

Youth Beat Radio: The Voice to Empower

Purpose

Youth Beat Radio is a weekly radio program aired on WCRS 92.7 and WGRN 94.1 FM Columbus Community Radio. It is produced by Central Ohio youth and features stories of youth leadership, community involvement, and action. It is designed to be of interest to youth and adult audiences and covers a broad range of topics including community issues, environment, health, relationships, sports, current trends, and the arts.

Impact

The program has aired since 2009 and over 120 shows have been produced. A diverse group of students have participated as producers and as interviewees.

Students learn technical skills using recording equipment and editing software. Some of the students have been involved in training other students on radio production.

Students report on issues affecting youth, community organizations, and community needs. The program provides a unique experience that allows youth voices to be heard by a public audience. There is a strong emphasis on environmental education, natural resources, and sustainability.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
School of Environment and Natural Resources
OSU Extension

Community Partners Involved

Upper Arlington High School
Columbus Alternative High School
Barack Community Recreation Center
WCRS 92.7 and WGRN 94.1 FM Columbus Community Radio
Juvenile Justice Coalition
Highland Youth Garden

Funding Partners

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