



## **BYTE seeks to engage young voters in all-candidates forum**

Event date: October 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7  
Baked Café  
Free

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BYTE is seeking to engage young voters in the lead-up to the federal election with an all-candidates forum for youth. The event will take place on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Baked Café and targets young voters and young prospective voters aged 18-35.

All four Yukon federal candidates—Ryan Leef, Larry Bagnell, Melissa Atkinson, and Frank De Jong—have confirmed that they will attend the event, which will be moderated by BYTE’s Communications Coordinator Kara Johancsik

“Young Yukoners are much less likely to vote than older generations,” says Johancsik. “Our goal with this forum is to put youth issues on the federal candidates’ agendas and to educate young people about federal party platforms with respect to issues that affect them.”

The event is part of BYTE’s Yukon Youth Want campaign, a non-partisan social media campaign that asks young Yukoners to share youth issues with local politicians. BYTE has been collecting photographs of young people from across the territory holding up their own statement of what Yukon youth want and posting them to the [BYTE Facebook page](#).

“We often hear young people talk about housing, job security, student debt, access to education, and healthcare,” says Johancsik. “We plan to bring the issues expressed in the Yukon Youth Want campaign to the all-candidates forum.”

The forum will start off with a few questions formulated by BYTE in light of the Yukon Youth Want campaign, and then audience members will get the chance to ask their own questions. All questions will be vetted first to make sure they are relevant and non-partisan.

The all-candidates forum is open to the public and admission is free. Young people aged 18-35 are encouraged to attend. Media are also welcome.

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