



# YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT

OPENING ON FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 29, 2021  
COME JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

YES is an annual event for youth in **grades 6-12** who want to learn about environmental issues and find ways to take action. We hope to **inspire, encourage,** and **prepare** youth for a life of environmental responsibility, service and leadership by increasing awareness and knowledge of environmental issues and fostering leadership skills.

We had hoped to return to an in-person event but there is just too much uncertainty with Covid-19 and the Delta variant. So, we are going to try something **NEW THIS YEAR!** We will be offering both a **real-time virtual summit** as well as **pre-recorded workshops** that you can access on your own time.

The **real-time virtual kick off** will happen on **Friday, October 29 from 9 am - 12:30 pm** and it will feature several keynote speakers and skill-building workshops around a unifying theme of climate change.

Then, for the **entire month of November** you can explore a wide variety of pre-recorded workshops that have been uploaded to the YES Flipgrid. Using FlipGrid we have built a **virtual community learning space** to make sure the sharing, learning, and networking that usually happens at YES will still happen! This allows you the flexibility to participate when it works with your schedule!

#### The Youth Environmental Summit will include:

- Inspiring and engaging **real-time keynote speakers and skill-building workshops** on October 29!
- Informative **pre-recorded workshops** from environmental professionals, activists and student leaders!
- Opportunities to add **your voice** to the "Be the Change Audio Wall" to share what you can do to make a difference at home, school, or in your community!
- A fun and educational **YES Scavenger Hunt!** Those who submit their answers will be entered to win raffle prizes (e.g., gift cards to spend in your local community to help local economies!)
- **Connection** with youth from across Vermont and other states!

Check out the list of workshops on the back, and then register!

**All youth and adult participants must register. Go to:**  
**[www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements](http://www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements)**

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Lauren Traister, 4-H Teen & Leadership Program Coordinator, at 802-888-4972 by October 8, 2021 so we may assist you.



## **Schedule for October 29 Real-Time Virtual Kick-Off**

9:00 Welcome

9:10 Keynote: Expedition Sailing, Science and Solutions for a Clean Ocean! (1 hr)

10:15 Keynote: Climate Change & Vermont's Farming Future (40 min)

11:00 Skill-Building Workshop Session 1 (40 min)

11:45 Skill-Building Workshop Session 2 (40 min)

### **Workshops:**

- **How to Become a Climate Leader and Take Action on Energy**
- **Communicating Climate Change**
- **The 4Rs of Changemaking**
- **How to Listen (Courageously)**

\*All workshops will be recorded and uploaded to the YES Flipgrid for viewing at a later time.

## **And the Learning Continues with these Pre-Recorded Workshops:**

### **New Workshops for 2021**

- Reduce Waste at Your School: Why It Matters, Strategies You Can Use and More!
- Introducing the Regeneration Corps!
- Communicating Climate Change: 5 Things Everyone Needs to Know
- The Life Cycle of Single Use Plastic and Its Impact on the Environment
- Peecycling for Clean Water & Sustainable Farms
- TRY for the Environment - Become a Teen Teacher!
- And more be will added - so stay tuned!

### **And We Still Have All the Amazing Workshops from YES 2020**

- Soak Up the Storm: Understanding Stormwater and Green Infrastructure
- Electricity and Climate Change
- Becoming a Citizen Scientist Using iNaturalist
- Plants on the Move: The Growing Problem of Invasive Species
- The Future of Wastewater and Drinking Water in a Changing World
- How to Throw a Zero-Waste Event
- The Climate Crisis and Its Solutions: Truth in Ten
- The Radical Forest Manager
- Restoring Wetlands in VT: Ecological Design for Habitat and Water Quality
- The Challenges of Youth Organizing and How to Overcome Them
- Bug Houses: What, Why and How?
- Signs of the Seasons with Audubon Vermont
- And others!

YES encourages participants to develop a service-learning project that focuses on an environmental issue to improve their local community. And, projects can be shared at next year's summit!

For a description of each workshop, please go to [www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements](http://www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements) and click on "Youth Environmental Summit."

The Youth Environmental Summit is a program of:

