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Millennium Kids is a non-profit, non-government association based in Perth, WA. It is run by young people and was established in response to their demand for a greater say about their environment and their world.

Millennium Kids are a group of young people aged 10 to 25 years who are committed to improving the environment through constructive action. Their Programs are directed by the Youth Board and supported by the United Nations Environment Program Agenda 21 Declaration which states: "National governments should pay more attention to the opinions and concerns of children regarding the environment and how it should be managed for future generations."

A Brief History: 1995-2006: The initial need for organisations such as Millennium Kids sprang from the 1992 United Nations meeting of world governments in Rio de Janeiro. In Rio it was agreed that governments should listen more to the opinions and concerns of young people.

In 1995 eight young Australians won the right to attend the first United Nations International Children's Environmental Conference in the UK. The young people returned to Australia determined to tell their story, only to find little interest in the environmental charter they had helped develop for National Governments around the world.

Undeterred the four Western Australians met and came up with the concept of introducing an environmental children's conference to be held in Perth. The four young people planned the agenda and managed all aspects of preparation: this conference still runs annually today.

The Aim of Millennium Kids: is to develop local, regional and international partnerships which empower young people to explore, identify and address environmental issues through information exchange, membership networks and on - the ground action and development of youth leadership skills.

Millennium Kids provides opportunities for young people to develop their skills, express their views and take practical and constructive action through: Environmental Conferences, Leadership and Citizenship Activities, Training Seminars and projects.

A Special Kids Agenda Conference: Since 1996 delegates have come from all over Australia and beyond, to participate in a range of environmental experiences and activities at the annual Kids Helping Kids Environmental Conference. Delegates create a series of Youth Challenges on the Environment that become the forthcoming year's agenda. The Challenges are also tabled in parliament.

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Four Fantastic Programs Run By Millennium Kids

The Millennium Kids offer a variety of curriculum based programs and opportunities for young people to develop their leadership and participatory skills, while fostering and expanding their environmental knowledge.

Here are just four of the many programs facilitated by the Millennium Kids that would make fantastic ruMAD? projects!

- **Millennium Kids Green Teams Ten Steps** - an Environmental Audit for students in K - 12 where young people have the opportunity to identify environmental problems in their community and use the Millennium Kids Green Teams Ten Steps process to help solve the problem.
- **Suitcase Scientist** - a program where Year 4 - 7 students can look at their local area through the eyes of a scientist. The program allows young people to research a famous scientist, meet a scientist on location and develop a series of experiments that can be undertaken in their local environment.
- **Growing Into Leadership 10 - 12 years** - a program designed for schools that are interested in developing leadership skills in Year 6/7 students. A series of team games get students thinking about different leadership styles, what it means to be a leader and how everyone has leadership potential. The program culminates in a two day leadership camp that incorporates a sea kayaking adventure with students developing a framework for the year based on school's core values.
- **Travel Smart to School:** A curriculum based program that aims to answer children's concerns about Air Pollution, particularly greenhouse gas emissions, by raising awareness about the impacts of high car use and our car culture. The program encourages children to achieve a 10% reduction in car use to and from school by using travel alternatives - walk, ride, bus, train or car pool.

The program is a direct result of the Department for Planning and Infrastructure working in partnership with Millennium Kids.

The program includes a two day Millennium Kids Sustainability Roadshow, Professional Development and 5 hours support time at each school.

In 2006 Millennium Kids will deliver the program to 60 schools in Western Australia.