower communities to thrive.



SES 2026

STUDENT ENERGY SUMMIT
Community Roots, Flourishing Horizons

ROAD TO SES 2026

Throughout 2025, members of the SES organizing team represented Student Energy at major international energy and climate forums, building partnerships and keeping youth perspectives part of global conversations ahead of SES 2026.

February 2025

Launched applications for the SES 2026 Ambassador Program.

March 2025

Participated in the SEforALL Global Forum and the Amazonas Óleo, Gás & Energia – Expo & Conferência 2025.

June 2025

Participated in the VII BRICS Youth Energy Summit.

September 2025

Rescheduled SES 2026 from late 2025 to February 2026.

October 2025

Launched delegate applications for SES 2026.

November 2025

Participated in the 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30).

December 2025

Published the official SES 2026 Delegate Hub, including self-funding guides, FAQs, and travel information for Manaus.



Student Energy Summit 2026

25

Ambassadors
selected from
more than 1,200
applicants
worldwide

16

2026 organizing
team members



LOOKING AHEAD

In February 2026, SES 2026, hosted in partnership with the Centro Universitário de Ensino Superior do Amazonas (CIESA), will bring together 150 delegates from more than 40 countries in Manaus, Brazil. Over three days, delegates will take part in plenary sessions, hands-on workshops, rainforest excursions, and hackathons exploring the intersection of energy, biodiversity, and community in the Amazon.

Looking beyond SES 2026, Student Energy will launch the bidding process for the next edition of the summit. As we work toward Vision 2030, SES will continue bringing together young people from around the world through global convenings that strengthen collaboration and accelerate youth-led action on the energy transition.



SES 2025

STUDENT ENERGY SUMMIT
Raízes comunitárias, horizontes em expansão

Learn more about Student Energy Summit at

- <https://studentenergy.org/ses/>
- <https://studentenergysummit.org/>

SevenGen

The SevenGen Indigenous Youth Energy Summit brings together Indigenous youth from across so-called Canada to strengthen Indigenous leadership in the energy transition. Rooted in Indigenous knowledge systems and the Seventh Generation Principle, SevenGen creates opportunities for learning, relationship-building, and shared visions for sustainable energy futures.

Throughout 2025, SevenGen focused on laying the foundation for its next Indigenous Youth Energy Summit, planned for Fall 2027 in the Whistler region on the West Coast. Recruitment also began for its Youth Council, receiving 45 applications from Indigenous youth across Turtle Island, with 15 candidates advancing to interviews by year-end. This process will bring new leadership to the Council to help shape SevenGen's vision for 2026 and 2027, ensuring Indigenous perspectives continue to lead and drive the work, in partnership with Student Energy and Indigenous Clean Energy.

SEVENGEN COUNCIL

- Robert Burns (co-chair)
- Wahpikwanees M. Kappo
- Janelle Lapointe
- Joshua N. Kettler
- Serene Parenteau
- Ay'den Abraham
- Andrea Osbourne
- Jordan Brown



SevenGen is inspired by the Lakota prophecy that says the seventh generation will bring and lead change. SevenGen recognizes today's Indigenous youth as that generation — leaders who can drive change and restore peace. Guided by the Seventh Generation Principle, the Summit encourages youth and energy leaders alike to make decisions today that will help create a sustainable world for the next seven generations.

SevenGen

HIGHLIGHT STORY

Attending the SevenGen Indigenous Youth Energy Summit in Iqaluit as a delegate in 2024 inspired Serene Parenteau to join the SevenGen Youth Council. Since becoming a council member, she has developed her collaboration and leadership skills while connecting with Indigenous youth from many different Nations, territories, and regions across Turtle Island.

A Red River Métis woman with roots in Pucktuwagon and Duck Bay, Serene hopes to bring the inspiration and perspectives she has gained through SevenGen back to her community in Northern Manitoba.

“One of the most meaningful parts of this experience has been connecting with Indigenous youth from many different Nations, territories, and regions. Indigenous knowledge is place-based, and bringing together perspectives from across Turtle Island creates stronger conversations, deeper learning, and more effective leadership!”

Serene Parenteau

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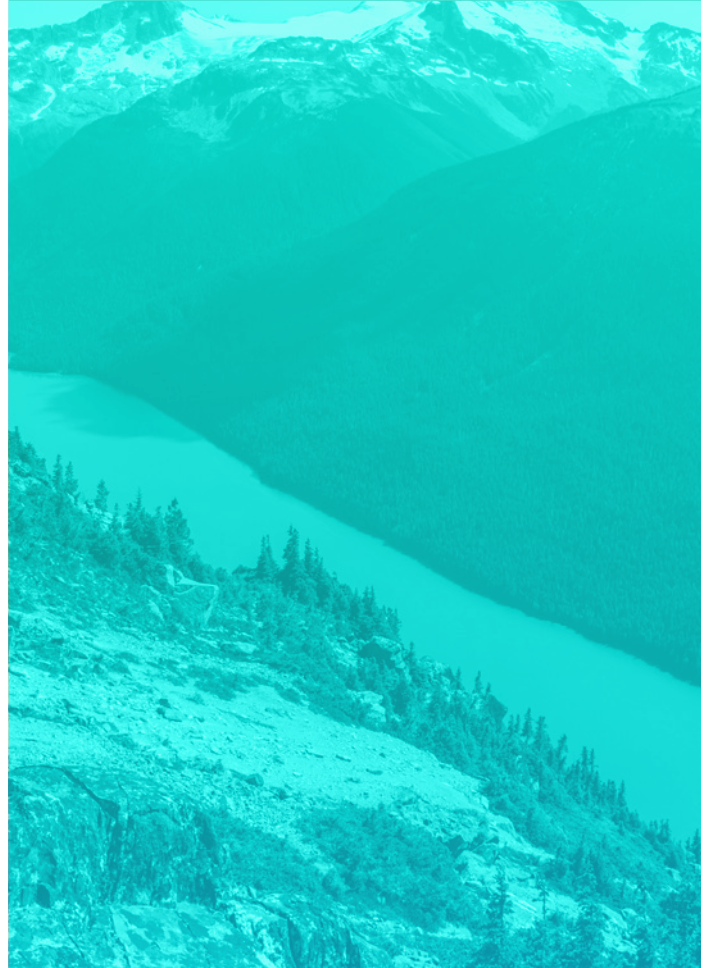
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LOOKING AHEAD

In 2026, SevenGen will continue building toward the next Indigenous Youth Energy Summit, deepening its work under the theme Matriarchy. With its new Youth Council in place, SevenGen will create new opportunities for Indigenous youth to build relationships and shape the Summit ahead of its Fall 2027 gathering in Whistler, British Columbia.

