



Next Generation

Green Schools Program

Environmental education and action to develop young leaders and green our schools

The Next Generation Green Schools Program exists to foster environmental education, youth leadership development, and green behaviors and operations in our schools. We work with students, teachers and administrators at elementary, middle and high schools to tailor a comprehensive program that supports current school priorities and includes the following activities:

EDUCATIONAL and LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Assemblies – we run presentations for grades and entire schools that help students and teachers learn about environmental issues and become excited about working for sustainability.

In-Class Lessons and Presentations – we lead interactive lessons to help students learn about environmental issues and sustainable solutions. Topics include sustainability, climate change, energy, water, food, civic engagement, and more. Please see our Activity Guides for a more complete listing.

Go Organic! Puppet Show - a puppet show for the younger grades featuring friends from the garden that teaches kids the benefits of choosing organic to wildlife, the environment, and people.

Eco Adventure Field Trips – we take classes and groups of students on field trips to visit organic farms, parks, resource recovery centers, green schools & homes, and meet non-profit, green business and government leaders.

Youth Leadership Trainings – our trainings cover leadership skills including outreach, event and action planning, and public speaking, to teach young leaders the skills they need to make a difference.

Service Activities and Student Projects – we help connect students, teachers and schools with environmental service opportunities, and guide student clubs, leaders, and classes to plan and implement green projects.

GREENING SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND BEHAVIORS

In addition to environmental education activities, we help students and schools to consider their impact on the environment and provide consultation services to help them green their behaviors and operations. We can also connect them with resources and experts who can support them to become more sustainable. We focus on:

- Waste Reduction
- Recycling and Composting
- Energy Conservation
- Solar Energy
- Organic and Local Food
- School Gardens
- Walk and Bike to School
- Water Conservation
- Green Building
- Green Business / School Certification

SCHOOL CLUBS AND EVENTS

We offer meeting facilitation and support for environmental or social issues focused school clubs. We also host community and school-based events for youth and educators and help schools to plan their own green events.

NETWORKING AND SUPPORT

We help to connect eco-minded schools, teachers and students with green businesses, government leaders, funders and non-profit organizations, as well as curriculum, training and other resources.

GETTING INVOLVED

During the past four years, Next Generation has sponsored activities at numerous schools throughout Marin County and beyond. For more information about this program, visit www.gonextgeneration.org or contact **Next Generation Green Schools Program Director Rebecca Mullaney** at 415.459.6398 or rebecca@gonextgeneration.org.



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NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT



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Environmental Education

The Next Generation Green Schools Program helps young people to learn about environmental problems like global warming and sustainable solutions around issues including energy, food, water, transportation, and waste. During the 2007- 2008 school year, our assemblies, lessons, field trips and events engaged 4500 Marin County youth and 300 adults at 14 elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as special events. We held 17 eco assemblies at local schools and conducted 165 environmentally-themed interactive lessons on sustainability and civic engagement. 2 Green Week events at Redwood and San Marin high schools engaged the majority of the student body (2000 teens) in workshops, assemblies, fairs, career day, and green campaigns. Our Eco-Adventure Field Trips involved 45 teens from San Domenico and Redwood High Schools in two explorations of sustainability in action in our community.

September 2007-June 2008

Assemblies	Lessons	Green Week Events	Eco-Adventure Field Trips
17 for 3600 participants	165 for 4000 participants	30 activities at 2 events for 2000 participants	2 for 45 participants

Leadership Development

The Green Schools Program trains and mentors young people to gain leadership skills and learn how to make a difference - in their own lives, schools, communities, and the world. Our staff work with community mentors to support student groups on a regular basis, conduct special trainings, and engage young leaders in projects that promote sustainability. During the 2007-2008 school year, we facilitated over 50 leadership meetings at 3 schools - Redwood, Tamalpais, and San Marin High Schools - as well as a special day-long leadership training for local teen leaders. We also worked with student leaders at San Marin and Redwood High Schools to plan and implement our special Green Week events there.

September 2007 - June 2008: 50 leadership meetings 1 leadership training held at 4 schools

Greening Behaviors and School Operations

The Green Schools Program also works with students, teachers, administrators and community partners to engage in actions that make individual behaviors, as well as school operations, more sustainable. Our lessons, assemblies and program materials teach eco-friendly behaviors to students and inspire them to implement changes in their own lives and at home. In addition, our programs have:

- Helped to revitalize the recycling program at Davidson Middle School and educated the students on its use
- Supported students to initiate energy and water conservation projects at Tamalpais and Redwood High Schools
- Worked with staff, students, and local organizations to expand the recycling program at San Marin High
- Supported students in various projects to green their schools, including campaigns for recycled paper, organic food, lunch waste reduction, school gardens, and habitat restoration



What Educators and Students Are Saying...

Next Generation provides key leadership and resources to our schools. Their commitment to youth leadership, green schools and sustainable living is vital. With state budget cuts, their community link to the schools is more important than ever. We need their support and help during this critical time for our schools, society and planet.

- Annan Paterson, Guidance Counselor, San Marin High, Novato

The staff at Next Generation are deeply committed and motivated to make our school a better, more aware, and more sustainable place. My students and I appreciate their conscientious dedication and interest in improving our community.

- Joe Stewart, Science Teacher, Redwood High, Larkspur

For five years, Next Generation has inspired students, adults and seniors to take action for our fragile environment and for peace. I am proud of the work we have done at Tam High Earth Club and enjoy the time spent with [Next Generation staff person] Rebecca Mullaney each week. I am honored to serve on the Board of Next Generation.

- Max Perrey, Student, Tamalpais High, Mill Valley