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Announcing the Divert NS – 4-HNS Partnership and New Intermediate Public Speaking Competition!

Distribution: Entire 4-H Community

Good afternoon 4-H Community,

You may have noticed a new partnership noted in our Annual General Meeting booklet and on our webpage lately. We're pleased to formally announce that we've partnered with Divert Nova Scotia to tap into resources surrounding the Environment & Healthy Living Leadership Pillar and to deliver a new intermediate public speaking option for our members, beginning this year (2023)!

The Divert NS Intermediate Public Speaking Competition will offer intermediate members the option to deliver their speech on one of the Divert NS topics (see the 2023 topics below). Participants who choose a Divert NS speech topic are judged on the same parameters against other speeches and the top Divert NS Speaker, as well as the top intermediate Speaker move on to the next level (club → county → region → Provincial Rally as usual).

We're also encouraging clubs to engage with Divert NS resources for your members! Chat with your Regional Program Coordinator about available resources for meetings and workshops. Clubs can also connect with local Waste Resource Educators for support, visit www.divertns.ca/local-waste-educators to find an educator in your area!

DIVERT NS 2023 Intermediate Public Speaking Competition Topics:

- 1. What is the circular economy? How can agriculture contribute to the circular economy?**
- 2. Supporting Local: How can supporting local help reduce our impact on climate change? What are some ways to encourage people to buy local?**
- 3. What is the global impact of food loss and what can be done to reduce food loss on farms?**
- 4. Nova Scotia's farmers are known to be innovative, explore ways that Nova Scotia's farmers are using innovative technology to reduce farm waste.**
- 5. What can the agricultural industry do to help reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill? What are some of the benefits and challenges?**

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If you have questions about this new partnership or the competition, please reach out to your Regional Program Coordinator!

Yours in 4-H,

4-H Nova Scotia

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