

## YouthCaN (Youth Communications and Networking)

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Students facilitate an online network of students using telecommunications technologies to undertake and/or share environmental work locally and around the world. Students write about and interact on environmental issues facing their communities during the year. Since 1995, a youth planning committee has coordinated an annual event in April or May, which brings together youth of the world to share how they are using technology in environmental projects. In 2007 the New York City, USA YouthCaN event will take place April 21-23, involving over 1,000 students, at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. Other events take place around the US, in Lebanon (YouthCaN Med) and in other countries-linked through the Internet and video-conferencing with the students in New York City. This project is co-sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History, iEARN, Caretakers of the Earth/USA and a number of high school environmental organizations.

**Activity for Facilitators** – by Wileyda and Michael, YouthCaN planning committee members

- Choose a leader for your group. This person should make things go smoothly and make sure that no one is talking too much.
- Take turns briefly describing each individual's environmental community issues. Choose one of these issues for the rest of the activity.
- Collaborate and speak about how, as a small group, you can solve the issue, or at least make it better.
- Choose one or two representatives from the group to present the environmental issue to the rest of the groups.