



YES! Update 2.01.2021

Program Announcements

- Reminder to take photos to document your project's journey
- You can submit for up to \$500 in project seed funds any time before May 1, 2021. Form is found in [Coaches Corner](#) (password: sayyes!) or click here: [Project Seed Funds Reimbursement Request Form](#)

Please [Join Us](#) for the Upcoming YES! Events

VIRTUAL VISIT: YEA! MN (Youth Environmental Activists) and Climate Justice Education

February 3, Wed. 3:30 – 4:00 PM.

Flyer Attached

Presenters: Indigo D.L and Sophia C-M, students from Climate Generation's YEA! MN program

Find out why two students from YEA! MN are working hard to pass a bill for climate justice education in Minnesota and learn how you can help!

“The YEA! MN ([Youth Environmental Activists](#)) network is working with several MN representatives to introduce a bill in the MN house and senate that would require schools to include climate change education with a focus on climate justice education in all subjects K-12. We believe that climate change must be taught in a way that showcases its complexities and learning about climate change in this way will create climate solutions since understanding the complicated history behind climate change will help us see paths of how to undo its effects. We also believe deeply understanding climate change is becoming increasingly important in the modern workforce.” (From the presenters)

Join the Virtual Visit at 3:30 PM on Feb. 3!

Zoom Link: [Click Here](#)

Meeting ID: 836 5298 3387

Passcode: 850286

Or Join by Phone: (312) 626-6799

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: “Climate Change: Its Effects on Flooding & Your Drinking Water”

February 10, Wed. 10:00 - 11:00 AM.

Flyer attached

Presenter: Erik Dahl, Environmental Quality Board Planning Director

Minnesota is almost as famous for its climate, which swings from hot, humid summers to frigid, snowy winters, as it is for its abundant waters. Just as we cannot imagine our state without lakes and rivers, we also would not recognize a year without cold winter nights, heavy snow, summertime thunderstorms, or numerous warm and sunny days. Minnesotans depend on both climate and water for our way of life, from recreation like hunting, fishing and paddling, to our agricultural, tourism and industrial economies. How climate change impacts Minnesota's water is not something that will affect us in the distant future. We are already seeing changes in Minnesota's water.

Before the workshop, students should get ready for activities by:

1. Writing down the addresses of 1-2 places important to the student (e.g., home, cabin, grandparents' house).
2. Looking at these two websites: <https://floodfactor.com> and

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/protecting/waterprotection/waterprotectionmapping>

Join the Virtual Workshop at 10:00 AM on Feb. 10!

Zoom Link: [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 840 9477 7570

Passcode: 659005

Or Join by Phone: (312) 626-6799

Other Opportunities

Our Planet, Our Purpose: STEM for Changemaking Challenge

Application Deadline: 11:00 PM on Thursday, February 11

[Click Here](#) to learn more and apply!

“Are you a young changemaker between the ages of 14-20 in the U.S. working towards a sustainable planet? Join the movement of young people solving the world’s most pressing environmental challenges! 25 winning projects will each receive \$2,000 in seed funding and will be invited to our virtual Changemaker Summit, a three-day immersive experience with mentorship, coaching, and skill building. [Apply](#) by February 11, 2021!” (From [Changemakers website](#))

Youth Climate Justice Summit 2021 (virtual)

February 23 + 24, Tuesday evening + Wednesday

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 17

[Click Here](#) for event details and registration

“The Youth Climate Justice Summit is a day of youth action, learning, and a chance to directly participate in government. Join workshops led by youth and partners in the movement for climate justice. Meet with MN legislators that represent your district to talk with them about what matters to you. Join the YEA! Network campaign for climate justice education, learn about how you can help stop the Line 3 tar-sands pipeline, and more. Plus, meet youth from across Minnesota and discuss how to make change in your communities!” (From [event website](#))

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Password: *sayyes!*

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