As we work toward Vision 2030, SevenGen remains a space where Indigenous leadership drives the energy transition forward — rooted in relationships and guided by the Seventh Generation Principle.



Connect with us to explore partnerships with SevenGen at sevengen@studentenergy.org

Learn More about SevenGen at <https://studentenergy.org/program/sevengen> and <https://sevengenenergy.org/>

**STRATEGY 4:**

Youth Influencing Policy and Processes

The energy transition and its future systems will be shaped by decisions made today, and built by young people entering their careers now. Young people deserve a seat at the table and agency to design the future they will live in. For Student Energy, meaningful youth engagement means more than including youth voices. It means recognizing young people as capable contributors to the solutions the energy transition requires, and creating opportunities for them to put that capability into action.

Under Vision 2030, Student Energy is institutionalizing youth participation across energy policy and multilateral processes by supporting youth delegations, advancing youth-led research, and advising on inclusive policy processes.

In 2025, this work was advanced through initiatives including the Research and Youth Engagement (RYE) program, the pilot cohort of The Clean Economy Bridge Research Program, and the launch of the Energy Voices Podcast.

“While 1.8 billion young people will be most impacted by long-term climate decisions, youth remain significantly underrepresented in policymaking processes.”

[Student Energy’s Executive Director]



The Clean Economy Bridge (TCB) Research Program

The Clean Economy Bridge Research Program brings together young leaders from Canada, the United States, and Germany to lead policy-relevant research on the clean energy transition while advancing dialogue and cross-border partnerships between Europe and North America.

In 2025, Student Energy partnered with adelphi to launch the Fellowship's pilot cohort with 15 young leaders across the three countries. From August to December, participants collaborated on research exploring AI, sustainable agriculture, climate policy, and clean energy systems before presenting their findings at the Clean Economy Bridge Conference.

2025 IMPACT



12

Young leaders completed the pilot Fellowship



3

Collaborative research outputs delivered



3

Fellows presented their research at the Clean Economy Bridge Conference in Edmonton



PROGRAM IMPACT

Participants highlighted growth in their research methodologies, including learning how to conduct research models, developing interview protocols and structuring findings into cohesive outputs. Fellows also gained a deeper understanding of how energy policy differs across borders through close collaboration with peers from Canada, the United States, and Germany.

The Clean Economy Bridge (TCB) Research Program

HIGHLIGHT STORY

Working on just transition strategies for fossil-fuel dependent economies in Germany, Canada, and the United States gave Hannah Idoko the opportunity to apply economic and policy frameworks to real-world energy transition challenges. Alongside teammates Atharv Agrawal, Annabelle Liao, and Selina Shibata, and with the guidance from Student Energy Advisor Yazan Zamel and adelphi mentor Trisha Kershaw, she contributed to collaborative research while engaging directly with experts in the clean energy sector. The experience deepened her commitment to a clean energy transition that is both equitable and globally coordinated.

I appreciated the opportunity to engage with and interview experts in the clean energy field, which enhanced my understanding of community issues and practical solutions. I developed stronger research adaptability and problem-solving skills. The program improved my ability to conduct policy-relevant research, collaborate across disciplines, and translate insights into impactful solutions.

Hannah Idoko

“*The energy transition demands intentional, sustained collective action, and the youth are not just the future of climate action—they are the present. TCB is a one-of-a-kind program that provides students and young professionals like me the opportunity to dive deep into the granular topics within the transition through rigorous research, meaningful collaboration, as well as expert mentorship.*

Our research on designing worker reskilling programs and policies in fossil-fuel-dependent communities across Canada and the US with inspirations from Germany’s coal transition reaffirmed my belief in this people-centric approach. I hope that it can spark similar conversations among various stakeholders in this space, be it students, young professionals, academics, policymakers, or industry leaders

Maria Kativa

LOOKING AHEAD

The pilot cohort will conclude with a final webinar in February 2026. Preparations for the next cohort will begin in March, ahead of its launch in May of the same year. Delivered with the support from the TCB office and the Climate Diplomacy Action Programme (CDAP) of GIZ, the Fellowship will continue equipping emerging researchers to conduct policy-relevant research and strengthen transatlantic cooperation across Canada, the United States, and Germany.

SEE CLEAN ECONOMY BRIDGE

See the programs details at
<https://studentenergy.org/clean-economy-bridge-research>

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- **75%** of respondents reported that this program helped **increase their presentation and public-speaking skills**.
- **75%** of respondents reported that this program **increased their ability to initiate and plan a research project**.
- **88%** of respondents reported that the program **increased their sense of resilience and confidence** in navigating project challenges.
- **88%** of respondents reported that the program **increased their preparedness for career-related opportunities** in clean energy and sustainability.

RESEARCH REPORT TOPICS



**Energy &
Agriculture**



**Climate &
Resource Security**



**Renewable
Energy
Expansion and
Grid Integration**



**Innovative
Policies
& Market
Mechanisms**



“Participating in the Clean Economy Bridge Research Program was a defining experience in how I approach clean energy research and systems thinking. Through our project on the energy–water–agriculture nexus, I worked on analyzing how the rapid expansion of AI and data centers affects water security and farming communities in the United States and Germany.

