



News & Updates

Join Us and invite additional high school students to increase our local climate advocacy efforts.

The It's Our Future podcast series

We are hard at work on writing scripts and conducting interviews and looking forward to publishing our podcasts. COVID-19 presented us with several challenges, causing us to postpone in-person meetings and recording in the WBEZ studio with Mackenzie Crosson, but we are moving forward. Our series will have episodes on recycling, environmental justice, freegans, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and more. Stay tuned and get to know our producers.



Meet Jess...

Jess's podcast will be on recycling and sustainability. She is off to the University of Chicago this fall. Jess told It's Our Future: "Climate change is very important to me because I have been following the news and our situation is becoming more and more desperate, while the older generation overall is not pursuing any changes. I plan to major in environmental studies in college and I will possibly be involved with environmental policy changes." Jess served on the Youth Advisory Council for the One Earth Film Festival, independently organized a collection for the Australian Wildfires at our Climate Live event last January, and more.

Composting is essential

We continue our local composting advocacy efforts and have a plan in place for an email writing campaign to our local elected leaders. In the meantime, we continue to learn about composting programs and how important food scrap collections are, not only during COVID-19, but year round and "for all." Transitioning our community programs remains top of mind for It's Our Future and we look forward to including speakers on our virtual calls to help us learn more about how we can help make a collective impact. Please continue to share our [change.org](https://www.change.org) campaign widely.

Read about a confident high schooler in Maine who used his voice to bring about a much needed conversation in his community related to food scrap collection. The key concern is keeping it affordable for residents.



Your voice matters



Interested in environmental justice? Read on.

The Climate Reality Project is co-hosting a webinar. We need to understand how the climate crisis intersects with social inequities like racial discrimination, poverty, and environmental injustice. Join the digital mass march and assembly. Learn more on May 19th at 2pm, CST.

WEBINAR REGISTRATION

The Compost by My Couch...

You can reduce food waste today. Try composting food scraps at home in a cardboard box. Read more from NY Times reporter, Hiroko Tabuchi.

"All you need is a large cardboard box, coco peat, made from coconut husk, and kutan, or rice bran ash, which is used in Japan to improve soil health. Together, coco peat and kutan create an ideal condition for thriving oxygen-starved aerobic bacteria, which then help decompose food scraps. You can order coco peat online from garden shops. I have never seen Kutan for sale in the United States, but you can use horticultural ash such as hardwood ash."



Cardboard Box Composting



It's Our Future helps young leaders advocate for climate change solutions and their future

Raise your voice by:

- Producing podcasts
- Writing op-eds
- Participating in forums
- Presenting to local officials
- Planning film screenings

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