

We're making presentations at various camps, educating ourselves and working with other local groups, raising public awareness through hosting youth town halls and workshops to get youth involved and empowered. (Youth for Social Justice, Prince Edward Island)

Raise awareness about global injustices, lack of youth participation in decision making, and bioregionalism. We restore urban waterways and greenspace through our biodiverse-city project, protect urban native habitat in our lawn-to-meadow camping, fight unsustainable urban transportation issues with Fossil Fool Free Cycles, and organize campaigns about unsustainable land use practices. (West Coast Ecological Youth Alliance, British Columbia)

Education

Education is one focus for youth action. Many students are encouraging educators to find new ways of involving youths in the education system. Several organizations have produced projects or curricula that bring important issues to youth such as culture and heritage. Northern youths have called for a stronger integration of community elders into the education system. The elders help teach respect, understanding, love, hunting, shelter building, cooperation, and respect for the land, animals, and each other. This way many youths benefit from both traditional and modern teachings.

Start to respect local knowledge, and work to change the direction of society. Get rid of this deep-rooted exploitation-based way of thinking. (Newfoundland Environmental Network Youth Caucus)

Street Youth

Although youth organizations are very active, many young people are in a cycle of ignorance, apathy, and powerlessness.