One billion oysters will make a big difference in New York Harbor, but that's just a drop in the bucket of what was once here—and only half of our story.

Billion Oyster Project (BOP) was founded on the belief that restoration without education is temporary, and that learning outcomes improve when students have the opportunity to work on real restoration projects. Beyond designing STEM curriculum for NYC schools through the lens of oyster restoration, BOP collects discarded oyster shells for reuse from 75 NYC restaurants, builds reef structures with volunteers, and engages Urban Assembly New York Harbor School students in large-scale projects. To date, BOP has planted 75 million oysters, restoring 12 acres of habitat at 15 reef sites.

JOIN THE YOUNG LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Young Leadership Committee (YLC) formally launched in June 2019. It was created to continue the BOP’s mission while focusing directly on engaging young professionals: the next generation of advocates, ecologists, and philanthropists alike. Our goal is to engage the passion, talent, and resources of our next generation of Young Leaders.

Help us shape the action, or just join the fun. Host events to connect new friends to BOP, volunteer on beautiful Governors Island, celebrate revival efforts through unique team excursions, or even steer a subcommittee – there are truly opportunities to involve everyone.

"I love being on the YLC to actively engage with the Billion Oyster Project on a deeper level, to get involved with a great group of like-minded New Yorkers to support the organization and further its mission."

— Kate Larkin, Founding Member of the YLC
As a YLC Member, your annual pledge ensures operating costs of the committee remain unobtrusive, while simultaneously supporting BOP’s programming year-round. A monthly donation is the easiest way to keep your membership active – your gift will be deducted from your debit or credit card each month, saving both paper and resources. Cost need not be prohibitive. Should an alternative contribution be of personal value, please inquire.

**YOUNG SHUCKER**  – college graduation within five years.
$12.50 per month, or $150 annually

**PEARL**  – professional experience of more than five years.
$25 per month, or $300 annually

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**RESPONSIBILITIES**
- Attend quarterly meetings and YLC social events
- Identify and cultivate new committee membership
- Assist in promoting BOP within your personal and professional networks

**BENEFITS**
- Network with like-minded individuals while advancing your personal, professional, and leadership goals
- Attend exclusive events, with additional invites for guests
- Help shape the future of one of New York City’s greatest non-profit organizations

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**COMMITTEE TIERS**

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