

Youth Engagement in Environmental Justice

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Building a Mosaic

Desire to "make a difference" and "get a job"

Environmentalism and Social Justice
Academic background

Race and Labor History to learn why and how

My first class in environmental inequalities in college

Environmentalism to know what is happening and what to do about it

Fake it till you make it: Volunteer

You have the time, and you probably can't get paid to do it yet.

Say Yes! Sleep later

Development relationships and experience

Make your own way

Undergrad

Graduate school

Volunteering

School Siting Policy & HIA

MEJC

NEJAC YPCJ

HIA

SOPHIA

UNFCCC COP21

Privilege

Education

Whiteness

Right place at the right time

Mentorship

How I work on Environmental Justice

Health Impact Assessment

- Evaluate the health impact of a proposed policy, plan, program, or action
- Select methods to minimize negative impact and maximize positive impact
- Integrating Community involvement at every step

National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Youth Perspectives on Climate Justice

- We are 17 young leaders across the country, ranging from 19 to 28
- Working on international environmental justice
- Working on national coalition building
- Community organizing
- Training young people to work on environmental issues
- Studying environmental engineering, public health, environmental studies

Youth have always been at the forefront of social movements

- Civil rights movement
 - Students Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
 - Freedom Riders
- Climate Change movement
 - SustainUS
 - Youth Climate Movement (YouGNO)
 - People's Climate March
 - University groups and coalitions



Bring Environmental Justice into all the work you do



- Engineering
- Healthcare
- Scientific research
- Law
- Policy
- Academia
- Non-profits
- Business
- Government
 - Local
 - State
 - Federal
 - International

SUSTAINABILITY
WITHOUT BORDERS



Why Should Young People be Involved?

IT'S OUR FUTURE

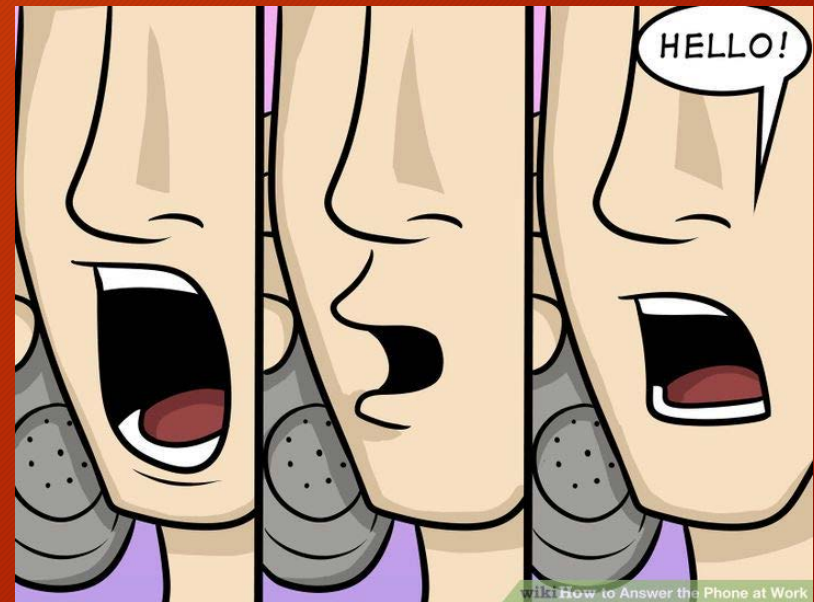
Why wait until
leaders retire?

Break the mold

Challenge the existing
power structure

Utilize our intimate access
and knowledge to our
communities





Volunteer!



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