

YES! Update 11.20.2015

Announcements

* We still need to hear from a number of teams about your winter workshop preferences! Be sure to take the [survey](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/resources-2/winter-workshop-2015-2016-options/) by **November 24** to help your coordinators plan workshops in your area!
* Don’t forget about the [blog](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/news/blog/) on the YES! website! The latest blog posts feature our collaboration with Climate Generation, the Team Accomplishments from last year, and the ROCORI YES! team’s efforts at ensuring recycling happens at their school. You or your students can also [submit guest blog posts](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/what-do-you-have-to-say/) like the WWG team did recently!

Grants and Opportunities

* **[McKnight Foundation Project Funding](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/McKnight-Foundation-Project-Funding-Request-Application-Form.pdf" \t "_blank) *- 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).
* [**Climate Generation Window into Paris: COP 21**](http://www.climategen.org/what-we-do/education/professional-development/window-into-paris-cop21/)- ***December 6-11***  
  Climate Generation from Minnesota is leading a delegation of 10 educators from across the country (including from MN) to attend and participate in the UNFCC Conference of Parties in Paris, France. This year’s negotiations will for the first time in over 20 years aim to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate, with the aim of keeping global warming below 2°C. They want to share their experience with other educators and you can connect with them by signing up for their daily digest or participating in their daily Skype calls (more information on the website).
* [**Recycle Your Holidays**](https://recycleminnesota.org/recycle-your-holidays/) - ***November 15 through end of January***  
  Collecting old and broken holiday lights and turning them in to be recycled is a great team project for this time of year! The Recycling Association of MN (RAM) and Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTS) have teamed up to provide hundreds of places across the state to recycle the lights. Check out the website for a map of where you can drop off the lights you collect.
* Check out additional funding opportunities via the Coaches Corner!   
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Coach Tips

* If you have other ideas for a winter workshop specific to your team, please let your coordinator know!
* Make sure your team wears the YES! t-shirts at events they host or attend in their community! If your team has grown since the Fall Summit and you need additional t-shirts, contact your coordinator. We have some extra t-shirts available depending on the sizes you need.

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