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Member spotlight: YMCA Earth Service Corps



Earth Service Corps

Preparing the next environmental leaders

To prepare the next generation of environmental leaders, the YMCA Earth Service Corps (YESC) helps young people from diverse backgrounds

get outside, engage with their local community and gain tools to enhance the natural world. YESC empowers youth to create a healthier environment through education, service learning and leadership activities.

YESC works with teens across King County to identify environmental issues that are important to them and to design meaningful service projects that address these needs. Projects range from one-time tree plantings, to energy audits, to e-waste recycling, to rain garden construction and



YESC Environmental Leaders Summit
Photo by [Alex Crook](#)

Year founded: 1989

Location: Seattle

Geographic scope: King County

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much more.

Campaign for water refilling stations

Recently, YESC youth in Seattle recognized that single-use plastic bottles are a major source of waste in local schools. In response, they organized high schools students across the city to advocate for installing water bottle refilling stations in every school. To draw attention to the issue, these young leaders have created petitions, met with school administrators, and addressed the school board.

Environmental Symposium

YESC's annual [Environmental Symposium](#) is set for March 25 this year. Some 150 teens will learn about environmental topics through hands-on workshops led by local environmental professionals. Workshops will connect everyday activities with local environmental problems, empowering teens to take action to improve and protect the local environment by changing personal behaviors.

Interested in learning more? Email yesc@seattlemca.org

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