



Participants learn from youth leaders how to advocate for change

What do we do all day?

There is a blend of science, advocacy, action-planning, and fun!

- Wind turbine challenge
- Basics of climate change in a beaker
- Citizen science
- Build a better solar panel
- Food systems cycle
- Nature's place in our community
- Advocacy training
- Open-space brainstorm session
- Team action planning
- Footprint pledge



Who We Are



About Us

A group of concerned teachers from the NYS Master Teacher Program has fast-forwarded climate change education and advocacy in our region by hosting action-ready youth leaders at a day-long summit.

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Building a network of engaged and educated youth leaders that are working towards a climate-resilient Western New York.



Collaboration and creativity go in to building the best wind turbine

A unique experience

Carefully-selected environmental leaders

We ask teachers and adult community leaders to identify their stand-out, environmentally concerned youth and nominate them to join us. We want to unite these leaders from across the region to lift their voices and create a wave of young people that will carry all of WNY into a sustainable future.

Awareness of the details and the detriment

Many youths are not exposed to the perils of climate change – especially tucked away in the comfortable corner of WNY. This summit brings the reality into focus.

“Being around people that are concerned about our planet inspires me to play a greater role.”

“This made me feel empowered...”

“It encouraged me to continue working for effective solutions”.

A mutual understanding

Students find solace in the fact that there are others that are as concerned as they are about our planet and future.

Students are inspired to make a difference in the world!

Many of our participants leave the summit more interested in climate change and wanting to do more.



Presenting the results from a brainstorm session

The youth brainstorm ideas about possible actions they would like to take in their local communities or schools.

Final Step: Action Plan

In small groups the youth work through developing an action plan to determine climate goals they want to accomplish over the next school year.

We hope to support development of cross-region initiatives in future summits, where youth reach from district-to-district and town-to-town, sharing ideas and collaborating on region-wide action plans to make Western New York a more just, sustainable, and climate-resilient community.