

agricultural, mining, forestry, and fish farming practices disrupt the balance of ecosystems.

Massive nickel mines and hydro-power plants are not our idea of sustainable development. (Newfoundland Environmental Network Youth Caucus)

There will be no softwood left in Prince Edward Island in another eight years—you call this sustainable? The world is facing a crossroads and our provincial government is in a state of denial. (Project Coordinator, Youth Service Canada, Prince Edward Island)

There is a strong effort by youth to lobby the government to honour treaties and return jurisdiction to Aboriginal peoples on the grounds that they have made significant contributions to sustainable development.

Youth Initiatives

These issues form a starting point for countless youth initiatives. Many youths and youth organizations are promoting a new and different understanding of politics and ecology. They are raising awareness about bioregional realities, respect for Aboriginal and local knowledge, and our international commitments. Canadian and global societies now hear strong, articulate, committed youth voices addressing environmental issues.

We organize school packages that state the conditions of waterways around our islands, canoe expeditions to discover the marine environment. We educate the public about plastic through anti-Tupperware parties, conferences, and forums. We are asking doctors to help us with research, and making a database of groups on fisheries to work in coalition. (Georgia Strait Alliance, British Columbia)

We're working to save the Christmas Mountains and the Petitcodiac River. Keeping what we have is our main goal, and we're trying to protect it for the future. (Youth Action Group of New Brunswick)