





“We realized the importance of highlighting political activity of young people, because this age group gets a bad rap, and they are engaged, and we wanted to highlight their stories to debunk the myth of young people being apathetic,” said Bailey Greenspon, a community animator at Samara Canada.

Greenspon says people are tired of hearing negative stories about what is happening in Ottawa and on the campaign trail during this election. It’s why Samara wants to tell stories about Canadians involved in activities that are inspiring.

“We are trying to create political role models.”

“If you don’t see yourself represented in the four major political parties, it doesn’t mean you have to check out from political activity. We are trying to show other models of how to get politically engaged.”

Since the contest’s launch in 2013, 680 Everyday Political Citizens from all ten provinces and three territories have been nominated by fellow Canadians.

The panel of judges this year includes comedian Rick Mercer, former Minister of Foreign Affairs John Baird, Juno award winning rapper Shad and 17 other Canadians committed to community service.

The shortlist is decided in mid-November, with winners being announced on December 3 in Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton, and possible other cities.

Anyone can go online and nominate one person who is any age, from anywhere in Canada, representing any interest or activity they deem political, she said.

If you would like to nominate someone, click on the Samara Canada [link](#).