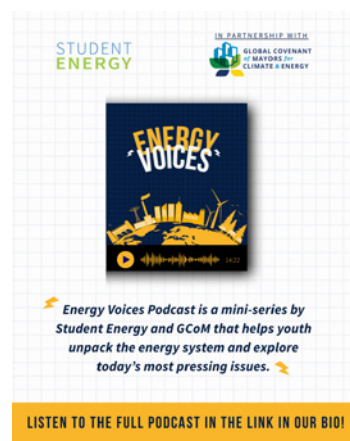
The program pushed me beyond theory, requiring rigorous research, stakeholder interviews, and policy analysis to understand real trade-offs between digital infrastructure, energy systems, and agricultural livelihoods. I particularly valued how the program emphasized governance, equity, and transparency—not just technology—as critical levers for a just clean economy transition.

Ralph Carlo Evidente

Energy Voices Podcast

Energy Voices is Student Energy's educational podcast mini-series that helps young people unpack the energy system and better understand today's most pressing energy and climate issues. Developed in partnership with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM), the eight-episode series makes complex topics more accessible through conversations that bring youth voices together with decision-makers and sector leaders. Across the series, Student Energy hosted interviews with 22 young leaders and leading energy experts, including in-person conversations with high-level stakeholders during COP30 in Belém, Brazil.

In 2025, Student Energy launched the series with a teaser trailer and its first two episodes, exploring climate actions across different levels of governance and the complexities of the Amazon's energy transition.



BACK ON AIR

Originally launched in 2014 as Student Energy's award-winning radio program in partnership with University of Calgary's CJSW 90.9 FM, *Energy Voices* returned in 2025 as a podcast mini-series developed with GCoM.

INSIDE THE SERIES:

Episode 1:

What are the synergies and tensions between city-level and international climate policies and treaties?

Episode 2:

The Amazon's energy dilemma: Can development and decarbonization save the rainforest?

Episode 3:

What does it mean to "keep it in the ground"? Can we actually do it?

Episode 4:

What sectors are actually hard to decarbonize, and why?

Episode 5:

Emerging Energy Solutions: Closing the Gap from Pilot to Scale

Episode 6:

The Demand Side: How can we use less energy while living better?

Episode 7:

What does a locally led energy system look like?

Episode 8:

10 Years Since the Paris Agreement, who actually kept their promises?

Energy Voices Podcast



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 <https://open.spotify.com/show/5PcjETvohmfWmXuhtJoksh?si=e0482c7ad6bc43b6>

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2026, Student Energy will complete the Energy Voices mini-series with the release of its remaining six episodes, culminating in May with *10 Years Since the Paris Agreement, Who Actually Kept Their Promises?* Once complete, the series will remain freely accessible as an enduring educational resource, complementing Student Energy's Energy System Map by helping young people deepen their understanding of energy systems and the complex issues shaping the energy transition.



Learn more about Energy Voices at
<https://studentenergy.org/energy-voices>

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Climate and Energy (GCoM)

Research & Youth Engagement

Student Energy leads a series of youth-led research projects under the **Research and Youth Engagement (RYE)** program that aim to close critical data gaps on youth and energy while engaging young people and industry and government stakeholders to help translate research into action. The program also fosters youth engagement through collaborations, advisory councils, and conference support.

In 2025, Student Energy expanded this work through the Youth Impact Framework Pilot Cohort, its role as Coordinator of the Clean Energy Ministerial's Empowering People Initiative (CEM EPI), supporting youth participation at COP30, and contributions to global advisory councils.

HIGHLIGHT STORY

Five students from the Student Energy at Gulu University (GU) Chapter participated in the Youth Impact Framework Pilot Cohort to help scale their clean energy project producing affordable briquettes from agricultural waste. Developed in response to Uganda's ban on commercial charcoal trade, the project promotes sustainable cooking practices and aims to grow into a community-level SME.

Throughout the cohort, the team refined its pitch deck and narrative canvas for potential funders and supporters while strengthening how it communicates the project's impact. Participants learned the value of using tangible statistics and began to see local households not just as beneficiaries, but as co-creators and word-of-mouth advocates. They also came to recognize that students and households play distinct roles in their theory of change. The experience increased the team's confidence in engaging funders and partners, and they plan to apply these learnings to both their green charcoal project and broader Chapter activities.

2025 SNAPSHOT



10

Youth teams supported across 8 countries participated in the Youth Impact Framework Pilot Cohort



4

Youth delegates supported to attend COP30



5

Youth-led sessions hosted or co-hosted at COP30



3

Global advisory councils and committees with youth representation from Student Energy



Research & Youth Engagement

YOUTH IMPACT FRAMEWORK PILOT COHORT

Hosted the Youth Impact Framework Pilot Cohort in partnership with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), supporting 10 youth teams across 8 countries to strengthen the impact measurement and visibility of their energy and climate initiatives through training, mentorship, and communications support.

CLEAN ENERGY MINISTERIAL – EMPOWERING PEOPLE INITIATIVE (CEM EPI)

Served as Coordinator of CEM EPI in collaboration with the Government of Canada and the European Commission, helping advance inclusive, people-centred workforce development for the global clean energy transition while elevating youth perspectives.

COP30 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Supported youth representation at the 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) through a delegation of 4 youth, and hosted or co-hosted 5 youth-led sessions to enhance the meaningful participation of youth at high-level convenings and ensure youth perspectives are mainstreamed across discussions.

GLOBAL ADVISORY COUNCILS

Contributed youth representation to 3 global advisory councils and committees: the Enel Foundation Scientific Committee, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Youth Council and the Youth Energy Transition Commission (YETC), helping advance inclusive policy processes and initiatives with diverse global energy stakeholders.

LOOKING AHEAD

In June 2026, Student Energy will release *Building the Clean Energy Workforce of Tomorrow: Global Best Practices for Attracting Youth to the Clean Energy Workforce* in collaboration with the Clean Energy Ministerial's Empowering People Initiative. Examining workforce development programs across 10 countries, the report provides recommendations to better attract and support young people entering the clean energy workforce.

