

Scarborough youth audit health of the environment

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The West Scarborough Boys & Girls Club is one of five organizations in the province chosen to take part in a youth-led initiative to tackle a local environmental issue.

The project, which will involve about 25 Scarborough youths, is aimed at engaging young people in Scarborough, Walkerton, Sudbury, Wikwemikong and Walpole Island to conduct youth-to-youth environmental health audits.

The audits are a way to identify a main environmental concern, research it, develop an action plan and evaluate the outcomes.

The Scarborough group, which began meeting in September, has identified recycling as their priority concern and are meeting for two hours after school every Friday for several weeks to discuss it, research it and find ways to help improve it. They are also planning a trip to a recycling plant.

Several more youths are invited to volunteer for the first 12-week session as well as the second, which begins early next year.

Tiago Moura, 21, a youth-to-youth facilitator for the Scarborough site, said he wants to attract quiet youths who are not normally inclined to participate or take the initiative, but are committed to helping out.

"I want them to see that they can make a difference in the community," he

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