



Youth Climate Justice

Information Pack: Applying to be a Young Advisor

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What is the Youth Climate Justice project?

All across the world, children and young people are standing up for their rights and leading different types of climate action such as taking legal action, protesting or taking action at home, school, in the community, and online.

We are a team of researchers at University College Cork in Ireland who want to understand more about children and young people's climate action across different countries and what this means for children's rights. We are involved in an exciting new research project called Youth Climate Justice. [Click here to meet our team!](#)

In our research, we will:



Rights

Hold creative workshops to understand what children think about their rights and the climate crisis.



Law



Look at examples where children and young people have taken legal action about the climate crisis.



Participation

Talk to children and young people who have been taking other types of climate action.

By the end of the project, we will better understand:

-  How to make legal systems more accessible to children who are standing up for their rights to climate justice;
-  In what ways children's role as climate leaders might be changing the way we understand how children experience their rights.

What is the Young Advisory Team and what does being a Young Advisor involve?

The most important part of this project is hearing from children and young people themselves. To make sure our research is designed in a way that will help children and young people to feel comfortable, supported and able to express themselves in ways that work best for them, we are creating a Young Advisory Team of children and young people who can help us to:



Design and test the different activities and materials we will use in the research project.



Come up with ways of telling the story of how the research project develops with children and adults across the world. This might be on social media, through the news, or through schools and organisations...we can't wait to hear the creative ideas the Advisory Team comes up with!

Who can apply and what is the selection process?

We are looking to have a team of **twelve Young Advisors**. We welcome applications from children and young people who are:



Between 8* and 17 years old;



Can be part of the Advisory Team from June 2024 to June 2025;



Interested in climate justice, children's rights, and making sure children and young people have their say.

As our research focuses on case studies in Ireland, Nepal, Canada and South Africa, we especially welcome applications from children and young people living in these countries.

*There will be future opportunities for younger children to get involved in the Youth Climate Justice project - watch this space!

Why apply to be a Young Advisor?

Bring your experience and ideas to the Advisory Team.

Get to know other children, young people and adults passionate about climate justice and children's rights.

Gain new knowledge and skills around climate justice, children's rights, participation and research.

Have fun and be creative!

What commitment is expected?

The Advisory Team will work together from **June 2024 - June 2025**. We would like you to be an Advisor for this entire period, but we understand that things can happen that mean you have to leave the team early. That's ok!

Starting in June, we will have online calls altogether (approximately one per month). English will be the primary language used for the calls but we will also have interpreters for those who speak other languages.

Some important things to note about your participation:

Your participation in the Advisory Team is **voluntary** and **optional**. Whilst we would love you to participate in every Advisory Team call, we also know that you might sometimes have other things you need to do.

If you need an interpreter or translated materials, we will organise this. If you do not have regular access to the internet, we will also work with you and your **supporting adult** to find a solution.

There is **no cost attached** to your participation. All costs will be covered by the Youth Climate Justice project and you will also receive compensation for your role as Young Advisor.

Once the project is underway, there might be opportunities to get involved in the research itself, as a participant if you would like to. This will be **your choice**.

Who can be a supporting adult?

As this will be a global team of children and young people, it is really important that every Young Advisor is supported by a trusted **supporting adult** they know well through school, an organisation or project they are involved in.

Whilst the adult team involved in this process will take every effort to make sure the Advisory Team is a positive, inclusive and safe experience for every Young Advisor, it is your **supporting adult's responsibility to check-in regularly with you** to make sure you are getting on ok as they already have this relationship with you. They will make sure you have everything you need to participate fully such as interpretation support and digital devices, and will stay in contact with our team as the process develops.

How to apply to be a Young Advisor

To apply, please complete the questionnaire by **5th May 2024 at 17:00 GMT:**

**[Click here](#) or type in the following link to
your browser: bit.ly/YCJApply**

In this questionnaire, we ask a few questions so we can get to know you and know why you would like to be involved. **We can't wait to hear from you!**

We know that it is going to be really difficult to select only twelve Young Advisors to the team as there are so many children and young people who would be brilliant for this role.

Unfortunately, not all applications will be successful but we will respond to all applications to let you know our decision. If not successful, we will ask whether you would like to be updated on how the Youth Climate Justice project develops, and let you know if there are other ways to participate in the project in the future.

If you have any questions about applying to be a Young Advisor, please contact us at: **youthclimatejustice@ucc.ie**.

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