



## Washington D.C. Youth Environmentalism



### Climate Reality: American University

Comprised of 25 members, American University's chapter works to increase climate education and inspire climate

action. Last semester, they worked with leadership at American University to implement a lesson on climate into the mandatory "AU experience" course that every freshman student is required to take. By accomplishing this goal, every single freshman for years to come will learn about climate change, sustainability, and environmental justice regardless of their field of study. This semester, the chapter is running a federal lobbying campaign to urge the Biden administration and new Congress to pass a progressive climate bill that prioritizes carbon neutrality and environmental justice. They are also presenting to multiple k-12 and high schools throughout the district to educate students on environmental issues.

Overarching website:

[climaterealityproject.org](https://climaterealityproject.org)

DC specific website: none

Social media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)



### Earth Conservation Corps

Earth Conservation Corps is a nonprofit, environmental action program powered by community youth in a transformative year of Anacostia River restoration. For

twenty-nine years neighborhood youth with little resources have doggedly fought to reclaim the river in their backyard. When they began, the Anacostia River was one of the most polluted rivers in America, but we have galvanized a massive reclamation effort and the river is recovering. The best way to help is by seeing what you can do to volunteer and spread the word of the current rebuild!

Overarching website: [earthconservationcorps.org](https://earthconservationcorps.org)

Social media: [facebook](#)



### Extinction Rebellion Youth DC

Much like its adult affiliate, Extinction Rebellion Youth DC (XRYDC) mobilizes its members and partner organizations to fight for climate justice with intersectional art and demonstration. Examples include their contributions to recent marches against the Dakota Access Pipeline and Line projects that will devastate native lands. At the time of this fact sheet's creation, XRYDC successfully organized a flea market with local organization Heal Da Homies. The market proceeds will benefit mutual aid groups in DC.

Overarching website: [xryouthus.org](https://xryouthus.org)

DC specific website: none

Social media: [Instagram](#)



### Fridays for the Future- DC

Founded by Greta Thunberg in 2018, when she decided she would not attend school on a Friday to show her disappointment in global leaders' failure to address climate change, and thus her first climate strike began. Following that purely through inspiration, the District's own youth have followed in her footsteps and they have continued to demonstrate even throughout the pandemic. Often demonstrating at Union Station, the DC chapter also spreads information through social media on how to best contribute to the fight for the environment,

Overarching website: [fridaysforfuture.org](https://fridaysforfuture.org)

DC specific website: none

Social media: [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)



### Girl Scouts: Nations Capital

A widely known National youth organization, the Girl Scouts of our Nation's Capital contributes to local environmental initiatives. From cleaning up local parks to teaching "Leave No Trace"



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principles, the Girl Scouts continuously help the community in any way they can.

Overarching website: [girlscouts.org](http://girlscouts.org)

DC Specific website: [gscnc.org](http://gscnc.org)

Social media: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)



### GroW Community Garden

Organized through George Washington University's student body, the GroW Community Garden is located in Washington

D.C. on H Street between 23rd and 24th Streets. It is cared for by student managers and committed volunteers while also being supported by GW's Office of Sustainability. All produce is donated to Miriam's Kitchen, a nonprofit, which has helped them lead COVID response feeding programs. They have also been able to partner with FRESHFARM, a nonprofit committed to promoting sustainable farming, to bring sustainable, fresh, and affordable produce from local farms to their students and community members. Check out their published article on the importance of community-based food systems and urban agriculture below

#### [Article](#)

Overarching website: none

DC Specific website: none

Social media: [Facebook](#)



### Howard University Climate Change, People & Environmental Club (HUC<sup>3</sup>)

The Howard University's Climate Change People & Environment Club focuses on raising awareness on climate change and effects humans have on the environment. Club members collaborate to come up with solutions useful to communities and individuals in an effort to promote sustainable development. Members of the Club collaborate with students, staff, and faculty to boost awareness on climate change and our carbon footprint by conducting research both on campus and in the DC Metro Area. The club's research findings and concerns are presented at the club's meetings. These meetings are open to the university community and anyone interested. The goal is to grow the club's platform on climate change and

humanity's overall impact on the environment. Within these meeting, they hope to come up with more solutions that promote sustainability.

Overarching website: none

DC specific website: none

Social media: [instagram](#)



### The Sunrise Movement DC Hub

With over 150 active members, the Sunrise Movement DC is a youth organization working for climate justice and collective liberation in DC and the wider DMV. They advocate on issues of housing, transportation, energy, and policing as well as community organizing and mutual aid. To achieve this, they are working to elect leaders who stand up for the health and wellbeing of all people as well as those focused in moving away from the corrupt influence of the fossil fuel industry.

Overarching website: [sunrisemovement.org](http://sunrisemovement.org)

DC Specific website: [dc.sunrisemovement.org](http://dc.sunrisemovement.org)

Social media: [instagram.com](#)