

Environmental Youth Leaders Network (EYLN)



San Mateo County

PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW

The San Mateo County Office of Education's (SMCOE) Environmental Literacy Initiative supports a number of stakeholders in attaining the following vision and mission:

- Vision: School communities and leaders, who advocate for and prioritize whole-school sustainability integration and environmental literacy, for all students.
- Mission: Through projects, programs, and events that support all stakeholders, SMCOE equips school communities with the knowledge, skills, and experiences to act individually and collectively to bring forward an environmentally sustainable, socially just, and economically thriving existence.

Youth (students) are a key stakeholder and are the main beneficiaries of the support pathways in place for teachers and district/site level administrators. And, SMCOE recognizes that it is important to connect directly with youth to build their capacity for leadership, and strengthen the voice of youth in the greater sustainability movement in San Mateo County (SMC). **Therefore, SMCOE launched the [Environmental Youth Leaders Network](#) (EYLN) in Spring 2018!**

EYLN brings together youth (7th-12th grade) leaders across San Mateo County (both public and private schools) who are eager to make an environmental sustainability impact in their community. EYLN educates and empowers students to take action now and be a part of creating this future, while providing opportunities to collaborate, problem solve, and network with like minded students across the county. It also encourage partnerships that will result in larger impacts on their communities.



STRUCTURE AND SCHEDULE

The network will convene three times a year for youth summits that will feature feature inspirational speakers, panels on career and college pathways, best practice share-outs, time for networking and strategic planning, and time to connect with community partners. See below for upcoming dates for the 2018-19 school year:

- Saturday November 3 - Fall Summit: Canada College - 9:30 - 3:00
- Saturday March 9 - Winter Summit: Location TBD - 9:30 - 3:00
- Saturday May 18 - Spring Summit: College of San Mateo - 9:30 - 3:00



