



Update 3.22.2021

Program Announcements/Updates

- **YES! Spring Judging – Date has been changed to May 19.** There will be one 2021 statewide competition. The Final Report form and instructions will be included in the next YES! Update on April 6; **Final Reports are due May 6.**
- Reminder: 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](#)
- **YES! signs** are a great way to increase the visibility of your completed projects and recognize the contributions of team members! The signs are 5" x 6.5" and have a sticky back. Get up to two YES! signs at NO COST (additional signs are \$10 each); please contact your coordinator to order them.



Regional Updates

Southern Update: Westbrook-Walnut Grove students who took part in the [“Step into a Green Job Experience”](#) Workshop on March 3 particularly enjoyed learning about trū Shrimp Company in Balaton, MN. One student explained, “I really liked the shrimp farmer, even though I have a severe food allergy to shrimp I was ready to just sit back and not pay attention. But he caught my attention right away and made me want to go into a job I physically cannot do! It was great!” ~Deb Groebner, South & Northeast Coordinator

WC/C Update: YES! students from Lac qui Parle Valley, Yellow Medicine East and New London-Spicer also participated in the [“Step into a Green Job Experience”](#) workshop with local representatives from Granite Falls Energy, ADM-Carbohydrate Solutions, Jennie-O Turkey Store, Nova-Tech Engineering, and MNYOU. One student commented “I learned what a green job is and I hadn’t thought about that before the workshop.” ~ Taylor Templer, West Central Coordinator

NW/C Update: Royalton is working on completing their solar suitcase project that will be deployed to light up a school in Uganda. ~Shelli-Kae

Northeast Update: The Carlton team is working with a county "Green" advisor and custodial staff to explore “commercial” composting as a way to recycle organic waste from their school. ~Deb Groebner, South & Northeast Coordinator

Recently Recorded Events

A must-see! Key tips for meeting with an employer or any interview opportunity by SW MN PIC's Amy Khamphanh. Learn how to create a 7-second elevator pitch, prepare good questions, and find out proper Zoom etiquette. Click here: https://youtu.be/K_w9DAxsmVo

Coaches Corner: Password: sayyes!

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