

AMERICAN CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Celebrating Action from Local to National



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HOW-TO GUIDE

Youth-Led Movement of 28 High School Organizers Advancing Grassroots Climate Solutions Rooted in Race and Class

[Bay Area Youth Climate Summit](#)

Founded in 2020, BAYCS has become a landmark, resource hub, and launchpad for students co-creating climate solutions.

BAYCS's mission is to revolutionize climate education to be multidisciplinary, action-oriented, and accessible, equipping students and teachers with the resources and critical thinking skills to champion small, local solutions with far-reaching implications.

BAYCS's youth council, split into sub-teams, organizes its free programming. They host annual summits, monthly workshops, actions, teacher trainings, and Climate Action Plan programs

in schools. Advocacy campaigns like Vote16 with the Mayor's San Francisco Youth Commission bridge their curriculum with policy. Guided by the belief that you don't have to be an "activist" to fight the climate crisis, they partner with 40+ organizations because climate is about everything — labor, health, unions, business, art, and food. To date, they've organized 9,000+ Bay Area students from 250+ schools through 110+ workshops, 5 summits, 468 Instagram posts, and 50+ newsletters.

Replicate This!

How To Get Started

1. Organize student groups
2. Provide program offerings
3. Partner with multidisciplinary groups to ensure inclusive, comprehensive action