



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

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
and click on "Youth Environmental Summit."

The Youth Environmental Summit is a program of:

