



What is YOUNGO?

YOUNGO is the official children and youth constituency of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), basically the official avenue of youth engagement within the international climate processes. It is an independent platform and network consisting of children and youth below the age of 35 years, as well as youth groups and non-governmental organisations. YOUNGO, by youth for youth, is run by self-organized non-hierarchical teams of volunteers clustered in various working groups and has two representatives, called Focal Points.



What is COY16?

COY16 is the 16th United Nations Climate Change Conference of Youth, and it will be celebrated this year from the 28th to the 31st of October, in Glasgow Scotland. COY's main objective is to ensure the representation of the global youth at COP26 and the climate negotiations. This is done by the collection of national demands and the creation of one final "Youth Statement".



Why should students and the youth engage with COP26?

The decisions being made today by world leaders attending summits and Conferences like COP, have consequences that affect future generations.

Their **choices**, or **lack of action**, have a direct impact in our lives, future and the world.

This is why the youth should take full ownership of their future and get involved in the decision making process, to ensure their voices are heard, and demands taken into account.



What should universities and colleges be doing?

For starters, educating the youth. Climate change is not one isolated incident or forest fire, is a constant and real threat that affects us all. No country is safe and future generations are already being born in a world with irreparable damage, so educating people in the past, present and possible future is key.

They should also serve as avenues for the youth to get involved in different ways of activism, be it as Climate Change clubs, seminars, workshops or more.

They can also become part of the real, positive change, by introducing changes in their facilities, such as clean energy and reusable or recycled materials.

There is **no limit to the ways educational institutions can help the Youth get involved.**



What are you doing as an organisation?



It is important to make the distinction that COY16 is not an organisation. YOUNGO is.

As a Conference, COY is looking to provide a safe space for the youth of the world, regardless of their socio-economic background, gender, age or sexual orientation to raise their demands to the leaders of the World. COY aims to be as inclusive as possible in the unification of voices and representation via the National and Global Youth Statements.

In the event itself, COY will have a curated selection of educational spaces, workshops and sessions, to educate attendees and guests, help them network and share their own expertise.

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