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HOW-TO GUIDE

Youth Leadership Brings Big Change to Project Green School's National Youth Council

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As Co-President of the National Youth Council and Green Schools Honor Society, Carolyn overhauled Youth Council programming for 100+ members and directed engagement with 502,100 students across the US/60 Countries.

The Youth Council seeks to facilitate student participation in environmental initiatives in schools worldwide while serving as a collective educational space to initiate, strengthen, and involve youth eco-advocacy projects. Most importantly, Council members are given a seat at the table — with government, corporate, and professional green leaders — to

create a feedback loop between leaders and the next generation.

Carolyn added 4 new varieties of Council meetings, hosted monthly full-council meetings, and created meeting presentations/agendas for the Youth Council's 8-member leadership team, which also meets monthly. She connected with potential speakers from the PGS Board, Advisory Board, and individuals in PGS's partner networks, inviting them to share their insights at themed meetings. Together with her co-president, she also developed the "Sustainability Committees".

Replicate This!

How To Get Started

1. Grow your student base to ensure a more diverse group
2. Add new programming varieties to monthly meetings, including eco-leader interviews, policy panels, workshops, and committees, increasing consistent engagement
3. Engage speakers
4. Share funding and volunteer opportunities
5. Develop Sustainability Committees designed to focus on specific areas of sustainability, such as water conservation, waste management, energy efficiency, and air quality within the school context