



Boston Youth Environmental Network

Connecting resources for environmental
education and youth employment opportunities.

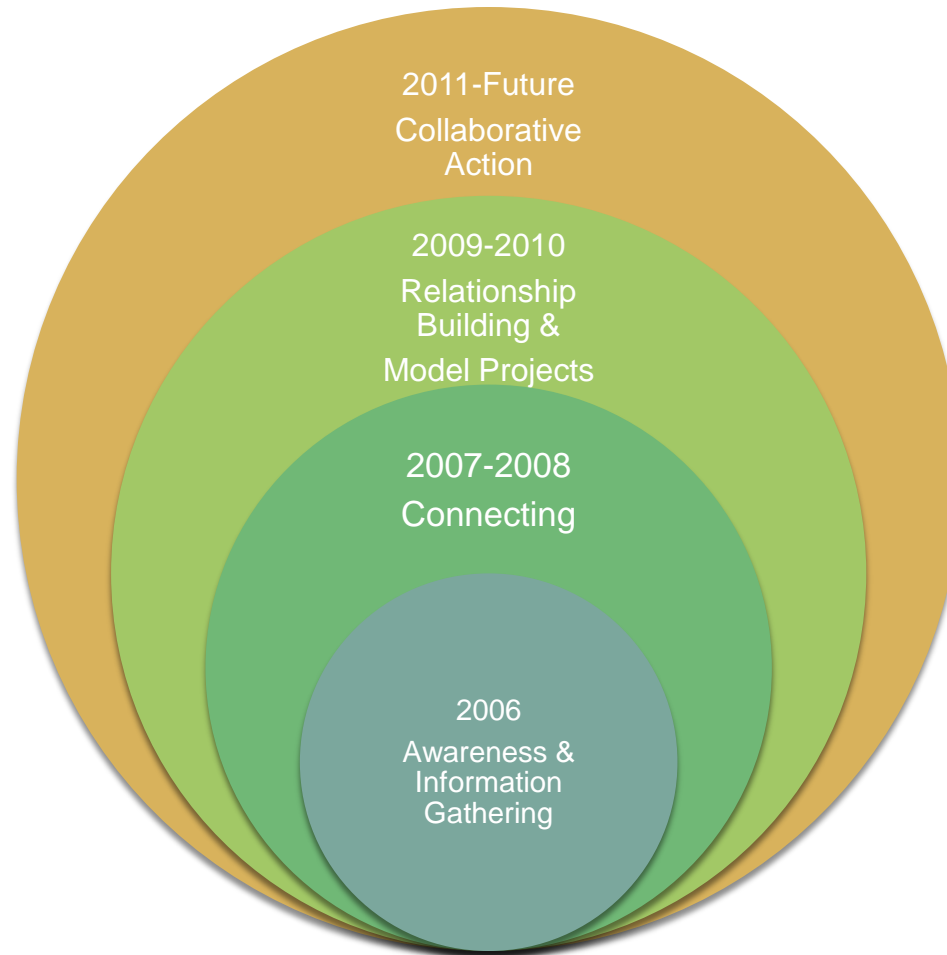


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Formation of BYEN



Challenges & Opportunities

Challenges

- Programs not connected
- Range of quality
- Different pots of money, no focused resources
- Outcomes are not known nor apparent

BYEN



Opportunities

- Coordination of access and resources
- Improve, increase and expand
- Access non-traditional resources
- Leverage our collective impact
- Shared evaluation and advocacy

Our Vision

All young people in Boston are engaged in high quality, culturally relevant environmental education and employment experiences that provide opportunities for outdoor learning, academic achievement and career exploration.



Our Mission

To align existing programs and create new models of partnership to form a pathway from kindergarten through high school of formal and informal environmental education experiences, and relevant, hands-on employment opportunities.



BYEN Achieves its Mission through:



Convening

Connecting

Sustaining

Measuring & Evaluating

BYEN Outcomes by 2014

- Green Career Pathway
- Easily accessible and manipulated set of data
- Set of model projects in K-12, Out of School Time, and Youth Employment
- Sustainable funding

BYEN Strategies for 2011-14

- Connect and align environmental education and employment programs along a clear pathway
- Utilize city-wide database tools to capture program information
- Launch/scale up model environmental education and employment projects
- Develop a sustainable, diversified core funding base
- Build strong governance for and stakeholder investment

BYEN Key 2011 Activities:

- Stakeholder alignment along pathway
 - ▣ Establish BYEN Steering Committee and working groups
 - ▣ Develop messaging/communications plan for clarity & engagement
 - ▣ Convene broader BYEN membership to demonstrate scope and impact
- Data Integration, Management & Analysis
 - ▣ Boston Navigator – populate citywide database with environmental education and youth employment data
 - ▣ Analyze & share data from GOAL and Youth Employment sources
- Key Initiatives
 - ▣ Expansion of GOAL Initiative for K-12 Environmental Education
 - ▣ Development of Youth Park Stewardship Initiative (Green Teens)
- Sustainable Funding
 - ▣ Develop corporate and foundation fundraising strategy
 - ▣ Outreach & education











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VISIONARIES

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