

YOUTH LEAD

INSPIRATION ● ACTION ● TOOLS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE !!!

AN INNOVATIVE ECO-SOCIAL ACTION AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM DESIGNED TO GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE THE SKILLS, MOTIVATION AND OPPORTUNITIES TO LEAD THE WAY TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

Melbourne Youth LEAD

30 JUNE-2 JULY 2007 - MOORA MOORA COMMUNITY, HEALSEVILLE

Have you ever wanted to do something but not sure how you can make a difference or where to start?

Are you already doing lots but want to reflect, refocus or recharge?

No matter what your concerns and where you're at, if you're 15-25ish, Youth LEAD can help you strengthen skills and create a plan for action to really do something significant.

THROUGH YOUTH LEAD, YOUNG PEOPLE:

- Clarify what is important to them
- Find inspiration and focus to make informed life choices
- Develop confidence to live from their own values and integrity
- Reflect on and re-energise the difference they already make in their lives
- Develop and strengthen skills to understand, analyse, vision and plan
- Be leaders of positive change
- Understand local and global environmental challenges
- Learn to live sustainably and reduce ecological footprint (average 29%)
- Harness their passion, creativity and intelligence to build a better world
- Join a supportive inspiring community of young people, both in Melbourne and Nationally
- Become themselves

MELBOURNE YOUTH LEAD WILL ALSO TRAIN YOUTH LEADERS FOR THE MYRIVER YARRA SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAM

The cost for registration is based on a sliding scale from \$250 to \$50 depending on your capacity to pay and there are a small number of fully subsidised positions

For more information and/or to register, go to: www.ozgreen.org.au

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"Youth LEAD has made me more confident and determined to speak out and act on the issues that concern me."

"Youth LEAD has given me a chance to be more of a leader, make new friends and have heaps of fun."

"Before Youth LEAD I was overwhelmed by the issues of our time... Now I am inspired, happy and empowered with a clear plan of action!"

"Thank you so much for the inspiration. You have helped me become myself."

Three day residential workshop:
10am Sat 30th June to 5pm Mon 2nd July



MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUTH LEAD

YOUTH LEAD is an Oz GREEN initiative that is building a national network of young leaders who are working in their local community and beyond to build a life-sustaining society. Youth LEAD is achieving this through leadership training and mentoring for youth-led eco-social projects that forge pathways to sustainable futures. Youth LEAD begins where other leadership programs finish – with young people learning to be leaders by designing and undertaking their own projects and plans of action.

YOUTH LEAD outcomes will include adding to a local network of engaged Youth LEADers – linking with the National network of over 450 Youth LEADers – who are creating practical positive youth driven solutions to issues of concern to youth, and strengthened youth engagement in civil society.

YOUTH LEAD is currently being documented as a case study in best practice education for sustainability by the Australian Association for Environmental Education (2006) and is a previous winner of the Social Ventures Australia BIG BOOST! Award. Youth LEAD already involves over 450 participants from 30 workshops across 6 states.

Youth LEAD Program

Each Youth LEAD program involves a 3 day training and action planning residential workshop for participants aged 15-25ish. The workshop features skills training in:

- ecological footprint assessment and lifestyle analysis
- strategic questioning, deep listening and critical thinking
- rational and emotional intelligence
- creative thinking, values and visioning
- goal setting and action planning for lifestyle changes and eco-social action

The Youth LEAD program also provides:

- Follow-up meetings and regular communication for ongoing mentoring and support;
- Participation in the national Youth LEAD network and e-list;
- Opportunities to train as youth to youth mentors and Youth LEAD facilitators;
- Opportunities to volunteer in Oz GREEN programs within Australia and Internationally in India, Papua New Guinea and East Timor.

Oz GREEN (Global Rivers Environmental Education Network Australia Inc) is an independent, not for profit organisation that was established in 1992. Oz GREEN facilitates life changing learning and leadership programs for sustainability, enabling people to harness their inner wisdom, creativity and intelligence to build pathways to an ecologically sustainable future. Oz GREEN runs a range of programs, working nationally in Australia and internationally in India, Papua New Guinea, East Timor and Pakistan. Donations to Oz GREEN are tax-deductible in Australia. <http://www.ozgreen.org.au>

Youth LEAD Facilitators

Oz GREEN co-founders Sue and Colin Lennox lead by example and are recognised as leading social entrepreneurs in Australia. They each bring over 30 years of experience and professional qualifications in environmental education, social enterprise and youth empowerment gained on the ground in city and rural settings in Australia and internationally. They are supported by a team of passionate young professionals, trainee facilitators and youth-to-youth mentors, each of whom has a track record of successfully implementing their own life changes and projects.

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Also, Youth LEAD value-adds to the secondary schools based program: MYRiveR Yarra - whole river basin project that engages, equips and enables young people and their communities, through their schools, to build pathways to sustainable river futures.