GYC PROGRESS REPORT 2023

Global Youth Coalition

No words, just actions.

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INTRODUCTION

The GLOBAL YOUTH COALITION has always existed in our hearts. This feeling, that we all belong to something bigger, to a purpose within nature and society, takes on different names, shapes, colors, and generations. The way this sentiment has been represented in the past has evolved into what we now call GYC. What I mean is: what if Wolf Biermann were 19 years old in these times? I am quite certain he would be joining Wangari Maathai for a particular project or have a WhatsApp group with Rigoberta Menchú and Tuire Kayapo. These are individuals who have made incredible efforts in their own realities and ways. The Global Youth Coalition is the response of a community that has grown surrounded by a global society. The vast majority of our members are what we now call heroes. You are a hero when you plant 100 trees, and you are also a hero when you choose to use water from home instead of buying a plastic bottle. The Global Youth Coalition is a safe haven for those young individuals willing to create without borders, beyond the divisions that climate and environment create among us. It is a space where someone who can draft policies is also capable of creating a fun reel that will garner thousands of views on social media. This booklet serves as an excellent example of these words, bringing together individuals who have not met before but share a common goal. The Global Youth Coalition is our call to unity and the power of action. We proudly invite you to discover within these pages the achievements and failures we gathered during our very first year of existence.

#WeAreOne

MESSAGE FROM PLANET EARTH

Hey Peeps,

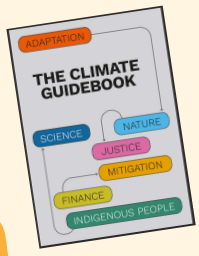
It's me, Earth, droppin' a line. Man, it's been a year! We've been hustling hard with the Global Youth Coalition, trying to fix things up. But you know what? It's still not enough.
Every day, I'm drowning in junk, pollution, fights, and stuff that's wrecking my vibe. The youth are going all out, holding meetings everywhere, trying to make a change. But dang, it feels like we're up against a mountain.
So, I'm throwing it out there. I need your help. These guys and gals are doing their best, but we gotta step it up. Let's roll up our sleeves and save the place I call home.
Join the crew. Let's make this rock.

- Earth, Your GYC Buddy

Let's make waves, not just noise.



GLOBAL YOUTH CLIMATE TRAINING



01

Our very first partner

Partnership with Oxford Net Zero: Successfully partnered with Oxford Net Zero, leading to the training of 4500 young individuals.

02

Free Knowledge

13 sessions available for free on YOUTUBE. All of them were interpreted in 4 of 5 UN languages

