

Welcome!

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THE W!LD CENTER

Natural History museum in
Tupper Lake, NY. Home of
the Youth Climate Program.



Youth Climate Program

Connects and convenes young people on climate change, helps them gain the skills and confidence to lead, and empowers them to take action on climate their schools and communities.



Youth Climate Summits



Summits are high-energy, youth-driven conference-style events to educate students about climate science, impacts, justice, and solutions, and empower them to complete climate action plans.

Adirondack Youth Climate Action at the International Scale

TED Countdown Summit and COP26



What do youth bring to the climate movement?

- Energy
- Urgency
- Clarity
- climate justice
- Youth are the future

**Youth action
accelerates the
climate solutions
we already have**

We sent a youth delegation to COP26... Why?



Demonstrate through multimedia storytelling that youth voice, input, and active participation is critical to ensuring that climate targets, goals, and plans result in a liveable future for younger generations.

What is COP26? COP= Conference of Parties

- COPs happen annually (Copenhagen COP15 and Paris COP21 might be familiar)
 - Negotiating process
 - Parties, Observers, Press
 - Constituencies
 - Paris Agreement
 - NDCs
- (Nationally Determined Contributions)

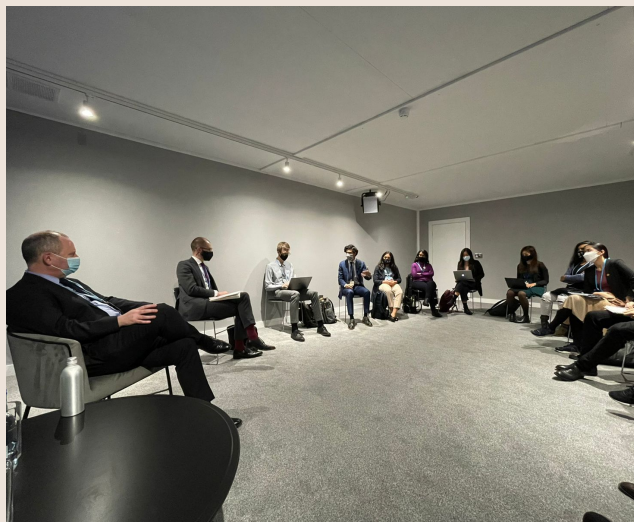


Goals for COP26

- Secure global net zero by mid-century and keep 1.5 degrees within reach
- Adapt to protect communities and natural habitats
- Mobilise finance
- Work together to deliver



Youth involvement, what does it add?



Takeaways

- A feeling of zooming out and zooming in
- Big divides and disagreements between developed and developing nations, loss and damage
- Negotiations don't happen in a vacuum
- Commitments only matter if there is sufficient pressure for nations to meet them
- Addressing climate change needs to be an all of society effort
 - Cross-sector
 - Multi-generational
 - Local and national action

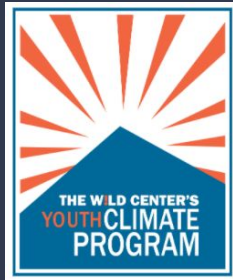
Youth Climate Program Current Work

- Field trips
- Mini grant program
- Climate Solutions Exhibit Youth Led Art Installation
- Student mentorship and support
- Youth Climate Leadership Retreat
- Summer Climate Institute for Educators
- Youth Climate Summit Workshops and Presentations
- Youth Climate Summit Network



Thank you!

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