

About Beyond21 Academy

We're a Canadian non-profit driving lasting climate action through accessible, hands-on sustainability education. Our programs empower learners, leaders, and changemakers to build a circular, net-zero future. With support from partners and sponsors, many of our courses are subsidized to remove financial barriers for students and newcomers.



Climate Action

Mobilizing environmental initiatives to mitigate climate change and enhance resilience.



Capacity Building

Empowering individuals and organizations with the skills needed to action sustainable practices.



Applied Research

Fostering innovative solutions through research that addresses real-world sustainability challenges.

2025 Highlights

- Established the Living Lab in Mount Hope, Ontario - a four acre research and learning centre
- Selected as 1 of 10 recipients of [Scotiabank's Climate Action Research Fund](#) (2024 cohort) to advance carbon sequestration research in Miyawaki forest design
- Developed and delivered training in [Climate Action through Carbon Sequestration](#) in collaboration with Long Point EcoAdventures with support from the Government of Canada
- Launched the [Pocket Forest Hub](#), an all-in-one digital resource for exploring, planning, implementing, and tracking carbon sequestration of small scale urban and peri-urban forests
- Delivered [Low Impact Development micro-credential](#) in partnership with McMaster University's W Booth of Engineering Practice and Technology, in partnership with the Sustainable Technology Evaluation Program and supported by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Introduced free online training, [Getting Started with Pocket Forests](#) - helping learners build foundational knowledge of nature-based carbon sequestration and taking local action



15

courses
delivered



7368

training
hours



68

communities
across 7 provinces



21

pocket forests
planted



\$9.40*

democratized
cost/hour

* **democratized cost/hour** represents the average cost paid directly by learners to participate in expert-led, live training

Living Lab & Learning Centre

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Mount Hope, Ontario
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Our Vision for 2026

We will continue to create opportunities for young people, new Canadians, and professionals to take meaningful climate action through impact-focused, experiential education. In 2025, we secured land to create our Living Lab to support our existing training, applied research, and development of resources that will be made available through in-person community events. For our broader, global community - our newly launched Pocket Forest Hub acts as a central point of learning, information, and support for local action in their communities. Our efforts towards circular economy in the built environment will be realized through a program in collaboration with our academic partners with physical and virtual spaces for hand-on learning in material circularity and design.

2026 Priorities



Accessible Education

Cost is not the only barrier

A common challenge for new learners is the lack of experience or academic credentials to enter a training program. In 2025, we developed a learning platform that will remove this barrier. Our online, free programming not only provides the opportunity for individuals to complete training at their own pace but it also levels the playing field for youth, unemployed/underemployed individuals, and new Canadians to participate in training. The online courses act as pre-requisites for live courses that are connected to certificates from post-secondary institutions and professional bodies.



The Living Lab Experience

Connecting people to nature

In 2025, we established our Living Lab in Mount Hope, Ontario. The four acres property allows us to engage learners and community groups to actively participate in the science of climate action. Learners, volunteers, researchers and school/community groups have access to the property as part of our training, research, and events. The locations hosts a collection of Pocket Forest research plots that will be expanded in 2026. Individuals can participate in climate action through our Living Lab as learners, visitors, or citizen scientists supporting research.



Beyond our Fenceline

It takes a village

As our reach increases, our ability to create impact lies in our community partners, stewards, and champions across Canada. In 2026, we will be launching programs to support the adoption of our resources in other communities through public institutions and with private citizens. Specifically, as of 2026 our Pocket Forest Hub will allow individuals to design and plant their own forests with our guidance. More importantly, the Hub acts as a database with a page for each member and forest to track critical metrics including carbon sequestered, creating a distributed and measurable tool for climate action.



Learning & Resource Hubs

A picture is worth a 1000 words

As of 2025, we have three distinct, publicly accessible locations that connect directly back to our online Hubs. This connects practical application to the research, resources, and tools available to learners and the broader community. Further to this, we will be working with our academic partners to establish a physical and virtual materials library to support home design and tourism accommodations. These physical locations will allow for a tactile approach to learning and support decision-making around circularity and climate action in nature and the built environment.

Our Goals for 2026



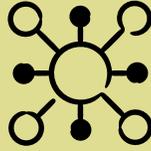
24

courses delivered



480

individuals trained



700

visitors to our sites



180

pocket forests planted



<\$8

democratized cost/hour

Strategic Position to Create Impact

Academic and Institutional Partnerships

Our partnerships with post-secondary academic and institutional organizations allows us to offer learning pathways that are accessible for professionals, youth, and new Canadians while providing recognized skills and certification. We offer pathways for learning and action in formats and timelines that larger institutions are often unable to support.

Accessible Knowledge Grounded in Applied Research

Our team is uniquely positioned across academia, industry, and research. The combination of these skillsets allows for deep understanding of topics and the expertise to synthesize complex concepts into practical resources and tools for students, professionals, and organizations. We are a trusted source for knowledge with a unique mission to make that knowledge broadly and freely accessible.

Democratization Model

Additional revenue streams through a fee for service model allows us to take on projects that are aligned with our existing expertise in post-secondary education, professional education course development and delivery, and resource development through applied research. This allows us to provide value to those organizations while utilizing the earned revenue to further reduce the cost to learners and our mission of democratizing access to sustainability education.

Funding Shift

Our long-term sustainability and the impact we create relies on a balanced revenue stream. The [Climate Leader](#) and [Climate Champion](#) program are two examples of our plans to enhance our corporate and private fundraising. Our applied research provides further opportunities to enhance our services to other organizations. We anticipate that public funding will remain at a similar level that, in combination with the other revenue streams, will allow us to further reduce costs for participants.

