
Making Tracks – Becoming a Leader or an Expert Trainer

What is a Making Tracks Leader (MTL) or Crew Leader (CL)?

A MTL is an adult who has been certified to independently lead a Making Tracks program in the community to children and youth. Similarly, a CL is a youth who has been certified to independently lead a Making Tracks program in the community, but as an assistant to a MTL.

How do I become a MTL or CL?

1. Adults or youth must take part in a Making Tracks Train-the-Trainer session lead by an Expert Trainer (ET) from the Ecology Action Centre (EAC) in a mode of their choice.

What is a Making Tracks Expert Trainer (ET)?

An ET is an adult who is employed by the Ecology Action Centre (EAC) to deliver Making Tracks Train-the-Trainer sessions and direct-delivery programs. This is paid, occasional work.

How do I become a Making Tracks ET?

To become an ET, an individual must go through some additional training and steps. This added process ensures that ETs representing the EAC have achieved a specific standard of training and screening that will allow the Making Tracks programs to be delivered in a safe, professional and effective manner.

Steps to Become an Expert Trainer (ET):

1. Become a MTL – Participate in a full Train-the-Trainer session delivered by a Making Tracks ET
2. Assist a Making Tracks ET as he/she delivers a full Making Tracks Train-the-Trainer session
3. Lead one full Making Tracks Train-the-Trainer session in partnership with an ET or provide proof of a Nova Scotia teaching certification or previous teaching experience to older youth or adults

Pre-training requirements:

1. 18 years of age or older
2. Submit a resume which outlines teaching or leadership experience and/or experience working with youth

Post-training requirements:

1. Provide a current (within the last 12 months) Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Check
2. Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ecology Action Centre

Other preferred but not required:

1. Provide a current (within the last 12 months) Standard CPR and First Aid certification

Commitments to becoming a Leader or Expert Trainer:

1. MTLs, CLs and ETs are expected to conduct themselves with the highest level of professionalism when delivering Making Tracks programs.
2. MTLs and ETs are expected to collect sessional information and conduct post-session surveys with all participants and submit these to the Making Tracks Coordinator following the completion of each program. This information is outlined in the 'Leader Evaluation and Reporting Agreement'. The data from these surveys is used to ensure that Making Tracks grows and remains effective and continues to receive program funding.