



TAKE ACTION ON THE RIGHT TO A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT



GET INFORMED, GET INVOLVED, AND GET OTHERS INTERESTED

IF YOU HAVE

10
Minutes

- **Learn.** Read our fact sheet and take our short quiz on the right to a clean environment at: www.discoverhumanrights.org/human_rights_toolkits.
- **Take small actions.** Find ways to incorporate environmental ethics into your daily life (for example, ensure that your tires are properly inflated or double-side your print and copy jobs) at: www.50waystohelp.com.
- **Call or write your representatives.** Check out the many ways that you can make your voice heard at: www.globalstewards.org/advocacy.htm#pet.

IF YOU HAVE

A Few
Hours

- **Calculate your global footprint.** Find out the size of your footprint and ways to make it smaller at: www.footprintnetwork.org/en/index.php/GFN/page/personal_footprint.
- **Green your home.** For information on how to make your abode friendlier on the environment, such as using energy-saving light bulbs and sealing your windows and doors, visit: www.greenyour.com/home.
- **Host a film.** Raise awareness and take action by hosting a screening of a film on the preservation of the Arctic National Wildlife refuge. Go to: www.oilonice.org.
- **Inform.** Table at a fair to distribute environmental materials and collect signatures on a local environmental issue. Go to: www.sierraclub.org for more information.

IF YOU HAVE

A
Month

- **Educate.** Host a speaker from an environmental organization at your school, community center, or place of worship to learn more about the right to a clean environment.
- **Park your car.** Challenge yourself to use alternative transportation for a month. For some great ideas, go to: <http://www.globalstewards.org/town.htm>.
- **Go vegetarian.** Watch the documentary *Food Inc.* and explore easy ways to convert to a healthier, more sustainable diet: www.foodincmovie.com.
- **Train others.** Provide training for community members on environmental advocacy tactics. Download your activist toolkit at: www.studentpirgs.org/activist-toolkit.

IF YOU HAVE

A Year
or More

- **Host a Community Event.** Sign up to host a clean-up event in your community. To take action, go to: www.cleanforestproject.org/host-a-community-clean-up-event.html.
- **Volunteer with a local environmental group.** Research online the opportunities to assist with local community service eco-groups or political advocacy organizations.
- **Organize your neighbors.** Form committees to address environmental problems in your community. You could plan a neighborhood clean-up day or gather people to visit your elected officials to discuss issues that you care about.
- **Grow.** Plant a vegetable garden in your backyard, or start a community garden to increase awareness about environmental issues. For ideas, visit: www.communitygarden.org.



RIGHT TO A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT RESOURCES



Advocates for Environmental Human Rights

www.ehumanrights.org

Works to achieve environmental justice by advocating for the human right to a healthy environment, as well as the human right to life, health, racial equality, and security of one's home.

Blue Planet Project

www.blueplanetproject.net

A global initiative that strives to achieve the goal of water justice for all. The site informs readers about the issues and provides them with information on how they can help.

Center for Environment & Population

www.cepnet.org

An non-partisan, non-profit research, policy, and public outreach organization that addresses the relationship between human population, resource consumption, and the environment.

Center for Human Rights and the Environment

<http://wp.cedha.net/?lang=en>

Focuses on building harmonious relationships between people and the environment. Their work centers on promoting greater access to justice for victims of environmental degradation.

Earth Day Network

www.earthday.org

Founded on the premise that all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment. Provides news coverage of environmental issues, ways to take action, and more.

EekoWorld (for kids!)

<http://pbskids.org/leekoworld/>

An interactive site designed to help children learn about the important role they can play in taking care of the earth.

Environment America

www.environmentamerica.org

Urges people to take action to improve the environment - includes several resources on stopping global warming, clean water, clean air, and toxic pollution, among others.

Environmental Defense Fund

www.edf.org

Works directly with governments, businesses, and communities to create lasting solutions to serious environmental problems.

Earthjustice

earthjustice.org

A non-profit public interest law firm dedicated to protecting the magnificent places, natural resources, and wildlife of this earth, and to defending the right of all people to a healthy environment.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

www.epa.gov/students/teachers.html

The EPA is the primary enforcer of our nation's environmental laws. Their site includes information on science and technology, up-to-date information on pressing environmental issues, and extensive resources for citizens, teachers, and students.

Greenpeace

www.greenpeace.org/usa

An organization inspired by activists that works to save our environment. Includes information on how to take action on a variety of issues, including global warming, energy, oceans, forests, toxins, and genetic engineering.

National Resources Defense Council

www.nrdc.org

A large, effective environmental action organization. Uses law, science, and the support of 1.3 million members to protect the planet's wildlife and wild places and to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all living things.

The Nature Conservancy

www.nature.org

The leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters.

Right to Environment

righttoenvironment.org

The site specifically focuses on the right to environment as an international human right and provides a comprehensive list of human rights that are often violated by environmental harms.

The Sierra Club

www.sierraclub.org

The Sierra Club was America's first formidable grassroots environmental organization.

Will Steger Foundation

www.willstegerfoundation.org/

Educates, inspires and empowers people to engage in solutions to climate change.

World Health Organization - Public Health and Environment

www.who.int/phe/en

Focuses on the public health impact of environmental problems. Explores how the right to a clean environment corresponds with the right to health.

World Wildlife Fund

worldwildlife.org/

WWF's mission is the conservation of nature. By 2020, WWF aims to conserve 19 of the world's most important natural places and significantly change global markets for future protection.