

This year, I have the honour and pleasure to be at the forefront of environmental changemaking in Halton Region, and likely soon, even bigger places, through participation in Halton Climate Collective's Generation Green Initiative. Over 75 youth from Gr.7-12 unified with the goal of tangibly reducing greenhouse gas emissions set out to realize their ideas and initiatives, backed by a powerhouse of unconditionally supportive and motivating mentors. Experienced, diverse, and open, the facilitators never shied away from an opportunity to inspire or aid a student, regardless of the daunting and seemingly impossible to touch nature of the climate crisis. Most of all, I really have come to appreciate the basis in fact HCC has enforced with its project – requiring a calculation or estimation of reduced emissions is a reminder that actions by “everyday” individuals, especially youth, can have a resonating impact, disproving the belief that our efforts can only ever be naïve and flimsy.

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