Building on this work, RYE will continue advancing youth-led research and meaningful youth engagement, supporting Vision 2030's commitment to strengthening youth participation in energy policy and decision-making.



SE RESEARCH & YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

See the programs details at
<https://studentenergy.org/research>

Looking Ahead



Looking Ahead: Growing with Ambition

As we move into 2026, Student Energy is carrying forward the intentionality that shaped our work in 2025. Our focus for the year ahead is on strengthening the programs and partnerships already creating meaningful opportunities for young people and taking

that work further with greater depth and long-term value. Rather than measuring ambition by scale alone, we are committed to ensuring that our work remains responsive to young people's needs and creates an impact that lasts.

Here is how this work will move forward in 2026:

1 Deepen our investment in young people. Renewing Green Jobs and Guided Projects will keep financial and practical support flowing directly to young people. In its second year, Green Jobs will continue funding paid roles, and the next Guided Projects cohort will support three youth-led teams in Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario, and British Columbia as they deliver community-based solar PV initiatives. By pairing financial backing with mentorship and project development support, these programs will help young people gain sector experience, lead tangible work in their communities, and develop the capacity to carry that work forward.



2 Connect more youth to meaningful, sustainable energy employment. Meaningful employment requires more than access to a first role; young people also need the skills, support, and professional relationships to progress. Green Jobs will broaden paid entry points into Canada's clean energy and natural resources sectors by expanding its employer network, with greater attention to Northern and Indigenous organizations. Insights from the Women in Energy Africa cohort will shape the next phase of Career Training, helping align its curriculum, participant support, and partnerships more closely with what young people need to enter and thrive in the workforce. This work will also help employers connect with and develop the emerging talent needed for the energy transition.

Here is how this work will move forward in 2026:

3

Strengthen connections among our community of changemakers.

Strong communities depend on sustained opportunities to connect, exchange knowledge, and shape shared action. SES 2026 will mark a significant milestone by bringing Student Energy's global community to Manaus, in the heart of the Amazon. A renewed Chapters application, supported by stronger reporting and engagement processes, will improve how student-led communities are welcomed and supported across the network. SevenGen's new Youth Council will shape the next Indigenous Youth Energy Summit, keeping Indigenous youth leadership central to its direction.



4

Foster more inclusive and youth-responsive policy processes.

Young people need more than opportunities to be heard; they need meaningful influence over the decisions shaping the energy transition. This year, we will strengthen the pathways that bring youth-led research and lived experience into policy conversations and decision-making spaces. The next TCB Clean Economy Bridge Research Fellowship cohort, and continued Research and Youth Engagement work will support more sustained youth participation. Completing Energy Voices will extend these perspectives into wider public dialogue, helping shape not only the discussion, but the policies and systems that follow.



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We Need You to Join the Movement

Student Energy relies on the generous contributions of partners and individuals committed to supporting a young generation of people bringing energy and climate solutions to their communities. We invite you or your organization to join us and invest in the programs, education, and youth-led projects needed to build a climate safe, energy resilient future for all.

→ Reach out to our Executive Director directly to talk about how we can collaborate together:
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Connecting with our Community

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Speaking
Engagement

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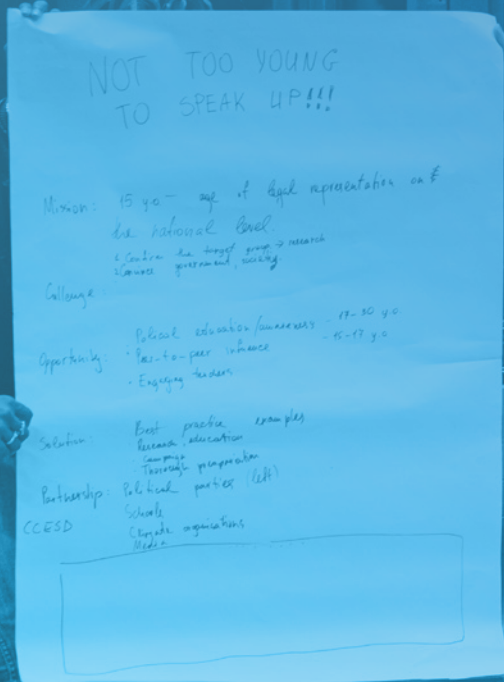
Conferences
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Publications
& Media



Speaking Engagements

JANUARY

15 **Helen Watts: Pathways to Impactful Sustainability Careers** (Zayed Sustainability Prize Forum) — (Abu Dhabi, UAE)

16 **Helen Watts: Voices of Tomorrow: Empowering Youth as Climate Leaders** (Zayed Sustainability Prize Forum) — (Abu Dhabi, UAE) Helen attended the Zayed Sustainability Prize Forum 2025 as one of their Selection Committee Members, and had the opportunity to moderate two engaging panels focused on youth empowerment and leadership.

16 **Yazan Zamel: I4C Final Pitch Day — Reimagining Access to Water in Arid Regions through Sustainable Desalination Systems** (Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week) — (Abu Dhabi, UAE)

FEBRUARY

13 **Ifeanyi Ohanyere: Radio Now 95.3 FM Interview** — (Lagos, Nigeria)

MARCH

12 **Helen Watts: Enter the Shark Tank – Battle of the Innovators and Changemakers** (Sustainable Energy for All Forum) — (Bridgetown, Barbados)

19 **Helen Watts: Carrying the Baton: Youth-led Transatlantic Collaboration on the Clean Economy** (Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue) — (Berlin, Germany)

MAY

22 **Ifeanyi Ohanyere: Youth in Energy Transition (4th Biennial Commonwealth Sustainable Energy Forum)** — (London, UK)
This session highlighted how the Commonwealth Sustainable Energy Transition (CSET) Youth Action Group, established under the CSET Agenda, enables youth to participate and influence energy transition within the Commonwealth and globally. Here, Ifeanyi had the opportunity to highlight the work of Student Energy's Guided Projects program.

