2014 Youth Eco Summit (YES)

**Inviting all RCE’s to connect and participate**

The Youth Eco Summit (YES) is an award-winning global education event that is hosted annually in Sydney, Australia. It delivers strong and active network partnerships to identify and address issues of sustainability at a local, national and international level. YES builds the capacity of students and schools to take action and have a voice on sustainability, through targeted workshop training and project development. In 2013, YES engaged over 6,600 students from across Australia and around the World, and received an RCE Recognition Award as a Flagship Project for Transformative Learning and Curriculum Change. For more information visit the 2013 YES Showreel

YES components:

1. **Building Capacity: Sustainability Workshops, Showcases & Expo**
   A two day event at Sydney Olympic Park on the 22 & 23 October, 2014. Participants can attend on-site or via live video conferences and web streaming. We encourage you to share your achievements on these days via live video links with our on-site audience, or alternatively, provide a virtual presentation via a pre-recorded method.

2. **Taking Action: Project Development and Delivery**
   Each year participants in YES undertake action around an identified theme, in 2014 the action theme is 'Family, Food and Farming'. The action theme guides, inspires and connects local and international projects. We encourage you to share your projects and we will assist in linking you with existing projects in other places.

3. **Having a Voice: Bringing Ideas Together**
   YES is a space in which we want to bring people together from around the world to share ideas, innovations and aspirations for a sustainable future. YES will conduct a week long video conference festival called, Getting to YES (October 13 to 17, 2014). At the heart of this initiative, we are empowering ‘youth to teach youth’, through cooperation, collaboration and debate.

How can you as an RCE partner be involved?

- Identify and promote relevant action projects in your local school network and RCE membership (we can then link you to schools in Australia and those in other participating RCE’s)
- Showcase your RCE achievements and learning through virtual presentations and posters at YES
- Host / facilitate / participate in video conferences during the ‘Getting to YES’ festival
- Engage with the live Youtube feed and social media up to and during the YES Showcase event

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