

Reducing climate change contributions in Small Island Developing States through the promotion of food in local communities

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Who We Are

Caribbean Youth Environment Network (CYEN)

- ❖ A regional non-profit organisation
- ❖ Over 600 members

Purpose

To improve the quality of life of Caribbean young people (15 – 31years) by:

- ❖ Facilitating their personal development and promoting their full involvement in all matters pertaining to the environment and sustainable development.



Who We Are

- ❖ Promoting education and training
- ❖ Promoting Caribbean integration and community empowerment as tools to develop an ethic amongst young people that assists in the conservation and protection of natural resources within the Wider Caribbean.



Who We Are

The Ripple Institute (SKN)

A national, non-profit and apolitical, social development and community service organization.

Purpose

The essential purpose of the Institute is Changing Lives ... Building Communities by:

- ❖ Promoting the Wholesome Development of the Children and Youth



Who We Are

- ❖ Advocating for the Vulnerable Groups on issues that impact such development and,
- ❖ Civic engagement



Mitigation Measures

1. Lessen the carbon foot print by shorting the food chain

- ❖ More backyard gardens (Farm to Table)
- ❖ More community gardens
- ❖ Less import/export
- ❖ Less processing and distribution
- ❖ Less delivery



Mitigation Measures

2. Reduce Food Waste

- ❖ Bartering/Donate
- ❖ Alternative usage for food waste
- ❖ Food bank
- ❖ Sale of surplus
- ❖ Composting



Mitigation Measures

3. Climate Smart Techniques

- ❖ **Alternative use for waste water**
- ❖ **Water catchment/ Rainwater harvesting**
- ❖ **Fallowing of land**
- ❖ **Mulching**
- ❖ **Contour layout**
- ❖ **Little to no use of synthetic pesticides and Fertilizer**



St. Kitts and Nevis Backyard Gardening Facebook Group

Overview

The St. Kitts and Nevis Backyard Gardening group is an initiative by The Caribbean Youth Environment Network and The Ripple Institute SKN with the aim to Increase Food Security.

- ❖ Number of Members: 1800
- ❖ Established: August 2020



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Theme:

❖ Greening Communities Through Food Production

Objectives:

1. To create awareness about Kitchen (Backyard) Gardening.
2. To promote the growing of fresh and safe vegetables without the use of synthetic pesticides.



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3. To encourage community bartering of fresh produce and other garden related materials eg. seedlings.
4. To create friendly community backyard horticultural competition.
5. To promote sustainable farming in communities.
6. To generate supplemental incomes.
7. To significantly increase the number of home-gardening ventures, through education and awareness.



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Outcomes

1. Improved Food Security
2. Healthy living through physical exercise from garden activities and diet
3. Reduced food waste through conserving and composting
4. Easy access to fresh and safe produce
5. A source of income
6. Enhanced opportunities for people to learn and to share knowledge on gardening



Please feel free to visit the St. Kitts and Nevis Backyard Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/631055511126237> to learn more. Make a change and start a backyard garden today! Eat right and stay healthy!

Climate change is real! And so, as Small Island Developing States we are vulnerable. If we are to survive this harsh reality, we must take actions now, by reducing climate change contributions through the promotion of food in local communities.



Thank You

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