Board Description:

Our Youth Advisory Board is a team of youth working to achieve environmental goals, projects, and development in Michigan's youth. As a board, we are looking to help any person/organization with their environmental projects and journey, and bring a unique blend of youth voices that will help create projects that encompass all demographics and excite the Michigan Community. Our board has been working for over 5 months to create social media posts, marketing, and plans for Green Schools' events, and helped Green Schools market and run their kickoff to over 40+ educators! We are also working on helping organize and run several events for the EGLE Youth Summit this Spring. This Board will be led by Saiabhiram Akkaraju, a governor's service award winner, and Vishal Swamy, an EPA presidential awardee. With our unique set of skills and individuals, our board provides a voice that represents the needs, wants, and goals of youth all around Michigan.

Interest Form: https://forms.gle/VxmYKkEHSbMYBsFD9

Example of Board activities:

Photovoice Project:

Photovoice is a style of communication that encourages people to take a photo relevant to the topic at hand, and write 5-7 sentences about why that photo is significant and what it means to them and the topic. By accumulating many of these photos and creating a campaign for change, Photovoice initiatives can lead to state-level or even national attention and spark policy change. Photovoice has made policy changes in the past with cancer treatment and transparency in the medical field. Our Photovoice project specifically relates to being transparent with sustainability and the impact that sustainable actions can have.

Some activities that members would do for our photovoice project include:
- Coordinate materials and organize responses
- Market the project and recruit as many people to participate as possible
- Conduct further interviews and publicize the project to make a change
- Compile the results into one place where they can be viewed, and market this collection through social media, student initiatives, etc.
- Work with policymakers and community figures to help create actionable change in our topic