



AMERICAN CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Climate Generation

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This guide offers a successful stepwise model for you to replicate in your community. It is part of a series featuring the finalists of ecoAmerica's 2023 American Climate Leadership Awards.

OVERVIEW

Climate Generation ignites and sustains the ability of educators and youth to act on systems perpetuating the climate crisis. The Teach Climate Network (TCN) provides K-12 and informal educators access to resources, professional development, inspiration, and community networking to teach climate change in all disciplines, grade levels, and educational settings. We know that effective education will inspire future generations of students to imagine and create a just and abundant world.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

1. Identify the educators within your local community, both formal and informal, who are most in need of climate change education resources.
2. Provide them with access to the applicable resources so they can more effectively teach their students or learners about climate change.
3. Meet with key community leaders in local government, including education commissioners and school boards, and ask to present and offer materials around climate change education.
4. Develop a toolkit for networks of educators to reach out on their own to local school boards to request a climate change education requirement and updated science standards that reflect teaching about climate change.
5. Establish a virtual network of educators to offer them support and resources to integrate climate change education across disciplines in their classrooms.
6. Actively seek out a diverse group of educators in discipline, race, and gender to offer the broadest and most inclusive climate change education possible.

Climate Generation is an ACLA 2023 Finalist. For more information and replication guides, go to ecoAmerica.org. ecoAmerica's American Climate Leadership Awards (ACLA) recognizes, rewards, and shares best practices on climate change advocacy and action nationwide. ACLA provides \$175,000 annually in recognition of real climate leadership. Individuals and organizations selected as finalists have achieved demonstrated success in engaging a broader diversity of Americans for climate action at local, regional, and national levels, in ways that are replicable, while prioritizing diversity, inclusion, and justice.