

If you are headed to the 16th Session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development Commission (CSD) this May please join the Children and Youth major groups Sector at the Blast on Sunday May 4, 2008 before the CSD starts.

Youth leaders from around the world will converge on the Youth Blast in New York on May 4, 2008 at Columbia University with the mission of sharing their skills and preparing for the CSD-16 (New York UN Headquarters, 5-16 May 2008).

The purpose of the Youth Blast is to empower our generation-wide movement to address sustainability issues. The goals of the Blast are to provide information and training for leaders around the CSD and provide a space for youth to share best practice for implementing solutions and participate in decision-making at the international level.

Objectives:

- 1. Provide "get to know you time" and informal networking opportunities for youth
- 2. Provide an introduction to CSD process
- 3. Provide an introduction to the youth caucus

4. Answer logistical questions (including going over the confusing process of getting around the UN complex)

5. Participate in and contribute to the review of the CSD-16 themes by practical experience in implementation of commitments, case studies, best practices, obstacles and constraints experienced, and lessons learned.

Blast Information:

What: CSD Youth Caucus Blast!
Why: Meet the youth that will be your peers at CSD before the commission
gets started
* When: *Sunday May 4 10:00am - 4:30pm
Where: Lerner Hall Room 568
Columbia University
On Broadway at 115th Street
Map of Columbia's campus in NYC: http://www.columbia.edu/about_columbia/map/
Map of campus with Lerner Hall:
http://www.columbia.edu/about_columbia/map/lerner.html

To RSVP and register for the Blast contact:

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