JUNE

4 **Helen Watts: Driving Sustainability: Collaborative Approach Decarbonising the Transformer Supply Chain** (CWIEME Berlin 2025) — (Berlin, Germany)

4 **Helen Watts: Innovation Through Diversity: How Women are Shaping the Future of Engineering** (CWIEME Berlin 2025) — (Berlin, Germany)

25-27 **Helen Watts: From Dis- and Misinformation to Momentum: Reclaiming the Narrative in a Digital Age** (Lisbon Future Dialogue) — (Lisbon, Portugal) In this panel, Helen had the opportunity to leverage Student Energy's strategic communications expertise to explore how to move away from dis- and misinformation and fragmentation, and towards trust, momentum, and a compelling public narrative for renewables.

27 **Helen Watts, Shakti Ramkumar: Climate Solutions Innovation Forum Webinar** — (virtual)

JULY

7 **Helen Watts: From Pipeline to Offtake: Unlocking Demand for Green Industrial Development** (Global Green Industrialization Dialogue) — (Vienna, Austria)

SEPTEMBER

12 **Helen Watts: Canadian Youth Climate Assembly (CYCA) Panel Discussion: Reducing emissions in oil & gas sector** — (virtual)

OCTOBER

3 **Helen Watts: UNDP Future of Work Academy** — (virtual)

8 **Helen Watts: NextGen Energy: Youth Associations Shaping the Energy Workforce** (European Youth Energy Forum) — (Catania, Italy)

10 **Helen Watts: Youth as Drivers of New Energy Consumption Patterns** (European Youth Energy Forum) — (Catania, Italy)

12 **Andrea Balcázar González, Ifeanyi Ohanyere: Empowering the Next Generation: Stories from Student Energy** (YOUNGO's Virtual COP for Children and Youth) — (virtual)

25 **Andrea Balcázar González: Pre-COP30 Capacity Building Session for Latin American Youth on Just Energy Transition** — (virtual)

NOVEMBER

21 **Abduljalel Wadouh, Brett McMillan, Kareem Youssef: Roundtable with Minister Patty Hajdu & MP Corey Hogan** — (Calgary, Canada) Members of the Student Energy and Student Energy at the University of Calgary Chapter teams had the chance to meet with the Honourable Patty Hajdu, federal Minister of Jobs and Families, and Member of Parliament Corey Hogan to discuss opportunities for youth workforce development, emphasizing strong partnerships with Indigenous communities and the need for more practical and transferable skills for youth.

12 **Jonathan Ramos: Youth Driving the Energy Transition: Skills, Innovation, and Partnerships for a Decarbonized Future (COP30)** — (Belém, Brazil)

13 **Shakti Ramkumar: Youth Dialogue on Green Employment Opportunities (COP30)** — (Belém, Brazil)

14 **Shakti Ramkumar: Jobs, Skills, and Climate: Realizing Equitable Transitions (COP30)** — (Belém, Brazil) In this event hosted by the COP30 Presidency Youth Climate Champion, Shakti contributed insights related to Student Energy's role in within the Action Agenda, discussing how to deepen youth participation and sharing existing work and contributions.

14 **Helen Watts: Youth as Global Actors in the Energy Transition & Working Group Formation (UNDP Regional Advocacy Lab)** — (Chişinău, Moldova)

16 **Helen Watts: From Local Action to Global Impact (UNDP Regional Advocacy Lab)** — (Chişinău, Moldova)

17 **Shakti Ramkumar: Youth on the Action Agenda (COP30)** — (Belém, Brazil)

19 **Helen Watts: Fireside Chat: Future of Work – Skills for Tomorrow (UNDP Istanbul Development Dialogues)** — (Istanbul, Turkey)

25 **Helen Watts: Ingenious+ Mentorship Evening** — (virtual)

Events Hosted*

JANUARY

- 30 Virtual Youth Impact Forum

NOVEMBER

- 10 Youth-Led Insights: Co-creating a Just and Inclusive Energy Future (COP30), in partnership with European Commission DG Energy and EYEN — (Belém, Brazil)
- 14 Youth Leadership Matters: Building Momentum for Inclusive and Actionable NDCs, in partnership with Care About Climate — (Belém, Brazil)
- 15 Concept Becomes Reality: Youth and Innovation in the Future of Energy, in partnership with GE Vernova — (Belém, Brazil)
- 18 Showcasing Global Youth Innovation in the Energy Transition, in partnership with Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) — (Belém, Brazil) Co-hosted in partnership with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, this roundtable highlighted the significant potential of youth-led work to foster progress towards the energy transition and climate action, emphasizing how young people can collaborate with local government leaders who are also working towards shared goals.



- 19 Solutions from the Frontlines: Scaling Innovation from the Most Affected People and Areas, in partnership with Ashden — (Belém, Brazil)

*Not including virtual events hosted via programs



Committees & Networks

- ▶ Clean Energy Ministerial's Empowering People Initiative (EPI)
- ▶ Clean Energy Ministerial's Equal by 30
- ▶ Clinton Global Initiative's (CGI) Climate Resilience Network
- ▶ COP30 Activation Group 18 (Education, capacity-building and job creation to address climate change)
- ▶ Enel Foundation Scientific Committee
- ▶ Global Sustainable Alliance for Energy
- ▶ International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Youth Council
- ▶ Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) Network
- ▶ Shake Up the Establishment's Infiltrate The System (ITS) Network
- ▶ UN-Energy Compact Network
- ▶ UN Global Compact Network
- ▶ Youth Energy Transition Commission (YETC)



Conferences Attended

JANUARY

- 9 - 13** IRENA Youth Forum @ the 15th IRENA Assembly (Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week) — (Abu Dhabi, UAE)
- 14 - 16** World Future Energy Summit — (Abu Dhabi, UAE)
- 14 - 16** Zayed Sustainability Prize Forum (Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week) — (Abu Dhabi, UAE)
- 27 - 29** Africa Energy Summit 2025 — (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)

