



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
National Environmental Youth Advisory Council
Workgroups

BACKGROUND

The National Environmental Youth Advisory Council (NEYAC), a federal advisory committee to EPA was established in June 2023. The Council provides independent advice and recommendations to the Administrator on how to increase EPA's efforts to address a range of environmental issues as they relate to youth, with an emphasis on people under the age of 29. Council members will provide a critical perspective on how the impacts of climate change and other environmental harms affect youth.

Below is the list of current workgroups.

WORKGROUP	CHARGE
Environmental Justice and Youth	The Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights is seeking from the NEYAC on how EPA can enhance and improve the Agency's engagement with youth, in particular, those in communities with environmental justice concerns. EPA is interested in ensuring that youth in communities with environmental justice concerns are empowered and connected to the resources EPA is making available to support advancing environmental justice in communities.
Climate, Clean Air and Environmental Justice	The Office of Air and Radiation is seeking input from the NEYAC on areas of interest and most pressing issues to youth communities that EPA should focus on or prioritize. Additionally, EPA seeks recommendations on improving the Agency's regulatory process to ensure sufficient transparency for meaningful, effective engagement with youth, environmental justice, and other communities.
Food Loss and Waste, and Recycling	The Office of International and Tribal Affairs and the Office of Emergency Land and Management are seeking recommendations from the NEYAC on how EPA can more effectively engage and educate youth to help reduce food waste both nationally and internationally. EPA is also interested in suggestions on how food retailers and food service providers can play a role in preventing food from going to waste at home.