



National Youth Assembly on Climate 2024 RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Youth Assembly on Climate represents a delivery of the commitment under the Programme for Government and constitutes the medium through which young people can guide the direction of the National Climate Action Plan through the National Dialogue on Climate Action.

The third annual National Youth Assembly on Climate took place on the 11th April 2024. 67 youth delegates aged 12-24 from across Ireland attended, representing youth organisations, Comhairle na nÓg (Youth Councils) and other interested organisations. The delegates attended a preparation session in advance of the Assembly and then took part in a day of discussions. They have produced nine key recommendations for the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications and The Government to consider. These are outlined below.



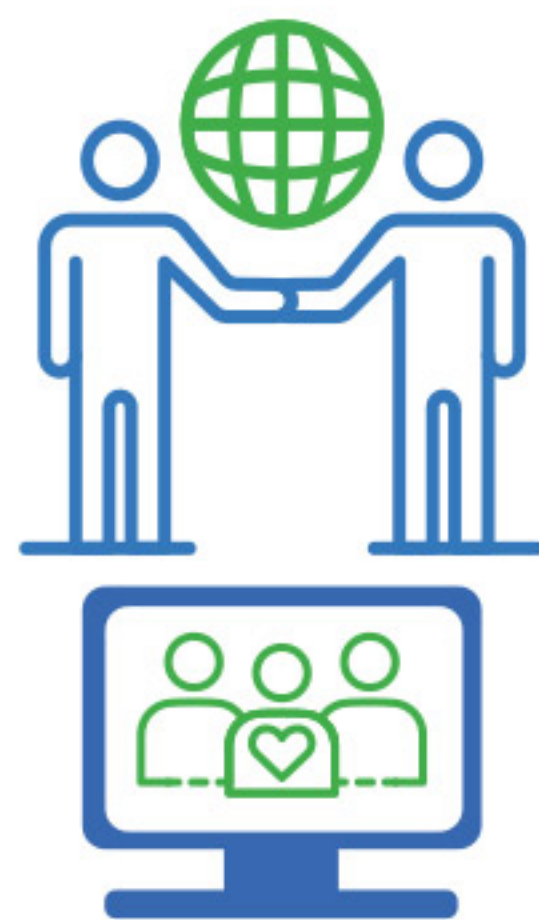
Education

The Government should make sure that **everyone has access** to the same services and information about **climate change**. Climate change, sustainability and climate action should be **actively taught** in CSPE classes.



Engagement

The Government should provide opportunities for those who are engaged in **climate action** to have an influence at a decision making level. All people should have an **equal voice** in decisions. In order to keep people engaged in Climate action there should be initiatives, careers and **reward systems** in place.



The Government should provide easily accessible **funding** given through youth organisations and NGOs for local youth-led climate initiatives.



The Government should publish accurate and relevant **information** about Climate Change and the **real people** being affected by it.



Involve local **stakeholders** in the process of developing programmes and initiatives in their area that address their **climate needs** e.g. tidy town committees



Introduce less taxation on **eco-friendly items** or more taxation on non-eco friendly items.



Transport

Improve transport in Ireland:

Introduce a universal, nationwide **travel card** that works like a leap card, which covers the whole island and all forms of transport.



Prioritise more money and investment into **public transport** e.g. from infrastructure, climate and Nature fund bill.



Improve accessibility of public transport to **people of all backgrounds**, needs and abilities e.g. more systems like quiet buses.



Invest in more **electric power** and EV within the public transport system.



Improve bus timetables, availability and **rail infrastructure**, with a focus on rural and smaller towns, and standardise pricing countrywide on buses.



The Government should provide **accessible grants** for first time car buyers on eco-friendly cars. The cost of driving lessons should be reduced.



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