FEBRUARY

- 10 - 13** Leading Change Summit and GlobeXChange — (Toronto, Canada)
- 20** EHRC 12th Annual Awards of Excellence — (Toronto, Canada)

MARCH

- 11 - 14** Sustainable Energy for All Forum — (Bridgetown, Barbados)
- 18 - 19** Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue 2025 — (Berlin, Germany)

MAY

- 20 - 23** 4th Biennial Commonwealth Sustainable Energy Forum — (London, UK)
- 28** Ingenious+ National Ceremony — (Ottawa, Canada)
- 29** Governor General's Innovation Awards Ceremony — (Ottawa, Canada)

JUNE

- 3 - 5** CWIEME Berlin 2025 — (Berlin, Germany)
- 16 - 18** TED Countdown Summit 2025 — (Nairobi, Kenya)
- 25 - 27** Lisbon Future Dialogue — (Lisbon, Portugal)

JULY

- 7 - 8** Global Green Industrialization Dialogue (GGID) — (Vienna, Austria)
- 14** Enel Foundation Scientific Meeting — (Rome, Italy)

OCTOBER

- 6 - 10** European Youth Energy Forum (EYEF) — (Catania, Italy)
- 12** YOUNGO's Virtual COP for Children and Youth — (virtual)
- 15** Clean50 Summit — (Toronto, Canada)
- Youth Civic Engagement — (Toronto, Canada)

NOVEMBER

- 13 - 21** 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) — (Belém, Brazil)
- 14 - 16** UNDP Regional Advocacy Lab — (Chişinău, Moldova)
- 18 - 19** UNDP Istanbul Development Dialogues — (Istanbul, Turkey)



Awards & Recognition

► 2025 Governor General's Innovation Award Recipient — Student Energy*

The Innovation Awards recognize and celebrate outstanding Canadian individuals, teams and organizations—trailblazers and creators who contribute to our country's success, who help shape our future and who inspire the next generation.

► Best Energy Transition Engagement Initiative 2025 (Sustainable Buildings Award) — Student Energy

► Youth-Led Innovation in Sustainable Energy Award 2025 (Sustainable Buildings Award) — Student Energy

► Corporate Knights 30 Under 30 2025 — Yazan Zamel

► Clean50 2025 — Helen Watts

Publications & Media

- ▶ **Helping farmers access cheaper power with solar panels** — *January 13, 2025*



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- ▶ **Six recipients from across Canada recognized for their ground-breaking work and excellence in Innovation** — *May 9, 2025*

- ▶ **Canada Invests in Green Jobs for Youth** — *May 28, 2025*

- ▶ **Young leaders are paving the way for a cleaner future** — *here's how they're doing it* — *November 5, 2025*

Podcast Episode

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Episode Description

Elizabeth Wangeci Chege and Anant Wadhwa sit down with Helen Watts, the Executive Director of Student Energy, to explore the power of community and youth innovation in the transition towards clean energy. They discuss the ... [Show more](#)

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Energy 101 Videos

Our Energy 101 videos showcase informative animated videos on the energy system. This list shows the total lifetime views from Student Energy's YouTube channel and the most viewed Energy 101 videos.



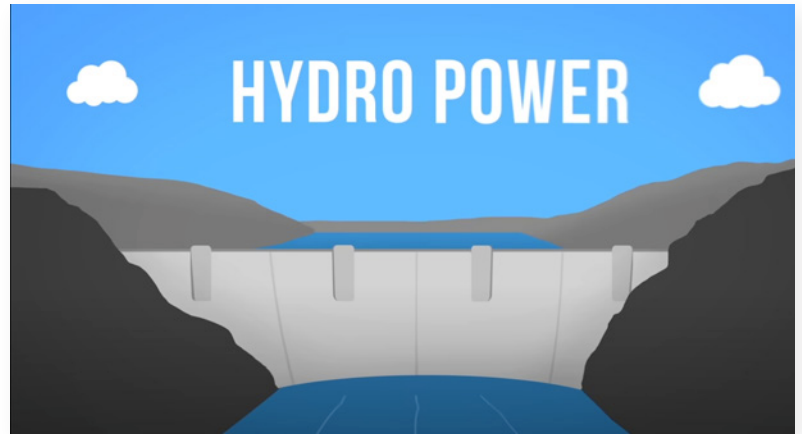
17.5

million views



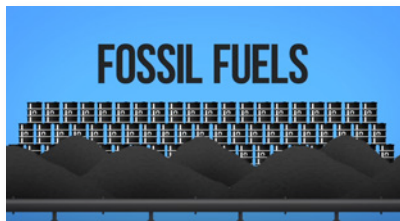
71.9K

subscribers



4.03 million views

Hydropower 101



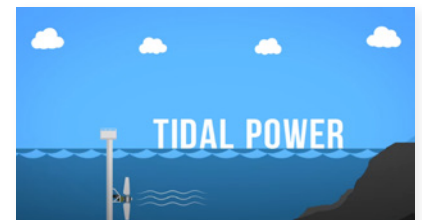
2.75 million views

Fossil Fuels 101



2.27 million views

Natural Gas 101



1.8 million views

Tidal Power 101



688k views

Geothermal 101



682k views

Renewable Energy 101



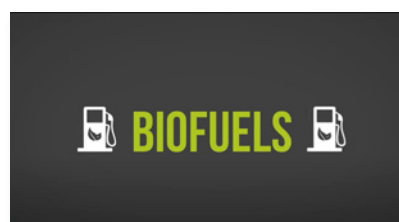
664k views

Coal 101



537k views

Wind Power 101



497k views

Biofuels 101



477k views

Nuclear 101



<https://www.youtube.com/@studentenergy>

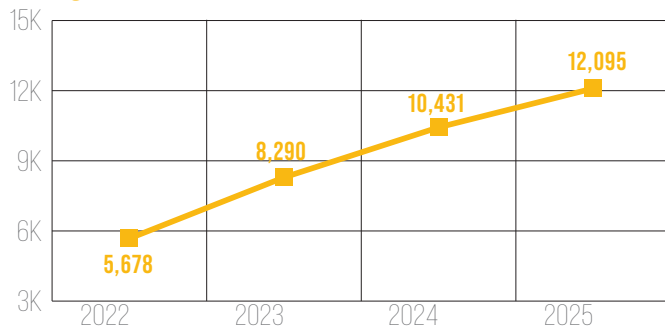
Social Media

Student Energy's social media presence continues to grow across key platforms, helping us connect with more youth around the world in the energy transition.

