

Through Youth Allies, you can equip yourself with the knowledge & skills you need to create a fair & sustainable future for Santa Fe.

Join with other young people and learn:

- How to make your voice heard.
 - How to organize your community around shared needs.
 - How to build strong relationships across cultures.
 - How to identify & dismantle oppression and violence in your community.
 - How to restore & support local ecosystems.
 - How to create sustainable solutions to environmental problems.
 - How to positively impact the institutions that affect your life - from schools, to governments, to prisons to businesses & organizations.
 - How to build a youth-led movement for social, economic, and environmental justice in Santa Fe.
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The Youth Allies for Sustainability Leadership Program is a joint project of the Santa Fe Mountain Center's Native American Emergence Program and Earth Care International.

The Santa Fe Mountain Center

The Santa Fe Mountain Center's mission is to promote personal discovery and social change among youth, families, and groups through the use of creative learning experiences in wilderness, community, and cultural environments. For more information, visit www.santafemc.org.

Earth Care International

Earth Care International's mission is to educate and empower teens to create a thriving, just and sustainable world. For more information, visit www.earthcare.org.



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Youth Allies

For Sustainability
Leadership Program



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It is your Future to Create

YOUTH ALLIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY IS A YOUTH ORGANIZING PROGRAM THAT EMPOWERS YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE LEADERSHIP IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGE

Youth Allies participants build their leadership capacity by exploring their personal and collective relationships with community, the environment, colonization, diversity, and social justice through trainings and experiential education workshops.

In addition to leadership skill development, Youth Allies provides a safe and inspiring space for young people to meet, socialize, and strategize with like-minded individuals from Santa Fe and New Mexico. Local youth will also have the opportunity to network with young people involved in the national and international youth movements.

As youth progress through the program they will have the opportunity to act as leaders in their communities by organizing community projects of their own design, serving on non-profit Boards, City Commissions, and educational committees while receiving on-going mentoring and training from peers and adults.

Youth Allies Leadership Training Program

The Youth Allies Leadership Training Program consists of an opening 3-day retreat in November, 4 monthly trainings, and a closing 2-day organizing training retreat in April.

3-day Leadership Training Retreat

In November, this retreat will engage 35 local young people from diverse backgrounds in the process of cross-cultural relationship building, leadership skill development, and youth movement building.

Youth Organizing Training

Through this training, participants will learn about the rich history of youth organizing while strengthening their skills in base building, networking, and peer organizing.

Diversity Training

Youth leaders will increase their knowledge of how power dynamics, systems of privilege, oppression, and cultural diversity intersect with building sustainable community.

Sustainability Training

Participants will learn about the multidimensional nature of sustainability by exploring the connections between social, cultural, environmental, and economic systems while working to develop an holistic approach to both problems and solutions.

De-Colonization Training

Youth leaders will explore the historical cultural context in New Mexico that informs current cross-cultural relations. Youth will increase skills to mend and build relationships necessary to create sustainable communities.

WHO SHOULD SIGN UP FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Youth Allies is looking for courageous, committed young people (ages 13-20) interested in making a difference and taking a leadership role in their community.

HOW MUCH TIME DO I NEED TO COMMIT TO THIS PROGRAM?

A leadership retreat for 35 young people kicks off this program on November 10th – 12th, 2006 at Synergia Ranch outside of Santa Fe. After the camp, the Youth Allies program requires a commitment of approximately 1-2 hours per week and 6 weekend days over a year's time.

CAN I GET CREDIT FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Some students can receive up to 3 college credits through the Santa Fe Community College for FREE!

AND this program satisfies high school graduation requirements for service-learning & community service.

THE YOUTH ALLIES PROGRAM IS FREE FOR PARTICIPANTS

INTERESTED?

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