

YES! Update 12.3.2015

This is an exciting time for energy buffs like us! Now through December 12, the world will have all eyes turned to **Paris** where the international climate change negotiations are taking place. Climate Generation (we heard them speak at our Fall Summit) has a delegation on the ground! We invite you to follow their delegation. Subscribe to our daily digest, November 30 - December 12 and you will receive a summary of the past day’s events in Paris, links to the blogs of the day, and information about how to connect to the next day’s webcast.  **[SUBSCRIBE TODAY](http://climategen.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=ba94a4f7bb45f128b2ca17a98&id=fb44316737&e=1487b44737" \o "This external link will open in a new window" \t "_blank)** so you don’t miss a day of coverage!

***What can you do about Climate Change?***

1) Help spread knowledge and information! Here is a wonderful reference, ‘Six Graphics that Explain Climate Change’ –from 2 weeks ago on the BBC  [http://bbc.in/1NcJoP7](http://bbc.in/1NcJoP7" \o "This external link will open in a new window" \t "_blank)

2) Conserve more energy. Set your thermostat to a lower temperature during the day (when you’re not home). This will not only conserve energy, it will also save money.

The next few weekly updates will have more super suggestions!

Announcements

      Be sure to check out the newly updated project resources on the Coaches Corner!  Topics include Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Educate, and Collections for Cash & Fundraisers. password: yes2015

      We are working away at developing our Winter Workshops. Thanks for all who gave their teams input. There are a few who we have not yet heard from, please contact your coordinator right away so that we can do our best to meet your needs!

      We hope to see several of your grant applications (a simple form) over the next week for the McKnight foundation project funds! (see below for more information)

Grants and Opportunities

      **McKnight Foundation Project Funding *- Deadline: December 10***  
Through the generosity of the McKnight Foundation, YES! is able to offer $7,000 to go towards projects that engage and empower youth to make an impact in their school and/or community on climate change through hands-on projects. Teams will be awarded up to $1,000 for projects related to energy efficiency retrofits, implementation of or continuation of B3 data tracking, installation and research of renewable energy technology such as solar or wind, tracking climate change emissions via the EPA calculator and educating others about what they can do, and other energy education efforts (these are only ideas—you are encouraged to think outside the box and link climate change to what your team is already doing).

      **[President’s Environmental Youth Award](http://www2.epa.gov/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award" \o "This external link will open in a new window" \t "_blank)**-***Deadline: December 31***  
The President’s Environmental Youth Award (PEYA) recognizes outstanding environmental projects by K-12 youth.

      Start collecting your schools’ milk cartons for the Carton2Garden contest!  This contest awards schools based on creativity for repurposing milk and juice cartons from your school’s cafeteria.  The grand prize is valued at $5000.  Find more information about the contest [here](http://carton2garden.com/contest-details/entry-kit/" \o "This external link will open in a new window" \t "_blank).

      There is more information about these and other options on the Coaches Corner!

Odds and Ends

Our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/YouthEnergySummit" \o "This external link will open in a new window" \t "_blank), [Instagram,](http://instagram.com/yes_youth" \o "This external link will open in a new window" \t "_blank) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/yes_youth" \o "This external link will open in a new window" \t "_blank) accounts just keep on getting better!  Keep an eye on them for resources, events, photos and other YES! news.  You might even make an appearance yourself!

One Last Thought

Please help the YES! program grow! Do you know of teachers, students, or administrators at other schools in the area who you think would make great YES! coaches or participants? If so we would appreciate an introduction, please let your coordinator know!