

# TEENS REACHING YOUTH FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



**Position Description:** TRY Teen Teacher

**Purpose:** To provide the opportunity for teens to practice and improve their transferable skills by teaching elementary students about critical environmental issues facing Vermonters.

**Benefits:**

- Develop transferable skills, including leadership, communication, teamwork, problem solving, and others.
- Become a valuable team player in the Vermont environmental and educational community.
- Build your resumé for work, scholarships, and college applications.
- Make a difference by educating younger youth on these important topics.

**Qualifications and Skills Required:**

- Be in grades 7-12 with a strong interest in learning and teaching about environmental issues. It's even okay if you don't have any knowledge of the issues or know how to teach. We will train you!
- Motivation and desire to take a leadership role in your school/community.
- Strong commitment to the responsibility of being a TRY Teen Teacher.
- Must be organized, a team player, a strong communicator, and willing to learn new things.

**Responsibilities:**

- Attend the full-day training for your program area. See information flyer for specific dates & location.
- Work with your TRY team to identify youth to teach and schedule your lessons. You will teach the full 6-lesson program to two different groups of at least 15 youth.
- Communicate regularly via email with the TRY Coordinator.
- Meet all deadlines and expectations.
- Meet regularly with your TRY Team and Mentor to prepare and practice lessons before teaching.
- Complete the Teaching Notification Form for each group at least 2 weeks prior to start date. (One per team)
- Complete the Participant Assessment Tally Sheet within one week of the end of each program. (One per team)
- Complete the TRY Volunteer Hours Sheet within one week of the end of each program. (One per team)
- Complete the TRY Reflection Questions at the end of the program. (One to be completed by each team member.)
- Be a positive role model to your students.
- Keep track of all TRY activity supplies. Make sure your teaching kit is organized and packed neatly before return.
- All teaching must be finished by May 26, 2023.

**Resources Provided:**

- Training and ongoing support from TRY Coordinator and partner organizations.
- All activity supplies needed to teach lessons.
- TRY t-shirt to wear when teaching.
- Certificate of Completion for your Personalized Learning Plan.

**Time Commitment:**

- Up to a 6 month commitment which includes: a full-day training (8 hours), approximately 15 hours of program logistics, preparation and evaluation, and 12 hours of program delivery.