
knowledge of issues; but we do live here—it is our home.
(Newfoundland Environmental Network Youth Caucus)

YOUTH GOALS FOR CANADA AT THE SPECIAL SESSION AND BEYOND

The Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly in June 1997 will be an opportunity for countries to review their successes as well as their failures in achieving Agenda 21's various goals. Many young people would like to see Canada promote an active and honest discussion on unsustainable domestic patterns of consumption, the related impact of trade policies, and the sustainable development of urban society. Interests also include the recognition of the marginalization of many diverse voices in society (e.g., women, youth, people of colour, diverse sexual orientation, ability, and economic class).

At the Special Session, two environmental youth networks (the Canadian Environmental Network Youth Caucus and REJULADS) will highlight youth partnerships toward sustainable development through sustainability and equity youth workshops. These will allow young people to show an international audience innovative grass roots youth projects that take concrete action on sustainable development and social ecology.

Young people at the fifth meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development and at the Special Session would like Canada's support and encouragement in developing a Global Youth Charter. This charter would outline many of the concerns and issues that youth deal with on a daily basis. It would also contain different avenues for countries to support the work of youth toward a more sustainable society through the inclusion of youth.

Canada's continued support of the Rescue Mission initiative begun by Peace Child International is a project that young people support strongly. Many Canadian youths and youth