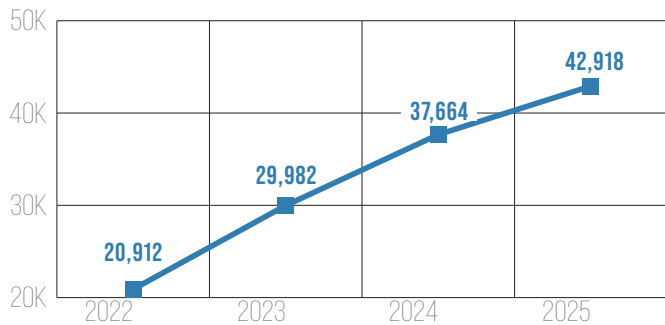
Student Energy is active on Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook, Threads, Bluesky, YouTube, and Tiktok.

Below is a snapshot of our follower growth on our top-performing platforms from 2022 to 2025:

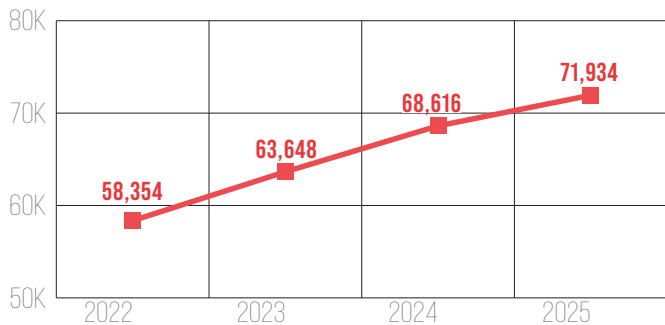
Instagram @studentenergy



LinkedIn /studentenergy



Youtube /studentenergy



Website

The Student Energy website is the best place to get to know our organization and what we do. It holds information about our programs and youth stories. In early 2025, we launched an updated homepage design making navigation and accessibility easy for users who want to explore our site.

+78k
Users

205.6k
views

 www.studentenergy.org



Energy Systems Map

The Energy System Map is a free, interactive ed-tech platform that brings energy information to young people, paired with animated videos and deep dive resources.

