

HOW-TO GUIDE:

A Practical Guide to Turning Ideas Into Action

Building the Next Generation of Climate Leaders

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The Youth Climate Institute educates and certifies the next generation of leaders on climate science, environmental justice and real-world solutions.

The Youth Climate Institute builds the next generation of climate leaders through educating and certifying high school students. Students join their peers in local chapters to engage in discussions on climate science, environmental justice, and real-world solutions. Each chapter then applies their learning to a climate-focused action project in their community.

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How To Get Started

- 1 Educator starts a chapter at their site.
- 2 Educator markets the program to the students they serve. This is often accomplished through connecting with existing environmental clubs or green teams.
- 3 Educator facilitates discussions on climate topics that are relevant to their students.
- 4 Students design, plan, and implement community-driven action projects.
- 5 Educators submit metrics to YCI staff.
- 6 Students are certified as Certified Climate Ambassador (first-year students) or Certified Climate Ambassador with Honors (returning student who completes a capstone project).



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