



Youth Environment Council South Australia

Sharing and Celebration Forum FAQ

What is the Sharing and Celebration Forum all about?

We will be sharing and celebrating all the efforts YEC members have made towards sustainability in their school and communities this year. You will get a chance to share your environmental project with the group, as well as see what other YEC members have been up to over the year. What better way to learn about the different environmental challenges facing South Australia (and how to tackle them!) than from each other? We will be celebrating with a special lunch, fun activities and each member will receive a YEC Certificate.

Who else will be at the Forum?

To promote all the great work you have done, we will be extending our Sharing Forum invitations to the Minister for Environment, the Minister for Education, NRM Board members, Principals, teachers, representatives from the Dept. of Environment, Water & Natural Resources and your parents and carers! It's a great opportunity to show our leaders that young people care about their environment and can create sustainable change in their communities.

Can we use Powerpoint or Keynote to share our projects?

We all learn in different ways, however a Powerpoint presentation only caters to one or two types of learners. Some of us learn best by reading, watching a video, reading statistics, or looking at photos, whilst some of us learn best by discussing, having the freedom to explore, asking questions or learning by doing. We would like YEC members to present their project displays using whatever creative means they like to showcase their projects!

What does my project display need to look like?

Your project display can be whatever you want it to be! At the end of this FAQ is a list of all our different learning styles and suggestions of how to engage them. Try to share your project in ways that cater to as many styles as possible, as the more engaging the display, the more effective the environmental message and story! It's important that everyone has a chance to see, read, explore, hear, try, discuss, guess, and learn about all the great things you've been doing!



Do I have to stand next to my display?

Yes, so everyone can meet the person behind the project! You are there to promote what you did, engage people as they walk past, and be available to chat in case anyone would like to ask any questions.

When will I get to see other people's displays?

Before lunch, half of the group will man their displays whilst the other half wander through and explore the different projects, and then the groups will swap over. At the end of the day all YEC members will man their displays whilst our invited guests wander through to view them.

I'm struggling for display ideas, what could I do?

Here are some suggestions that you could include in your project display;

- Make a fun game demonstrating your environmental issue that participants can try
- Display a photo story
- Make a short video with 1-2 key messages and have it playing in the background
- Display interesting facts, or surprising statistics
- Pin up recent news articles that support your message
- Ask participants a Yes/No question relating to your project and collect votes from the crowd over the day (eg. stickers on a wall, marbles in jars etc.)
- Hand out brochures promoting what you can do at home
- Build a 3D model
- Give participants an opportunity to 'have a go' (eg. sorting litter into separate bins, identifying native plants, guessing the most energy efficient appliance etc.)
- Make a short rhyme or jingle promoting your environmental action
- Collect environmental pledges from participants and stick them up throughout the day
- Have useful website links available for people that seek more information





What do I have to bring? What will be provided on the day?

You will need to bring along whatever materials and equipment your display requires, so keep this in mind when developing your display ideas and consider how you will get it all safely to the venue. We will be sending out information closer to the date regarding the availability of tables, chairs, pin up boards and power points so stay tuned. We will also be providing lunch and morning tea to celebrate your achievements!

I'm still not sure about my display, who can help?

This is what your NRM Education project Mentor and YEC Mentors are for! If you have any questions get in touch with the NRM Education officer designated to support your project group. You also can ask your fellow YEC members more questions and hear what other YEC members have planned through the online forum at www.yecsa.net.au/members-forum.html.

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