03

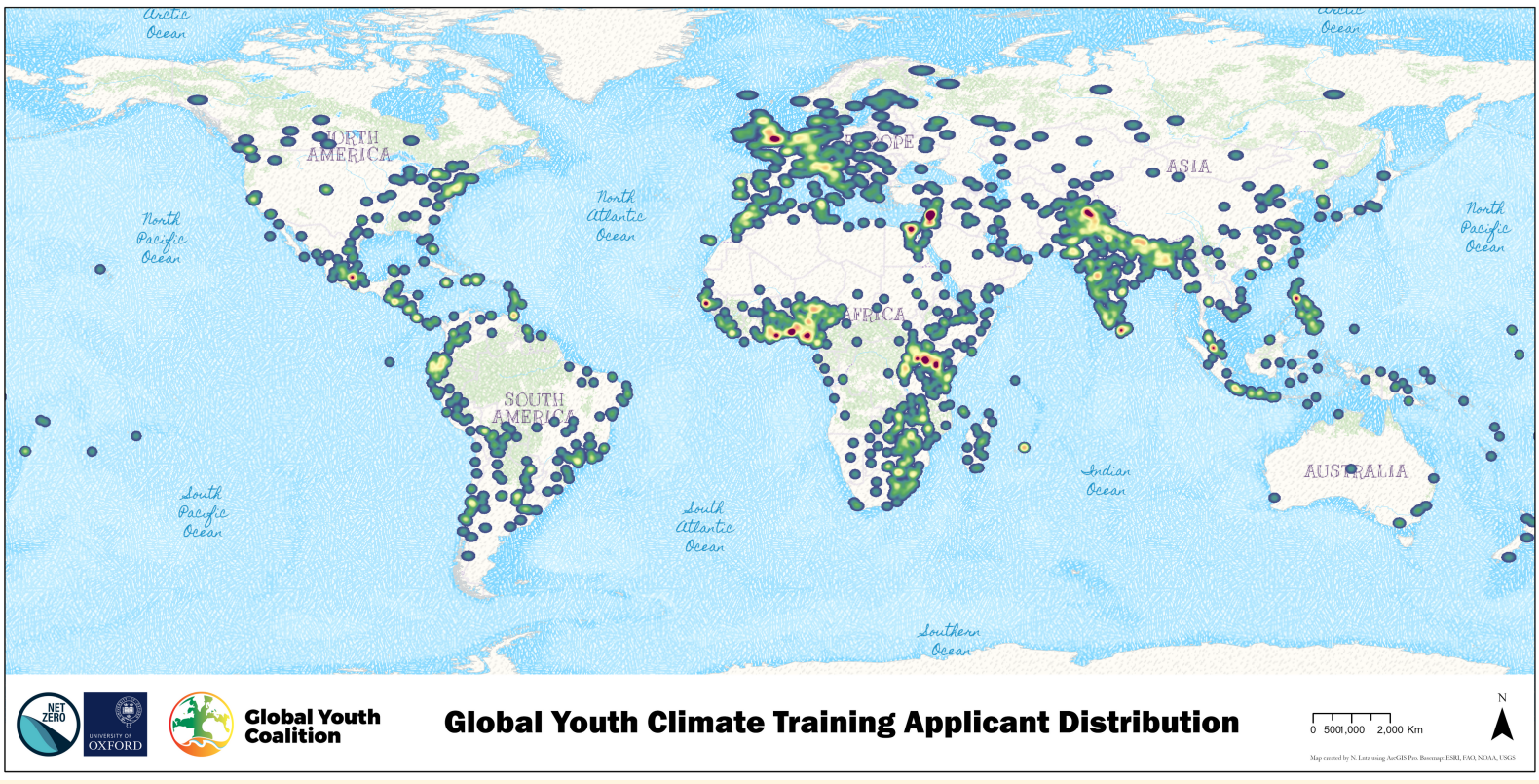
Online Reach

The training program garnered significant attention with 1205 participants who approved the training and 56k views on YouTube (English sessions).

Our sessions are available in 4 languages

ENGLISH **SPANISH** **PORTUGUESE** **FRENCH**

Special thanks to Alexis McGivern and Gaia Campanelli, who have been key supporters during this endeavor.



GYC LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN CHAPTER

In our pursuit of global climate action, the Global Youth Coalition (GYC) has dynamically expanded its reach through regional chapters. Launched mid-year, the Latin America & the Caribbean (LAC) chapter, known as GYC LAC, stands out as the most evolved among its regional counterparts. While it presently lacks independent public social media profiles, it plays a crucial role in representing regional voices and projects, concentrating positions on regional policy priorities.

GYC LAC boasts a vibrant community comprising 34 members from Latin America and the Caribbean. At the core of its mission is the ongoing flagship project initiated in June, focusing on the transformation of various sectors through local youth action. Beginning with a focus on food systems, this aligns with global agendas such as the plastic treaty, SDG 2, biodiversity, and climate change.



GYC LAC participating at LAC youth gathering at COP28

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Latinos

Under the umbrella of GYC LAC, the "Tribu Climática LAC" community has rapidly grown

01 Our Goal

Represent our LAC voices in regional and global spaces

02 What we do

Develop strategic thematic research projects that empower youth to work together to understand their theories of change and measure and consolidate their impact to promote public policies with a regional perspective

03 We expect to

Build a community of LAC youth centered around four strategic pillars: públic participation, action, communication, education.



