

Youth Advisory Group on Climate

Introduction

Since launching the [Strategy on Youth-led Climate Action in 2021](#) and hosting the Climate & YOUth Summit 2021, the ambitions of youth in the Red Cross Red Crescent in relation to the climate agenda have become increasingly clear; young people want to make a difference.

Their ambitions include:

- 1) the wish to help raise awareness among their peers and increase their own understanding;
- 2) take local climate action; and
- 3) advocate for their generation and those to come and join in decision making.

The Red Cross and Red Crescent has a growing portfolio when it comes to both Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation. Strategy 2030 has put the climate and environmental crisis at the top of their list of five global challenges they must address in the next decade. Also, the urgency and importance are stressed in the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations, developed by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and others. Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies commit to integrate climate risk management across their programmes, focus on the drivers of vulnerability, build a strong collective voice on the climate crisis, and reduce our own climate and environmental footprint. And the IFRC Youth Commission has made the climate crisis one of their priorities in their work plan and collaborated closely with the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre in preparation of the Red Cross Red Crescent Strategy on Youth-led Climate Action and the organization of the Climate & YOUth Summit in 2021.

We are noticing that despite great interest from around the globe, many young people do not know where to get started on their journey to address the climate crisis. Also, voices from National Societies currently do not always reach global or regional platforms. There is a need for better knowledge exchange and representation. As a result, we are setting up a Youth Advisory Group on Climate.

Objectives of the Youth Advisory Group on Climate

The Youth Advisory Group will:

- Be the body that advises on the **implementation and monitoring of the RCRC Strategy on Youth-led Climate Action**.
 - Grow the **enthusiasm** for youth-led climate action in the RCRC Movement.
 - **Increase awareness** of Movement partners and external partners about the climate action being taken by RC Youth around the world
 - Increase **knowledge exchange** among RC Youth in order to scale climate action, through:

- Support regional contributions and representation at the annual RCRC Climate & YOUth Summit
 - Grow the regional presence and activity on the RCRC Global Youth Climate Community on Facebook
 - Encourage people in the region to update the [RCRC World Map of actions](#)
- Function as a direct point of **contact for the IFRC Youth commission** member tasked with the Climate Crisis portfolio. The Youth Commission then in turn uses this in their constitutional role to the IFRC Secretary General and relevant Statutory Bodies where relevant
- Advise the **Climate Centre programme management team** on any matters relating to global climate and youth engagement

How the advisory group will operate

The Advisory Group will consist of a group of six Red Cross or Red Crescent staff members or volunteers aged from 18 up to and including 30, from each of the six IFRC regions. They will meet in regular video calls to coordinate the above-mentioned objectives. The Advisory Group members will be free to organize and structure their work in the way they consider most suitable and convenient to them. One representative of the Advisory Group will take part in the meetings between the Climate Centre and IFRC Youth Commission on a monthly basis to coordinate and discuss the progress of the Youth Advisory Group's work.

The Advisory group members will commit to their position for one full year (September 2022 – August 2023).

Working languages: English will be the main working language of the advisory group. Knowledge of French, Spanish or Arabic will be an asset.

Personal development for Advisory Group members

- Learn more about the operations of the Red Cross Red Crescent at global and regional level;
- Opportunity to contribute to the climate agenda in the RCRC Climate Centre and broader Red Cross Red Crescent;
- The chance to join (internal) training courses that the Climate Centre co-hosts: Anticipatory Action, Virtually Amazing, Climate Games, etc.;
- Gain skills in event organizing and hosting;
- Broaden your network with young RCRC staff and volunteers from all over the world interested in climate action;
- A certificate of a year of Youth Advisory Group membership, signed by the Director of the Climate Centre and Chair of the IFRC Youth Commission
- A one-time 500 Euro allowance (contribution towards their personal development);

Selection Criteria and submission process

The applicant should:

- i. be aged between 18 and 31 (maximum age is 30)
- ii. be affiliated to a Red Cross or Red Crescent Society in the capacity of a volunteer or staff member
- iii. Has proven interest and understanding in the topic of climate change and climate change adaptation.
- iv. be willing to devote sufficient time to the Advisory Group (4 hours a week)

vi. be willing to work in a diverse team (with sometimes irregular hours to meet due to different time zones among the team)

Interested candidates are welcomed to send their CV and motivation letter or a short video recording explaining why they would like to be part of the advisory group to: youth@climatecentre.org before 21st of August 2022. During the selection we aim to get a good geographic and gender balance in the Advisory Group.

If you are selected, you will be contacted by the Climate Centre and will be asked to sign a voluntary contract.

Terms and conditions of participation: This activity is conducted on a voluntary basis (with a 1-time allowance of 500 EUR – contribution towards their personal development) to be paid upon completion of the year. If a member of the Youth Advisory Group is requested by the RCRC Climate Centre to attend a conference, all costs related to travel and accommodation, insurance* and cost of visa will be borne by the RCRC Climate Centre. Any required expenses will always need to be pre-approved by the RCRC Climate Centre.

*Granted the candidate has active health insurance in their own country.