

Youth Climate Collective

A tech-enabled platform for youth and climate decision-makers to inspire collective change

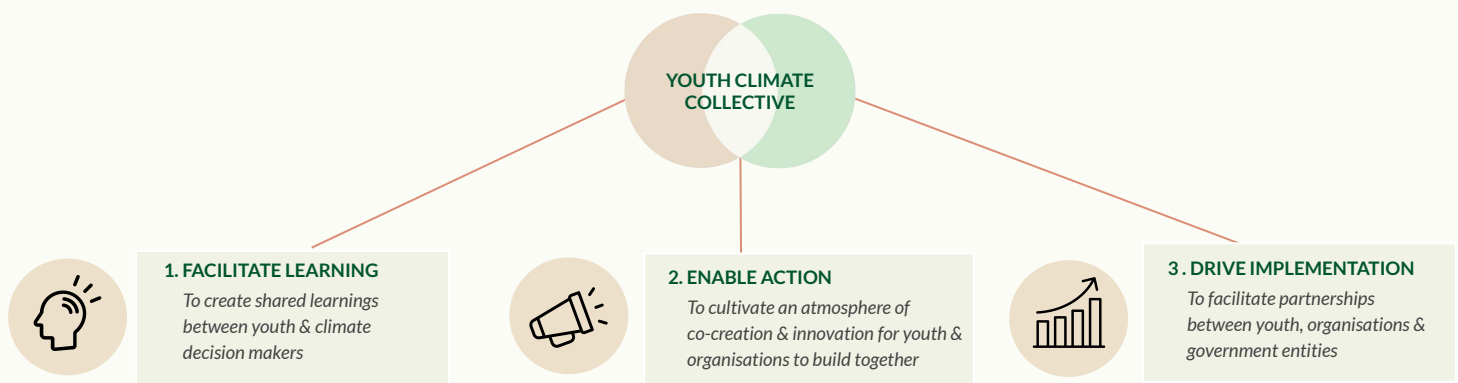


THE NEED

Young people are most affected by climate change facing maximum risk to their health, education and livelihoods. Engaging young people constructively in mainstream climate policies, programs and innovative solutions will help enrich them and fast-track their adoption. We need...

...a tech-enabled platform that facilitates dynamic exchange between young people, decision-makers, and climate focused organisations by igniting collective action and integrating youth participation into mainstream climate policies, programs and solutions - Youth Climate Collective.

Youth Climate Collective intends to achieve this through a three pronged approach:



Partner with us

We are looking for thought partners and funding partners in this journey. We would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions on the initiative.

For more information please [email us](#).



THE OPPORTUNITY

Young people are on the frontline of climate change's wrath, facing risks to their health, education, livelihoods, and overall well-being. Today's youth battle alarming climate-induced anxiety. Yet, they are not passive victims; they possess untapped potential as catalysts for change and resilience.

For intergenerational climate justice and social equity, their meaningful involvement in decision-making is imperative. Though youth-centered climate initiatives are nascent, the significance of engaging young people in policy development, program design and implementation is gaining traction. Youth participation in this way can enrich policies, programs and solutions, driving sustainability, localisation and impact.

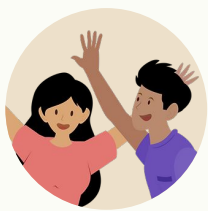
THE APPROACH

We have started with the issues at the **intersection of Climate and Health for young people** in India. We have prioritised exploring and addressing the impacts of climate change on human and animal health, reflecting growing concerns around its harmful effects on our environment as well as **mental and physical well being** of young people. In parallel, we are exploring avenues to expand this model to engage young people in **other emerging and developing markets** as well as grow beyond health to education, livelihoods, mental health among other sectors.

To drive engagement, the platform will initiate a two-way dialogue between youth at one end and mainstream public as well as private climate organisations at the other end:

1. We will **elevate hyperlocal needs and aspirations of young people** around climate and health from their immediate surroundings and use it to facilitate constructive learning with public and private climate focused organisations to enable action.

2. Through our diverse and vast network of young people, we will **provide a sandbox environment, connecting youth to mainstream private and public climate organisations**, to generate ideas, inputs on policies and programs, rapid prototype early solution ideas and stress-test implementation plans.



YOUTH

Amplifying youth voice & their hyperlocal needs

Facilitating a two-way dialogue between youth & climate decision makers

Connecting with climate experts & mainstream climate policy

CLIMATE DECISION-MAKERS



In the next 3 years, the Youth Climate Collective will:

- 1 **Build a credible space for gathering insights** and inputs from young future leaders of India that can be accessed and trusted by government and non-governmental organisations
- 2 **Elevate hyperlocal youth concerns and perspectives** through research as well as providing viable opportunities for their engagement, learning and ability to influence policy, programs and change more broadly
- 3 **Support the scaling of tangible solutions** to climate and health challenges, nationwide, by fostering collaboration between young people and climate focused public and private organisations

AREAS OF FOCUS

The platform will anchor on 3 key areas: **facilitating learning**, **enabling action** and **driving implementation**. This will ensure a holistic approach such that knowledge, practice, and policy inform one another, creating an end-to-end process for systemic change.



1. Facilitate Learning

Facilitating dialogue between youth, subject matter experts and policy makers to understand climate impacts, particularly on 'one' health, identifying needs, and uncovering opportunities for innovative solutions and policy action

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

- Carry out a **survey with youth in India** to understand their awareness, attitudes, needs, challenges and perceived impact of climate change on their lives especially on issues of one health
- Map the **landscape of current efforts**, successes and gaps in the Youth x Climate Change x One Health spaces



2. Enable Action

Building an innovation space for youth and organisations to co-create prototypes and test solutions that address issues at the intersection of youth, climate and 'one' health

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

- Launch a **bimonthly dialogue series as a digital space for private and public sector experts to communicate with youth** and understand their concerns and changes they want to see for Health x Climate issues.
- Identify regional champions to lead community building through online 'Youth Circles' for action-oriented discussions, ideation sessions, and youth inspired recommendations for mitigating the climate crisis



3. Drive Implementation

Creating partnerships between youth, organisations driven to combat the threat to health from climate change, and government entities that design and scale interventions, to collaborate, while centring youth voices

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

- Build **partnerships with relevant government departments and organisations** to provide inputs on climate and health policies and collaborate on the design and scale of programs
- Build the **first version of the inter-sectoral digital platform** that acts as a networking hub between youth and organisations; research and dissemination tool and data bank, gathering feedback on use cases and experience.

THE STAKEHOLDERS

The *Youth Climate Collective* platform is a partnership between organisations and youth in the climate ecosystem

Platform contributors

Actively engage with the platform to provide and seek credible and trusted inputs



Youth

THEY ARE: Aged 18-35 yrs; Passionate about impacts of climate change

THEY SEEK: Opportunities for participation and/or to share perspective as well as act on pertinent climate and health issues



Government Organisations

THEY ARE: Policy makers and bureaucrats, including but not exclusive to health, education, urban development, livelihoods and environment

THEY SEEK: Inputs to understand youth priorities, shape programs and policies



Climate / Health Organisations

THEY ARE: Organisations with mandates to combat climate change and/or drive health or environmental innovations

THEY SEEK: Channels and process to engage young people and access to relevant data; Pathways to prototype and scale solutions by engaging youth

Platform owners

Build & maintain platform



Ongoing partnership model

Three core partners leading design and setup of the digital platform, mobilising youth engagement across sectors, and supporting testing and implementation of solutions. The platform has three core partners (*Dalberg, Youth Ki Awaaz and PCI India*) and is growing.