First research project centered in food systems

SB58 INITIATIVES

During SB58 the GYC team alongside Paloma Costa Oliveira, a member of the 1st Youth Advisor Group and Co-Founder of the Youth Climate Justice Fund, we actively engaged the delegates with the intention to shape our common position as Global Youth Coalition during these initial days at SB58. Our focus is on building momentum for the ROAD to COP28





Initiative	Activity / Project	Data / Outcome
Latinoamerican Delegates	Informal meetings hosted with LAC youth delegates	• We explored key point to focus during SB58 and SB59 • Special interest on the Youth Fund
COP28/Youth Roundtable	Roundtable discussion with Shamma Al Mazrui, UAE's Minister of Community Development and COP28 Youth Climate Champion.	• We shared the concern around youth specific support to attend conferences like SB58 and COP28. • Indigenous Youth raised their voice against extractivism in their communities.
GYC active engagement in the UNFCCC negotiations	Open discussion COP28 presidency and Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change.	• Youth shared NDC ambitions, carbon markets, loss and damage, energy just transition, and the Youth Action Fund.

R4P Reeforesting 4 Peace

R4P is an ambitious initiative aimed at bolstering ongoing Nature-Based Solutions through the potent combination of filmmaking and social media. This comprehensive capacity-building program has a two-fold objective: first, to provide training to 5000 young individuals, a portion of whom will be actively engaged in NGO projects, and second, to equip these NGOs with the essential tools and expertise required for creating compelling content that shifts the narrative from climate change challenges to ongoing solutions. By doing so, R4P aspires to inspire millions of individuals to become active participants in the cause, thereby amplifying the collective effort to combat climate change.

01 Project Launch

Launched the R4P proposal, gaining support from different climate youth organizations and blue/green enterprises

02 Global Recognition

R4P's explanatory video was showcased at UNDP Nature for Life HUB (60k views) after being selected among 300 global projects

03 Grant Unblock

GYC got a grant dedicated to make R4P a 2024 gamechanger initiative.



R4P Partners

SANKARI STUDIOS

World Climate School

Youth Climate Report

youthinkgreen
jugend denkt um.welt

AltaSea
AT THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES

R4P Supporters

We Don't Have Time.

KATOA
PLAY THE GAME. SAVE THE WORLD™

PAVILION

Greening Education Partnership
Getting every learner climate-ready

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

NATUREFORLIFEHUB.ORG
NATURE FOR LIFE
TOWARD A DECADE OF HOPE & TRANSFORMATION

Convention on Biological Diversity

UN environment programme

UNDP

R4P Confirmed Mentors

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

The Nature Conservancy

UNITED NATIONS
United Arab Emirates
Office of the Resident Coordinator

COP28 VENTURE

From high-level formal and informal meetings to the launch of the R4P Initiative, the presentation of our first book, and hosting six side events in Dubai.



Presentation of the "Climate GuideBook"

- A 156 pages book summarizing the Global Youth Climate Training Sessions. (1st draft) Available for free online.



PLAN AGUACATE

- Successfully introduced and advocated for Plan AGUACATE, aiming to align global youth on key objectives.



Side Events and Bilaterals

- Engaged in meetings with the Secretary-General's Youth Affairs team, the head of the climate action team from SG UN, Spain's environmental minister, and the UE delegation team

In our quest for a sustainable future, we embark on a journey to create lasting impacts in diverse communities and spaces. Our shared vision is to craft a greener present and lay the foundation for a sustainable future not just for ourselves but for the generations yet to come. We acknowledge the potential within us to do better, and we recognize that this is achievable only as a united, intergenerational force. Together, let's not just make noise but waves of change. Join us. Join the Global Youth. 🌍 #WeAreOne

CHALLENGES AND FAILURES

1. **Task Force Allignment**
- Partial Success: Aligning with the initial task forces, with the education task force being the most successful.

2. **Funding and Logistics**
- Challenges Faced: Faced challenges in securing adequate funding and logistical support to the team.

