



YES! Update 11.19.2018

Program Announcements

- Is your team interested in hosting a community event on climate change and/or clean energy? We have support from the McKnight Foundation to team up with [Climate Generation](#) to help YES! teams put on an event. It could be a keynote speaker, movie or stories created by students and community members. Please let your coordinator know if your team would like to start planning now for a spring event. ~Shelli-Kae Foster
- New teams- Please have all students complete the [Pre-Assessment Survey](#)
- All teams- Please complete the [Winter Workshop Preference Survey](#) if you haven't done so already!

Regional Highlights

Laurentian Environmental Center –The Carlton YES! team is working on solutions to make their school more energy efficient. One of the ways they will be doing this is by working to put in LED light bulbs. ~Sam Horner

Ney Nature Center –Mankato West water project this year is looking at the water quality of the stream that runs through Rasmussen Woods behind their school. One thing they are really interested in seeing is the quality of the water before their parking lot and afterwards. ~Sophie Bishop

Prairie Woods ELC – The NLS High School YES! team is interested in doing a rain garden with native plantings near their wetland area in order to help with erosion and runoff issues. They plan on contacting the local Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District for information and assistance with the project. The NLS Middle School YES! team is going to have a bake sale at the Kandi Mall in Willmar to raise money for LED light bulbs. Stay tuned for a date and time. ~Taylor Templer

Metro – Minnetonka High School Vantage YES! team's current project planning is to design and construct an early season, low energy use green house, as well as a small scale aquaponics station for growing lettuce and basil all winter long. Each project will demonstrate to home owners and renters how to grow starter plants and seasonal crops at the local scale, while reducing transportation and greenhouse gas emitting practices. ~Tom McDougall

Tips/Resources from Climate Generation

Youth Action Ideas- Find out more information [here!](#)

- Lights Out Day
- Solar on Your School
- Meatless Mondays
- Grow and Give Community Garden Plot

Grants and Other Opportunities

Due 11.30.18 - Climate Generation's Youth Convening Minnesota Project is a leadership opportunity for high school youth to learn about climate change and gain the skills needed to convene their community on climate change and inspire solutions. We are looking for a YES! Team that is interested in working with us this year to put on a public event in your own community to engage people in solutions to climate change! Contact kira@climategen.org for more information.

Due 12.14.18 - McKnight Project Seed Funding Requests (Round 2) If your team has a climate change or energy related project, fill out the [application](#) and send to sayyes@yesmn.org by December 12th to receive up to \$500.

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