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## BLS Youth CAN

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### Youth Climate Action Network

Dear Friend:

We are seniors at Boston Latin School, and co-presidents of the student-initiated, student-run Boston Latin School Youth Climate Action Network (BLS Youth CAN). We are leading our community and state towards a more sustainable future, and are writing to invite you to participate in our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Climate Change Summit at MIT for teens and educators on Saturday May 12, 2012 hosted by BLS Youth CAN and the Technology and Culture Forum at MIT.



We're hoping that your organization will want to have an exhibitor table at this year's Summit. Every year we have 25-35 exhibitors set up along the indoor "street" in the Stata Center at MIT where the summit takes place. Exhibitors range from service organizations with informational, educational, and networking displays, to vendors with green items for purchase, youth groups exhibiting their initiatives, and a variety of interactive activities. This year in particular we're excited to be featuring a Youth Green Jobs & Youth Green Careers Expo within the event.

All exhibitors are provided with a 6' table and 2 chairs. Electrical needs can also be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis. There are typically more than 300 students and educators who attend the Summit. This year, because we've invited Governor Deval Patrick to give the welcome, we anticipate a particularly large crowd. We need confirmation of your attendance by Friday April 20th. Further details about set up and break down and parking will be provided upon receiving your email registration.



This year's summit is extra special because we are focusing on exciting examples of youth-led sustainability initiatives in Massachusetts. It's also exciting because we're partnering this year with two other youth organizations who are doing great sustainability work in the community:



The Boston Collaborative for Food and Fitness and the Boston Youth Environmental Network. The result is that we'll have a great selection of workshops, activities and displays focusing youth-led school food and social justice initiatives, school gardens, salad bars, composting programs, recycling programs, energy audits and more. We will be emphasizing a really big youth-led initiative: the collaborative project for a Community Green Roof. [http://www.blsyouthcan.org/BLS\\_Youth\\_C.A.N./Green\\_Roof.html](http://www.blsyouthcan.org/BLS_Youth_C.A.N./Green_Roof.html)

BLS Youth CAN's 2011 Global Climate Change Summit promises to be a great day of learning and networking in Massachusetts. We hope that you will want to be a part of it. Please direct your exhibitor table reservation and any questions to BLS Youth CAN's faculty advisor, Cate Arnold at [catebarnold@aol.com](mailto:catebarnold@aol.com)

#### BLS Youth CAN 2012 Summit Schedule

9:30 - 10:00	Registration, Breakfast
10:00 - 10:50	Welcome, Opening
11:00 - 12:00	Morning Workshops
12:00 - 1:30	<b>LUNCH</b> Live music, photo booth, farmers' market, exhibitors, activities; & Green Careers Expo
1:45 - 2:45	Afternoon Workshops
3:00 - 3:30	Networking & Closing

**Exhibitors - Set Up:** Exhibitors set up table displays starting at 8:30 AM

**Exhibits Visitation:** Summit participants will be free to visit table exhibits during registration (9:30 – 10:00 AM); before and after workshops (10:50 – 11:00; 2:45 – 3:00); and during Lunch (12:00 – 1:40)

**Exhibitors Break Down:** All exhibitors can start to break down at 3:00 and must be packed up and out of the Stata Center by 4:30P.M.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience!

The 2012 Summit Planning Committee