

Youth Unit: Let's engage

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INTRODUCTION

'Let's engage' offers a set of resources to help us advocate why it is crucial to engage youth on climate change.

It showcases key statistics, promotes youth as agents of change, and references existing Red Cross Red Crescent policy commitments to explain the importance of youth engagement on climate change.

Do feel free to adjust these materials for your context to help you engage relevant stakeholders and drive the crucial youth and climate change agenda forward in your country.

OBJECTIVE

This module offers ways to:

1. Introduce the climate change and youth agenda
2. Explain why youth are important agents in the issue
3. Emphasize the importance of creating inclusive and enabling environments
4. Explore why the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement ("the Movement") should be engaged.

PRODUCTS

1. PowerPoint presentation with explanatory notes

This presentation introduces the topic of youth and climate change, explains why youth are important agents of change and how to create inclusive and enabling environments, and explores why the Movement should engage on the youth and climate change agenda.

2. Exercises and games

Below are a range of games which can be used to help engage youth on the topic of climate change.

- [SNAP! 'Youth and climate change' edition](#) (10–20 minutes)

[See instructions; Round 3 as Youth and climate change]

A short, lively game that can be used to introduce the youth and climate change agenda by getting participants to first think quickly about what they associate with this topic. The game can be used to then initiate a more in-depth discussion building upon the participants initial perspectives.

- [Y-Adapt; Session 1 - Introduction](#) (45–60 minutes)

An interactive session to explore real-life examples of youth-led adaptations from around the world, culminating in a creative competition where teams present the adaptations they find the most inspiring. End this session with a discussion on youth-led action and youth as agents of change on climate change action.

3. Experiences from other Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies

[Youth on the move – Global Red Cross Red Crescent youth at Solferino](#)

This video summarizes the youth events organized to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Henry Dunant's original idea for the Red Cross. The Solferino Declaration is read, which includes a commitment to climate change.

[Haiti Red Cross: Y-Adapt Session 1 – Introduction](#)

Haiti Red Cross youth, Nippes branch present a real-life example of youth as agents of change; youth-led action to reduce dengue fever in their community.

[Coming soon: Portuguese Red Cross: 2019 talk at the European Climate Change Adaptation conference](#)

Listen to a youth volunteer from the Portuguese Red Cross talk about its work to date on youth and climate change during a workshop at the 2019 ECCA.

- Is your National Society active on the youth and climate change agenda?
- Are you keen to engage other youth and national societies across the world?
- Let's engage! Share your story at kit@climatecentre.org for us to upload
- Make a video / interview / article / mini-documentary / photo diary / drawing.

4. Recommended videos

Below is a list of videos which might be helpful to get youth engaged in the discussion about climate change impacts and actions.

[Climate change: turning the tide](#)

The global climate is changing, and people all over the world are confronting new, more severe risks. Climate change will have major implications for humanitarian organisations. It is crucial for the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and the communities it serves to understand the changing risks and prepare for them rather than only respond to the consequences.

[Learning to address climate change](#)

This video, produced by UNESCO, demonstrates in just four minutes why climate change education is important to shape sustainable development and how it works in practice.

[The disarming case to act right now on climate change](#)

In this passionate call to action, 16-year-old climate activist Greta Thunberg explains why, in August 2018, she walked out of school and organized a strike to raise awareness of global warming, protesting outside the Swedish parliament and grabbing the world's attention. "The climate crisis has already been solved," she says. "We already have all the facts and solutions. All we have to do is to wake up and change."

5. Frequently asked questions

If you have a question that's not answered by the CTK, ask us at kit@climatecentre.org. Watch this space for a forum for peer-to-peer exchange.

6. Relevant reading

For a better understanding of the content of this module, see the *Relevant reading* section which contains the following resources:

- [IFRC Strategy 2020](#)
 - [IFRC Youth policy](#)
 - [IFRC Solferino youth declaration](#)
 - [IFRC Youth as agents of behavioural change \(YABC\)](#)
 - [IFRC Participatory awareness for safe shelter awareness – empowering young people as agents of change in 21st century.](#)
 - [IFRC Road map for community resilience](#)
 - [World Youth Report – Youth and Climate Change \(UNDESA, 2010\)](#)
 - [Unless we act now – the impact of climate change on children \(UNICEF\)](#)
 - [The benefits of a child centred approach to climate change adaptation \(UNICEF, PLAN\)](#)
 - [Y-Adapt Concept Note: Guide to implementation](#)
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