Youth and Urban Environment/Roundtable on Youth and Local Government

Description of event:

Session1: Youth and Urban Environment: Road to Vancouver 2006

Members of the Environmental Youth Alliance will facilitate a workshop on Youth and Urban Environment. This interactive workshop will explore how youth are involved in promoting a healthy physical and social environment. Examples will be used from the World Urban Forum 2006 Child and Youth Friendly Cities dialogue paper, and the Growing up in Cities project (Canada).

Small group sessions will allow youth to explore what ways local governments can support youth in creating Liveable Cities which support healthy physical and social environments.

Session 2: Roundtable on Youth and Local Government

City of Vancouver elected representatives Lyndsay Poaps and Kevin Millsip will host a Youth and Local Government Roundtable that is organized by the Canadian and French youth delegations in partnership with UN -HABITAT Partners and Youth Section to attempt to:

a. identify best practices that exist for youth involvement in local government;

b. build the capacities of youth to enable them to participate in local government;

c. identify the programmes that can be undertaken over the next two years on the road to Vancouver 2006.

A report and recommendations will come from this interactive roundtable, and be presented to the City of Vancouver, and the Canadian federal government, with the goal of using the findings to further refine the road to the 2006 programme.

Name of organization:

Environmental Youth Alliance Canada

Description of organization:

The Environmental Youth Alliance is a non-profit, non-governmental charity dedicated to creating sustainable living alternatives. Some of the projects carried out by the Alliance consist of building rooftop gardens, developing urban agriculture options, environmental building projects and creating education strategies.

Partner organizations:

Association Nationale des Conseils d'Enfants et de Jeunes (ANACEJ) Environmental Youth Alliance Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement City of Vancouver YouthPlanet

Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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