



YEA MN

youth environmental activists of minnesota

“YEA! Minnesota connects, engages, and empowers youth to create, just, and sustainable communities”



What is YEA! MN?

We are a Minnesota student lead organization working for environmental sustainability in our high schools. We collaborate across schools and communities throughout the state engage youth in the climate movement and create a cleaner and more sustainable future.



Our Issues

- Environmental Sustainability: We need to live on the planet in a sustainable way that does not depend on non-renewable resources
- Climate Change: We need to address the reality of climate change and engage in solutions.



We are also concerned about

- Water pollution
- Air pollution
- Public health concerns
- Deforestation
- Loss of bio-diversity



Past Events

- ~First meeting, October 2007, 70 students from 13 high schools attended
 - ~Youth Forum with Governor Pawlenty and Will Steger
 - ~Lobby Day at the Capitol (2008)
- ~300 students at Central Senior High, Will Steger spoke
 - ~ MN Powershift at Washburn High School in Minneapolis
- ~3 large meetings this school year engaging over 18 different high schools in the Metro area
 - ~Eco Prom last week!



YEA! MN provides a fun environment
for high school students to meet to
new people who share similar
interests:

SAVEING THE PLANET!

It provides an educational and
experiential base in climate activism.

- YEA! MN meets every other month with all participating schools to collaborate on solutions and make a difference
- Specific committees meet more regularly to address and act on more specific issues



Clean Communities Campaign

- Is a network of highschool students working together in their schools and their homes to reduce energy consumption by following the guidelines of the MN Energy Challenge.
- Working with State Legislators to improve energy usage through policy, letter writing and lobbying.
- To sign on to the MN Energy Challenge email maddie.hansen44@gmail.com

Committees

- **Communications and outreach:**
contacts existing, recruit new members members, publicize YEA!
and events, and manage website and social networking
- **Walk the Talk:**
helps us get off our butts and act!
- **Policy:**
provides training and opportunities to deal directly with law makers
and affect policy change
- **Education:**
provides information on YEA! MN, education on climate and
solutions, resources for teachers and students, and organize
educational speakers for YEA! meetings

YEA! will be sending 15
students to National
Powershift in Washington DC
in the end of February



You can be part of the solution!

Either way you make an impact. Make it positive!



Take Action!

JOIN YEA!

Minnesota!

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

~Margaret Mead