



There is so much we can all do to help create a just and healthy future for the whole world. The United Nations has created a list of Sustainable Development Goals or SDG's as a call to action in 17 different areas including quality education, sustainable cities and communities, responsible consumption and production, and climate action.

To help you figure out how you can make a difference in your community and contribute towards a sustainable future, we have organized various projects you can complete while in ER Teens by each SDG.

*The possibilities are endless, so take a look through and see how you'll make positive change!*



## SDG 4: Quality Education



### Educate the next generation

- » Getting the next generation interested in the environment is an incredibly important piece of the puzzle when it comes to saving the planet. Organize a way to educate youth about environmental issues and get them involved!

Project rating: ● ● ● ● ●



### Art projects

- » Show off your knowledge and passion about the environment in an artistic way that communicates a message you're passionate about. It can be about anything from reducing single use plastic or car emissions, to reintroducing native plants to your area! Get members of your community involved and share your passion with them.

Project rating: ● ● ● ● ●



### Environmental fair

- » Gather 'round! Bring together different learning opportunities centered around an environmental interest/ passion of yours and invite others to learn about it. From emerging technologies to sustainable fashion trends, this is your chance to share your interests with others!

Project rating: ● ● ● ● ●



## **SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy**

### **Get your community to participate in Earth Hour**

- » Heard of earth hour? Make sure others in your community know about it and have them pledge to participate in reducing our impact on the planet for one hour!

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●



## **SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities**

### **Working with restaurants or other small businesses in your community to reduce their environmental impact by doing things like switching to recycled paper products, transitioning to more sustainable take-out containers, and diverting food waste.**

Businesses can sometimes create a lot of waste. There are tons of ways they can reduce their impact and this is your chance to work with them to do it. Pick a business and learn about ways for them to reduce their environmental impact and then help them implement these changes!

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●



### **Community Composting**

- » Does your community have a way for its members to compost? If not, you get to make it! Look into the different methods of composting and implement the one that best fits in your community!

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●



## **SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production**

### **Repair event (bike repair, electronics)**

- » Isn't it frustrating when something that's still in otherwise good shape has a small issue? Instead of getting rid of it, inspire people to repair it! Organize a community event where people can come and learn how to fix some common goods.

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●



### **Swap event (clothing, books, toys, sports equipment)**

- » Growing out of clothes or equipment and having to buy new ones isn't only a financial burden on an individual, but also on the planet! Swapping or trading with others not only allows you to get the items you need for less money, but also encourages people to reduce their consumption.

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●



### **Promote alternative transportation**

» Ever wondered how many cars you could reduce if your whole community chose other, more sustainable options? Work with other members of your community and promote car alternatives, like biking, carpooling, or even walking!

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●



### **DIY event (reusable bag out of old t-shirt, beeswax wraps, laundry detergent, etc.)**

» Want more people to know about all the great sustainable swaps that exist, some that they can even make themselves? Organize an event to show people how to create various alternatives and get them started on living more sustainably!

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●



### **Circular Economy (batteries, markers, paint cans, dry cleaner hangers/ bags)**

» Ever noticed how many items don't get discarded properly or might be able to be reused? There's definitely something you can think of! Choose a hard to dispose of item, and create a way to help members of your community reuse or dispose of it properly.

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●

## **SDG 13: Climate Action**



### **Electric School Bus projects**

» Wondering how to fight climate change in your own life? As students, you know the importance of safe and sustainable transportation, and electric school busses are the future. Join ER Teens in advocating for a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable option for your school. Get involved with your local community to be a part of the fight against climate change!

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●



### **Traditional Advocacy**

» Organize a letter writing campaign, a protest, or another similar advocacy effort to get your climate message across. Young people have the power to make a huge difference, and this is your opportunity to flex that!

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●



### **Community climate events**

» Something a little different than traditional advocacy is rallying your community together for an event that focuses on climate change.

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●

» Below are a few ideas to get you started!

### Climate Walk or Run

Organize a walk or run to raise awareness about climate change and its impacts.

### Climate Art Exhibition

Organize an art exhibition focused on climate change themes.

### Climate Film Festival

Host a film festival focused on climate change issues. Show documentaries, films, and shorts that raise awareness about climate change and its impact on people, animals, and the planet.

### Climate-friendly Picnic

Host a climate-friendly picnic in a local park or open space. Encourage people to bring reusable dishes, utensils, and water bottles.

## SDG 14: Life below Water



### Shoreline cleanups

» Organize your very own shoreline cleanup! Our shorelines are incredibly important, being a permanent and temporary home to hundreds of species. Get a group together and see how much trash you can collect.

Project rating: ● ● ● ● ●



### Working with local recreational fishers

» Fishing is a livelihood and also hobby! Issues like discarded line, lead lures, and lack of knowledge about rules and regulations can harm the fish populations as well as the larger aquatic ecosystem. Develop a project centered around a concern that recreational anglers can take part in addressing!

Project rating: ● ● ● ● ●



### School-wide plastic free pledge

» Ever wonder how much plastic could be kept from our waterways if you got your whole school involved? Take on this project to find out! Work with your peers to take plastic out of their lives and see how powerful you all are.

Project rating: ● ● ● ● ●

## SDG 15: Life on Land



### **Pollinator projects (gardens, boxes, homes, etc.)**

- » Pollinators are the lifeline of our planet. From bats, bees, beetles, butterflies, and birds, there are so many different species that contribute to our lives in unseen ways. For this project, pick a pollinator and help them out!

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●



### **No Mow May**

- » Talk about the easiest thing ever! Get members of your community on board to literally do nothing when it comes to their lawns! No Mow May encourages people to not do anything to their lawns to help out the pollinators in the spring.

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●



### **Leave your Leaves**

- » The fall sibling of No Mow May, this project is strikingly similar, it also asks you to do nothing, but in the fall! Aside from reducing greenhouse gasses released from the millions of tonnes of leaves thrown away as solid waste, there are animals that call this leaf litter home. Convince members of your community to leave their leaves for these critters.

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●



### **Lights out for birds**

- » Migratory birds are a sight to see in the fall and spring, but we have to protect them. Since lights from our buildings can confuse them, get your community to commit to turning out the lights during their migration periods.

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### **Bird safe windows**

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**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●



### **Community/ Citizen Science**

- » Ever heard of community or citizen science? In this project, you'll be encouraging others to become active in the community science space and document sightings of animals they see when out and about. There are many different directories and organisations that you can contribute to!

**Project rating:** ● ● ● ● ●