



Indian Youth Climate Network

Mission

To unite the youth of India to ensure a clean, bright future. We aim to generate awareness and to empower a generation of young people to take effective action against climate change, at a local, state, national and international level.

About

The Indian Youth Climate Network (IYCN) is a coalition uniting Indian youth and Indian youth oriented organisations who are concerned about climate change. We, as the future leaders of the country can generate awareness and establish consensus on what role India should play in the global debate, and how it should address domestic issues of climate justice and adaptation. It is a monumental effort but one with immense potential.

Supported by the Delhi based youth-led NGO, Delhi Greens, IYCN will be used to link up youth from across the country for the cause of climate change. With a country as large and diverse as India, establishing the necessary linkages is important to the formation of a holistic "Indian youth perspective" on climate change:

- We will support each other in our projects.
- We will unite for national campaigns.
- We will share our stories of local climate challenges.
- We will engage in workshops & conferences; learn exchange and empower each other.
- We will inspire others into action.
- We will change our future for the better.

General Terms

The Indian Youth Climate Network aims to be a broad and diverse coalition for youth organizations operating in India to take action and demand stronger and more effective government policy on climate change. It strongly encourages all those who share its goals, and who believe they may fulfill the membership criteria below, to apply to join the network.

Although IYCN has agreed basic policy demands set out in the Indian Youth Declaration, which all members and partners must agree to support by signing on as a member group, our activities will focus on delivering a massive popular youth-based mandate for urgent political, corporate & religious action in line with our demands. We will recognise the diversity of views that members will have on more detailed policy matters, beyond the agreed stance, and each member in turn will respect the right of others to express those views, as long as they are not using the IYCN name to do so.



Governance

The network will be governed by:

- National Council with a representative from each active member organisation and their sub-groups. This will act as the guiding body at the national level for nation-wide IYCN driven activities and decisions.
- National Steering Committee with elected representatives from active and supporting member organisations and individual youth leaders.
- Regional Council with a representative from each active member organisation and their sub-groups. This will act as the guiding body at the regional level for regional IYCN driven activities and decisions.
- Regional Steering Committee with elected representatives from active and supporting member organisation and individual youth leader.

Membership Agreement:

- a) To read and agree to the membership agreement*.
- b) To agree with, and support the IYCN mission and climate declaration
- c) To demand climate equity at an international level, and also demand that India does not go down the pathway of the industrialized nations who have created this climate calamity.
- d) To aim to engage with a broad cross section of society to encourage the recognition of the universal impact of environmental issues. Further, to recognize that social and economic issues are not separate from environmental issues.
- e) Work to challenge and create alternatives to unsustainable and unjust growth-centric economies, businesses and policies. This includes not supporting:
 - i. Unsustainable, climate-altering products.
 - ii. The extraction of natural resources.
 - iii. Nuclear energy, armaments or weapons.
 - iv. Any lobbying against environmental regulations.
 - v. The promotion of excessive consumption through products or communications.
 - vi. The selling of energy from coal or oil.
- f) To aim towards the active inclusion of geographically, economically and socially isolated individuals and groups, and strive to overcome sexism, racism, homophobia and casteism.
- g) To respect the autonomy, diversity & creativity of other initiatives. All member groups and their affiliated groups should respect each other's campaign strategies with a view to unity and cohesion of purpose.
- h) To engage in modeling sustainable organizing.