

# Youth Environment Forum 2010



## Calling all Year 11, 12 and 13 students..!

- Where:** Wellington, New Zealand  
**When:** Sunday 11 April – Thursday 15 April 2010  
**How:** Write us a letter, get selected, then ...

Environment Canterbury is looking for three young people from Year 11 – 13 to represent the Canterbury region at this year's Sir Peter Blake Youth Environment Forum (YEF). The YEF is an annual event that gives young people an opportunity to discuss and plan action on New Zealand's regional and national environmental issues. Check out the [Ministry for the Environment](#) or [Sir Peter Blake Trust](#) websites for more information.

All YEF delegates will have the chance to explore Wellington city and take part in environmentally-themed workshops – all designed to increase young people's awareness of, and interest in, New Zealand's natural and built environment. Following three days of workshops, field visits and seminars, forum delegates will present their findings to environmental professionals from central and local government.

Environment Canterbury works in partnership with the Sir Peter Blake Trust, and Ministry for the Environment, to make this a **fully-funded event** – this includes flights, accommodation and food. The group will be chaperoned by a representative from Environment Canterbury.

Applications are now sought from students who are passionate about, and are making an active contribution to improving their environment (e.g. as a member of a school or community environment group). **Applications close on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 at 5:00pm.**

### How to apply:

Write a short essay discussing an environmental issue of relevance to Canterbury (details on the Application Form enclosed with this letter). Attach your essay to the Application Form and post or email it to us before March 1st. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

Paul de Spa

**EDUCATOR FOR SUSTAINABILITY  
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## Youth Environment Forum 2010 – how to apply

### 1. **Essay**

Choose one environmental issue of relevance to Canterbury, based around land-use, water, transport, air, climate change, or waste.

1. Briefly outline (up to a page, in paragraphs or bullet points) the key aspects of this environmental challenge; **and**
2. Discuss (in approximately 250-500 words) what you feel must be done to help people change their actions and respond to this challenge.

**Please attach to your essay this completed Application Form, or send via email.**

### 2. **Application Form** (you may email this info – please include all details as below)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person (e.g. Principal): \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (03): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any environmental involvement you have in your school and/or community:

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

You may attach a brief CV including photo, and/or a reference if you wish to.

**Applications close on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 5:00pm** and should be posted to:  
Paul de Spa, Environment Canterbury, P O Box 345, CHRISTCHURCH 8140  
or emailed to: [paul.despa@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:paul.despa@ecan.govt.nz) Phone: (03) 363 9349

**Applicants will be notified no later than Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010.**

*We are looking for keen, articulate young people who have a contribution to make to a sustainable future. If this sounds like you or someone you know, please contact Paul on 363 9349 or [paul.despa@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:paul.despa@ecan.govt.nz) for more information.*