



## Youth Day at UN headquarters

United Nations, New York, 12 August 2009 - Youth gathered together at United Nations headquarters in New York (UNHQ) to share their solutions to the challenge of sustainability. In commemoration of International Youth Day 2009, the United Nations Programme on Youth in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs worked together with the United Nations Department of Public Information and Discovery Education to host a showcase at UNHQ. The showcase featured three students who worked with their teacher as "Team Dead Weight", to win the "We Can Change the World Challenge". Also part of the showcase was Jonathan Hiles of the youth network of the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office of North America, who presented his work, and the work of his network in promoting student-led education in climate change and sustainable development.

Members of the youth programme, Directions for our Youth, also took the stage, showing their use of creative expression in advocating that youth take on the challenge of sustainability. Youth present at the showcase also heard how other sectors of society plan to help them take on the challenge. Representatives of the Discovery Education shared their youth-focused initiatives, and statements were be made by representatives of the Permanent Mission of the United States and of the United Nations.

View the complete event (Real Media, 1 hour and 27 minutes):

<http://webcast.un.org/ramgen/ondemand/specialevents/2009/se090812am.rm>

International Youth Day website: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/iyouthday.htm>