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Letter from the Executive Director

Was Copenhagen a failure? This was the question asked at a recent event sponsored by the University of Minnesota Center for German and European Studies. MN delegate Reed Aronow joined Will Steger at the event to discuss what they experienced at the December UN Climate Summit. Will's message was hopeful; he shared insights based on his past experience working on international treaties, such as the 1991 Antarctica Treaty review. He talked about the presence of U.S. leadership, civil society, the power of youth, and the fact that unlike Kyoto, heads of state came together rather than environmental ministers to hammer out the Copenhagen Accord. Will commented "if there was any failure, it was the failure of the U.S. Senate to pass comprehensive climate change legislation" and that climate change has been seeped in politics.



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Education

We are excited to announce we now have a [K-12 Education Program Manager! Kristen Iverson Poppleton](#) began her work with the Will Steger Foundation as a participant in our first educator Summer Institute in 2006 and most recently authored our Grades 3-6 Interdisciplinary Lesson Plans. Kristen's past work experience includes teaching Pre-K through graduate students and training formal and informal educators in environmental education and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math at the Science Museum of Minnesota and taught environmental and climate education focused courses at Hamline University and the University of Minnesota.



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In the News

KTVQ-TV of Billings, Montana interviews Will at the start of the Montana Tour. The story, titled Arctic explorer shares climate concerns, was broadcast in the Billings region to launch the "Eyewitness to Climate Change" tour. [Watch the story here.](#)



The Billings Gazette announces Will's arrival in Montana in their story, Minnesotan Visiting



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YEA! MN Gathering on
Water Quality

Monday, February 22nd
4:30 – 7:30 pm
Southwest High School
(Cafeteria)
3414 W 47th St,
Minneapolis
www.yeamn.org

Have you seen our iPhone/iPod app? We've just launched Green Tips with one of our partners to help educate adults & kids on becoming more green.

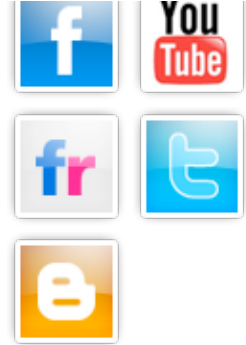


We really hope you check it out!



Montana Cities to Share Firsthand Observations. Will spoke to a large crowd at the Billings Depot, before moving on to Bozeman and Missoula.

[Read the Gazette story.](#)



Michael Gibney of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle, covers Will's visit in his story, Arctic explorer warns of climate-change evidence. [Read the full article.](#)



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☐ Expeditions

Expedition Copenhagen delegates continue to reflect on their experiences in their blogs, available at www.willstegerfoundation.org/blog.

“The next climate conference is just around the corner, and its purpose will be to use the Copenhagen Accord as a framework for a legally-binding treaty. With only a few months to go, the US has a lot of domestic work to do before being able to make any international contributions to this collective effort. The US will have to pass climate legislation in the Senate, and the outcome of the vote depends largely on the Midwest votes. It's an exciting time for states in the Midwest, because they are not only the breadbasket of the nation and parts of the world, but they are now prime candidates for the global economic market that is transitioning to renewable energy technology.” Jamie Horter, South Dakota Delegate



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☐ Action!

Our friends at NRDC collaborated with several celebrities to produce this short video that includes an easy way to contact your Senators in support of climate and clean energy legislation.

This is our moment, [watch the video.](#)

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☐ Photo of the Month



Will Steger discusses market-based solutions to our climate crisis with Bozeman area business leaders, Bozeman, MT, February 10, 2010

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