



Climate Advocacy Training for Youth 2020

Purpose of the programme:

This programme would seek to ensure that young, talented people from Hong Kong have the confidence and ability to participate effectively in national, regional and global meetings on environmental and social issues; most particularly on meetings related to the achievement of the Paris Climate Agreement, but also on meetings related to Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Language: English/ Cantonese

Course duration:

Every Saturday morning from end of October to mid of December 2020

Time: 10:00am to 12:00noon

Venue: To be announced

Number of participants: 20 participants

Gain valuable and relevant skills, and come away with:

- Understanding of the international conventions, agreements, multilateral organizations on climate change and related major environmental and social issues. Specifically, the course will cover Paris Agreement, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- How you can make your voice heard in international forums and local community.
- Tools and frameworks to influence pressing global issues on climate change, and sustainability.
- Action plans about how to implement an advocacy campaign on climate issues in your chosen space.

Prior to the start of the training modules, students are required to attend a self-

paced online training course.

Explore effective youth-led climate action strategies as you engage in our weekly training activities:

Module 1: Climate Change, SDGs and Climate Justice

- Key concepts of causes, effects and solutions of climate change.
- The relationship between climate change and the SDGs
- The relationship between climate change and social justice

Module 2: Climate Negotiation at International Level

- Structure of UNFCCC and relation to UNEP and other multilateral environmental bodies.
- The development of international organizations and agreements on environmental and social issues.
- The significance of the Paris Climate Agreement
- The different actors and stakeholders involved in international climate issues and how their interrelationships
- Climate talks: how they work, what the terminology means and what to expect at COP26

Module 3: Climate Change and the International Youth Movement

- How the UN views the role of youth in climate change action
- The role of youth in international events and what action they can take
- Introduction of different international youth groups: Climate for Youth, Voices of Youth, YOUNGO etc.
- Other international civil society groups and organizations working on climate

Module 4: Regional Climate Change environment- Asia Pacific

Local climate change environment - Hong Kong

- Regional: Analysis of China's climate action and other Asia Pacific countries and cities climate programmes
- Local: Case study on climate advocacy. CCIL's Paris Watch Programme assessing Hong Kong's climate performance

Module 5: Climate Communication: Speaking and writing skills

- Persuasive and clear public speaking at events
- Engaging with the media and the public, giving interviews and writing articles

Module 6: Climate Communication: Advocacy and lobbying skills

- How to plan, frame and deliver an advocacy campaign
- How to strengthen advocacy networks and influence decision makers

Module 7: Climate Negotiations Simulation Session

- Simulation exercise in which students will represent different countries and negotiate operational questions related to implementing the Paris Agreement.

Module 8: Community Project Presentation Session

- Students will work in groups and present their ideas for local community projects that would help Hong Kong to achieve net carbon zero by 2050.

***Marking scheme:**

20% attendance and participations

40% assignments

20% performance in the simulation session

20% community project presentation

Certificates of Participation will be awarded to students subject to 80% of participation of all modules.

*Marking scheme will be used to select students to participate in COP26.