

Mission Statement

COMMUNICATING CLIMATE WITH HOPE AND SUCCESS STORIES

The mission of the Young Voices for the Planet films is to limit the magnitude of climate change and its impacts by empowering children and youth, through true uplifting and inspiring success stories, to take an essential role in informing their communities and society at large, challenging decision-makers, and catalyzing change.



The YVFP films document youth speaking out, creating solutions and leading the change. Learn about kids in:

- California banning plastic bags
- Florida saving their school \$53,000 in energy costs
- Germany planting millions of trees
- and many others

Help young people realize the power of their voices by:

- showing the YVFP films
- sharing your youth's success stories on our Facebook page so we can post them on our Youth Action Map

We look forward to hearing from you and working with youth and educators.



YVFP WEBINAR

The Civic Engagement and Democracy Webinar is a condensed version of the 6-hour Civic Engagement and Democracy Educator Workshop. The Webinar covers:

1. History of Rights
2. The tradition of citizens changing laws
3. Teaching young people about the responsibilities associated with citizenship in a democracy
4. The YVFP Civic Engagement and Democracy Curriculum that shows how to unleash the power of youth through our ACTION plan
5. How to inspire young people through the role models featured in the Young Voices for the Planet films
6. The psychology of climate denial and climate action
7. "Motivated avoidance", "social modeling" and how action is the antidote to fear and demoralization



YOUNG VOICES FOR THE PLANET

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND DEMOCRACY

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, WEBINARS
AND WORKSHOPS



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Civic Engagement and Democracy Workshop

PRESENTATION INFORMATION

**Hosted by Lynne Cherry:
Children's Book
Author/Illustrator and Producer
of the Young Voices for the
Planet films**

The Young Voices for the Planet Civic Engagement and Democracy Workshops and Presentations prepare teachers to unleash the power of youth through the uplifting success stories in the Young Voices for the Planet films and the YVFP Civic Engagement and Democracy curriculum.

To invite Lynne Cherry and the Young Voices for the Planet team (including educators and environmental advocates from your area) to conduct a full or half-day workshop or a 1 or 2-hour presentation, contact us at:
youngvoicesforplanet@gmail.com



Young Voices for the Planet Films

The Young Voices for the Planet short films feature youth speaking out, creating solutions, changing laws, changing minds and changing society as they reduce the carbon footprint of their homes, schools and communities. These documentaries reach our hearts and inspire action – the antidote to fear.



In "Words Have Power", 10-year-old Jaysa rallies the community with her speeches about how the power plant causes asthma and "so much suffering." When they succeed in shutting down the plant, Jaysa concludes that "words have power."

In "Save Tomorrow", Three Massachusetts 9-year-olds testify at their town meeting in support of solar panels on town buildings. Success makes them unstoppable. They continue to speak out, even saving their local woods.

Concerned about the effects of plastic bags on ocean life and CO2 emissions, "Team Marine" high school students dress up as plastic bag monsters and act to successfully ban plastic bags in their city of Santa Monica.

You can show the YVFP films directly from our website or purchase a DVD at:
<https://www.youngvoicesfortheplanet.com/store-dvd/>

Civic Engagement and Democracy Workshop

The YVFP Civic Engagement and Democracy curriculum helps educators understand how young people who cannot yet vote can participate in the Democratic process. This curriculum augments the Young Voices for the Planet (YVFP) films, which showcase the successes of youth who are speaking out and leading the way to a sustainable society.

The YVFP films and curriculum can help kids:

- Identify and address environmental issues
- Be inspired by other youth to become engaged in and influence school and community governance and global issues
- Create an ACTION plan
- Navigate through the process of civic engagement as outlined in the YVFP curriculum

To view the YVFP curriculum visit:
<https://www.youngvoicesfortheplanet.com/curriculum/>

