

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING CLIMATE EDUCATION POLICY



Explore this list of organizations that youth could join to advocate for climate education policy. These groups operate across national, state, and local spheres, offering avenues for engagement and impact.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Schools for Climate Action**: A non-partisan, grassroots, youth-adult campaign on a mission to empower schools to speak up for climate action. We advocate for elected officials to combat the climate crisis in order to protect current and future generations.
- **Kids Fight Climate Change**: A youth-led nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching youth about the climate crisis. Our goal is to foster knowledge in students from all academic, socioeconomic, and ethnic backgrounds. Kids Fight Climate Change was created to be a youth-focused and youth-led climate change educational organization.
- **Our Climate**: Our Climate empowers young people to advocate for the science-based, equitable and intersectional climate justice policies that build a thriving world. We engage and empower young leaders to eliminate greenhouse gas pollution and achieve a transition away from an extractive, profit-based economy towards one that is equitable and regenerative to build a thriving world.
- **ACE Youth Network**: ACE educates, inspires and supports young people to lead the fight for their future. We ensure they have everything they need to understand the science and advocate for solutions to the climate emergency. We envision a world in which a global movement, rich in youth leadership, has turned the tide on climate change. We believe an equitable, biodiverse, carbon neutral future is still within reach if we, the people, compel our leaders to act.
- **Sunrise Movement**: We're a movement of young people fighting to stop the climate crisis and win a green new deal. We're on a mission to put everyday people back in charge and build a world that works for all of us, now and for generations to come.

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STATE ORGANIZATIONS

- **California Youth Climate Policy Program:**
 - **Location:** California
 - The California Youth Climate Policy (CYCP) Leadership Program Fellowship is built around key elements of youth development: Knowledge and Increased Capacity, Action with Guided Implementation Support, and Accountability and Reflection.
- **Start:Empowerment:**
 - **Location:** New York City, Connecticut, and Texas
 - We provide environmental and climate justice curriculum, teacher professional development, and also directly work with schools to co-create programming. We are open to new partnerships across the U.S!
- **Climate and Resilience Education Task Force:**
 - **Location:** New York
 - A project of the National Wildlife Federation in partnership with WE ACT for Environmental Justice. We collectively manage a range of projects that advance climate education in New York in 3 key areas: Policy, Public Events, and Teacher Support. CRETF's youth arm, the Youth Steering Committee (YSC), mentors high school students from across the state so they can advocate for their own interdisciplinary climate education. Students learn about a variety of climate topics as well as state education policy and are provided with safe spaces in which to share their climate anxiety.
- **Youth Climate Program, The Wild Center:**
 - **Location:** New York
 - The Wild Center's Youth Climate Program works to convene, engage, connect and empower young people around the world to take action on climate change. We do that through conference-style Youth Climate Summits that focus on the knowledge and skills needed to become effective climate leaders. Summits empower youth to generate Climate Action Plans that they can implement in their schools and communities. Using our Youth Climate Summit Toolkit, this model has been replicated across the globe.

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- **Cleo Institute:**

- **Location:** Florida
- The CLEO Institute is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan organization exclusively dedicated to climate education, advocacy, and engagement. CLEO (Climate Leadership Engagement Opportunities) founded in 2010, works to build climate literacy and mobilize climate action for a just, resilient future.

- **Climate Generation:**

- **Location:** Minnesota
- Youth Environmental Action (YEA!) is a Climate Generation network for Minnesota youth action on the systems perpetuating the climate crisis. By joining the Network, you can get involved at any level you'd like to build youth power. We provide the support and co-mentorship you need to step into climate leadership in your community. Attend our youth-led meetings, apply for funding for a project of your own, or get involved in YEA! Campaigns to lead your own campaign rooted in environmental justice to shift public will and practice civic engagement.