19.9k
Map web
views in
2025

12.7k
Map Users
in 2025

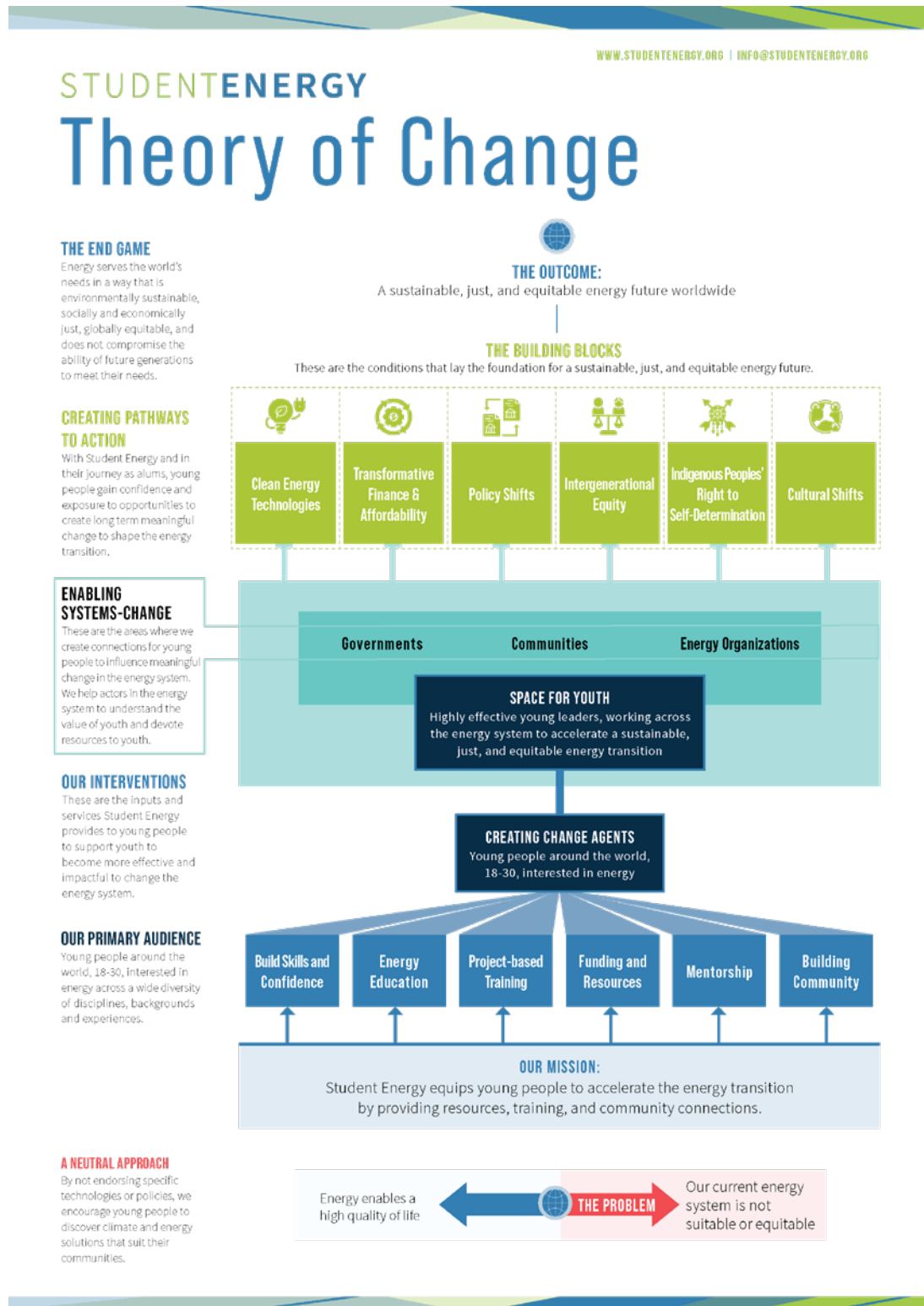
14.3M
All-time
views

 www.studentenergy.org/map

Theory of Change

Student Energy's Theory of Change defines the end goal we are working toward: a sustainable and equitable energy future. It uses backwards mapping to illustrate how our work creates the conditions needed to achieve that goal.

We build change agents who help accelerate the energy transition, and create space within existing institutions in the energy system for youth to act and shape their energy future.



Partners and Finance



Finance



Student Energy is committed to the transparent and accountable stewardship of the resources entrusted to us. Our 2025 financial statements have been thoroughly audited by Tompkins and Wozny, continuing our longstanding practice of comprehensive external audits. Detailed financial reports are available at: <https://studentenergy.org/about/annual-reports-and-finances>.

Breakdown of Funding Sources and Expenditures

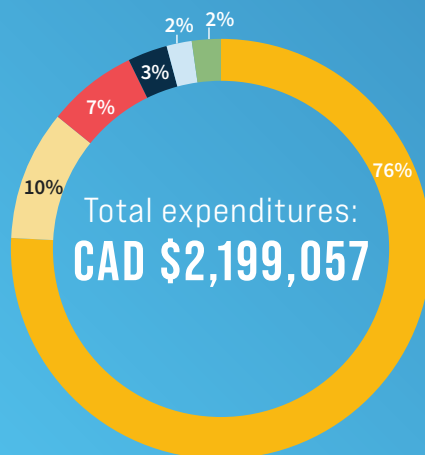
The following provides a breakdown of Student Energy's funding sources and expenditures by broad category for the 2025 fiscal year.

Total revenue for 2025 was CAD \$1,628,990. Government grants represented the largest share at 43%, followed by foundations and trusts at 39% and corporate contributions at 16%. Philanthropic contributions accounted for 1%, with less than 1% coming from other sources.

Total expenditures for 2025 were CAD \$2,199,057. Program costs represented 76% of expenditures, followed by administration at 10% and communications at 7%. The remaining expenditures were allocated to technology, professional services, and fundraising.

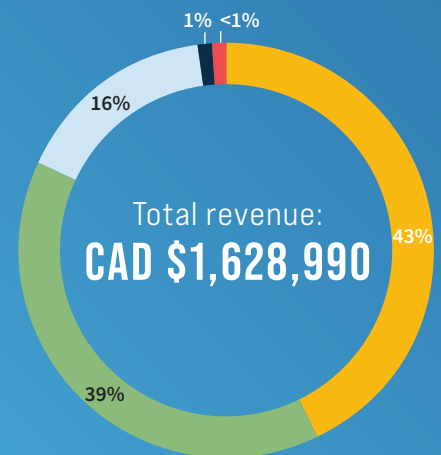
EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

Program Costs:	CAD \$1,661,288
Administration:	CAD \$221,259
Communications:	CAD \$164,318
Technology:	CAD \$61,393
Professional Services:	CAD \$51,806
Fundraising:	CAD \$38,993



FUNDING SOURCES BY BROAD CATEGORY

Government Grants:	CAD \$700,346
Foundations & Trusts:	CAD \$642,840
Corporate Contributions:	CAD \$265,180
Philanthropy:	CAD \$12,804
Other:	CAD \$7,820



Partners

2025 Funding Partners



BC Hydro



The Co-operators



Environment and
Climate Change Canada

Environnement et
Changement climatique Canada

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)



Enel Foundation



Global Covenant of Mayors for
Climate and Energy (GCoM)



Gore Mutual Insurance
Foundation



McConnell Foundation



Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)



North Family Foundation



Ontario Power Generation



Peter Gilgan Foundation



RBC Foundation



Trottier Foundation



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2025 Strategic Partners



The Clean Economy Bridge



Clean Energy Ministerial



International Energy Agency



The Energy Institute

ALLIANCES:



UN Energy



Global Alliance for
Sustainable Energy



CGI



United Nations



High-level Dialogue on Energy
New York, September 2021

UN Global Compact Network

Partners

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS:



European Youth Energy Network



Green Africa Youth Organization



Observatório Latinoamericano de Geopolítica Energética (OLAGE)

Program Partners



Enel Foundation



GAYO



Clean Technology Hub



HuluSolar



Women in Energy Sierra Leone Limited



Sustainable Energy for All (SEforAll)



Skyfire



Powertech



Execon Roofing and Solar



Ensol Systems



Winnipeg Trails Association



Siksika Housing



Beetbox Farm



Xʷéičəsəm Garden



Leading Globally



Board of Directors

Meet Student Energy's Board of Directors. As a global youth-led organization, we value a Board that brings the perspectives needed to guide our strategic direction and uphold strong governance. The Board of Directors contributes expertise across international sustainable development, energy entrepreneurship, finance and accounting, and organizational leadership.



Global Team

The global team at Student Energy is an integral part of our organization. From diverse backgrounds and expertise, our team works to educate, inspire, and empower the next generation of energy leaders. Get to know our team from around the world.



Past Team Members:

Clarís Canta
Director of Programs

A E Persaud
People & Culture Manager

Nina Seime Bot-Timothy
Career Training Manager

Robert Burns
SevenGen Manager

Samantha Casey
Partnerships Coordinator

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