

The Climate Connection



Italy

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The Global Youth Letter on Climate Action is a call for action from young people globally, directly addressing the leaders attending COP26 – the 26th UN Climate Change Conference, in Glasgow, November 2021.

It is the result of a large-scale research exercise between the British Council and not for profit social enterprise Catalyst in Communities, who used a mixed methodology approach to garner the views, experiences and aspirations of 8,000 young people across 23 countries.

Aiming to be as representative as possible in terms of gender, background, location and socioeconomic status, the research team worked through global COVID-19 restrictions to amplify the unheard voice of the climate debate: today's young people. Research for the report was carried out between January and March 2021.

The Global Youth Letter on Climate Action, and accompanying 8,000 Rising campaign, is part of the British Council's <u>The Climate Connection</u> programme, a global platform for dialogue, cooperation and action, connecting millions of people through shared solutions to the climate crisis.

Read the Global Youth Letter on Climate Action, the research report and join in the 8,000 Rising campaign here: www.britishcouncil.org/climate-connection/get-involved/global-youth-letter

Italy's young people and climate action

The following letter and accompanying data represents the views and perspectives of young people in Italy.

It is a collective statement of all those who participated in the Global Youth Letter on Climate Action research in Italy and can be used as a starting point for leaders and policy makers to understand how to address young people's concerns in relation to climate change, and how they can use this untapped potential in to bring about climate action.

We hope the following letter inspires both young people and decision makers across Italy, and beyond to work together to find sustainable solutions to climate action.

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The Global Youth Letter on Climate Action

The Global Youth Letter on Climate Action was a global research exercise to garner the aims and aspirations of 8,000 young people, across 23 countries, about the future of their planet.

The aim was to give a platform to the unheard voice in the climate conversation: young people.

Their contributions were used to create a global call for action, directly addressing the leaders attending COP26 – the 26th UN Climate Change Conference, in Glasgow, November 2021. Read the Global Youth Letter on Climate Action.

Italy's young people and the climate challenge

The following messages represent the young people of Italy's contribution to the Global Youth Letter on Climate Action.

They were gathered from the British Council's Next Generation research in Italy.

Our view on climate change: we see climate change as one of the biggest threats to our country's future, but we know our leaders can't address this alone.

Our potential: we can bring about positive change by taking a collaborative, one-world approach.

Where to reach us: we use social media every day, so this is a great way to engage us on environmental issues.

Our barriers to participation

We believe there are two key barriers to our participation in climate action.

- insufficient role of media in creating awareness
- limited tutoring at educational institutes.

Our call for action

Our lives are being impacted by climate change, and, as a group, we are prepared to act – but we also demand more action from our leaders. We are calling for a better flow of information about climate change, so we can actively fight against environmental challenges and make more environmentally-friendly lifestyle choices – both individually and collectively.

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