3. **Badge and Accommodation**
- Logistic Shortcomings: Difficulty in securing badges and accommodations as planned.

4. **Team and Project Management**
- Team Burnout: Experienced challenges with team burnout, especially after completing the ONZ mission we failed keeping energies.

4.1) **Project Management Lessons:** Realized the importance of having dedicated teams for specific projects.

4.2) **Communication**
- Communication Gap: Acknowledged a communication gap and committed to improving communication.

Looking Forward

- **Continued Advocacy: Will continue to push the Plan AGUACATE strategy till COP30 and advocate for youth-led climate initiatives.**
- **Learning from Failures: Recognizes failures as lessons and commits to better project and team management.**
- **Enhanced Communication: Aims to improve communication channels within the team for better coordination.**

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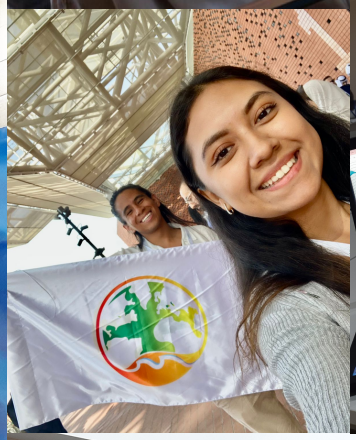
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GYC Members and Friends at COP28






















THE CLIMATE GUIDEBOOK



COP28

BE NOT AFRAID

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OCEAN UPRISE








COP28 UAE

CHILDREN
and YOUTH


To Concourse
إلى الردهة
ClientEarth
END FOSSIL FUELS


GLOBAL YOUTH CLIMATE TRAINING
13 Weeks Free Training by Global Experts

CONAP
LA DEFENSA
OS DERECHOS
LECTIVOS DE
OS PUEBLOS
INDÍGENAS

CONVERVATION AND
SUSTAINABLE
USE OF
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DEEP SEA
MINING
#El Océano
NO SE MINA


United Nations
Climate Change
COP28UAE





The Global Youth Coalition (GYC) is a dynamic platform that brings together passionate individuals, organizations, and movements dedicated to driving positive change in the world. Our coalition operates under an organizational structure driven by sociocracy, guided by experienced climate professionals known as Global Youth Champs. These proactive individuals serve as project managers, directors, organizers, and mentors for the initiatives hosted and launched by the GYC, they role is to create articulate with the wide youth worldwide, integrating perspectives from different organizations, movement and constituencies.

Founding Story:

The GYC traces its roots back to a significant milestone known as the Tree of Hope mission. During COP27, our founders, Agustin, Lujain, Carlos Shanka, and Genaro, successfully introduced a 3-meter structure symbolizing hope into the blue zone from COY. This landmark achievement laid the foundation for subsequent meetings, where the Global Youth Champs joined as the first board members of the GYC.

Our Guiding Principles:

1. Collaboration and Consensus: While our goal is to achieve general consensus, the Chairpersons have the responsibility to make final decisions after considering all relevant inputs. We prioritize constructive and non-poetic dialogue, ensuring decisions are rooted in reality and conducive to our mission.
2. Proactive Approach: We do not merely demand actions; we take proactive steps to propose innovative solutions and seek collaborations. If collaboration is not possible, we utilize our resources to drive change independently. Our focus is on action, not drama.
3. Global Thinking: As individuals and as a coalition, we strive to think globally, recognizing that our actions shape both the present and the future. We aspire to create a brighter and sustainable world for all.

Our Approach:

At the GYC, we believe in making a deep impact within various United Nations proccesses and conventions. Two of our prominent projects include the Global Youth Oxford Net Zero training program and Reeforesting for Peace. These initiatives empower young people with knowledge, skills, and platforms to tackle pressing environmental challenges.

In addition to our projects, we actively engage in policy and strategy advocacy within relevant venues. It's important to note that we are fully aligned with YOUNGO and aim to collaborate with party members and youth groups, such as the Youth Advisory Group, to amplify our collective impact.



Global Youth Coalition

We are one planet.. and that's a fact!