

***Breakout Summary:***

At its core, sustainability is all about making things better for future generations. However, as we start to see the environmental, economic, and social impacts of climate change today, our youth are becoming increasingly aware of the threats they are expected to face in their lifetime.

Many young people find themselves frustrated with leaders and elected officials who do not support policies and programs to reduce carbon emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change. Fortunately, in the Cleveland region, there are a number of motivated youth stepping up, taking action, and demanding change. This breakout session discussed how local young people are taking charge of their future to fight climate change and create a better world for all.

Presenters:

Global Shapers: Jonathan Steirer and Julianne Roseman

Environmental Heroes: Luke Jennings Sanders, Ella Espiritu, Nina Serna, Enzo Esipirtu

Youth Sustainability Leadership Program (YSLP): Kynneddy Smith

Watch a recording of this session here: [Youth and Sustainability: The Future is Green | Sustainable Cleveland 2020 Virtual Summit](#)

Information and Resources shared during breakout:

- EveryDay Hero: <https://21smikyn.wixsite.com/everydayhero>. Kynneddy Smith
- Petition to support climate action plan for Ohio: <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/850/242/144/the-state-of-ohio-must-implement-a-statewide-climate-action-plan/>
- Form letter to State officials: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WmAnLV-LeZTF-xJgxLYkGAZgQSHTu7Dq7-Z7swHlgRo/edit?usp=sharing>
- Northeast Ohio Youth Climate Future Forum: <https://neoclimatefuture.org/>
- <https://www.globalshapers.org/hubs/cleveland-hub>