



# Young Leaders Collective: Summer Series

## Application Pack

### What is the Young Leaders Collective: Summer Series

Our Young Leaders Collective: Summer Series is the British Youth Council's new way of empowering and connecting young people to create real change via social action on the issues that matter to them together.

The series consists of two separate programmes:

1. Act Now on Climate Change
2. Campaign for Equality

You're reading this because you are interested in the Act Now on Climate Change programme. This programme is being delivered in partnership with GreenPeace.

Thank you for your interest in the Act Now on Climate Change programme.

We are looking for 40 young people to join the British Youth Council and GreenPeace to learn about climate change, leadership and social action and build social action plans together that will bring about real change.



The programme will consist of 6 x 1.5 hour Zoom sessions. One each Wednesday for six weeks, as well as activities to do in between each session.

The aim is to develop and empower a group of leaders and create social action plans that you can go and deliver in the autumn in your communities.

The programme looks like this:

- Session one: You as a leader
- Session two: Social Action, in action
- Session three: The climate emergency and what to do about it part one - With GreenPeace speaker
- Session four: The climate emergency and what to do about it part one - With GreenPeace speaker
- Session five: A choice of talks on specific climate issues - with GreenPeace Speakers
- Session six: Collaborative action planning and radical self-care

Throughout the programme, you'll also be asked to carry out reflections and activities to help build up a social action plan throughout the programme.



Due to the outbreak of Coronavirus, all activities during the programme will happen virtually. Participants will not be expected to attend any face to face sessions

## **Key dates**

- Application open: Tuesday 14th July 12:00
- Application closes: Thursday 23rd July 23:59
- Confirmation of if you have a place: Monday 27th July
- Session one: Wednesday 29th July 16:30 - 18:00
- Session two - six: Every Wednesday 16:30 - 18:00 until 2nd September (Subject to change)



## **Who we are looking for**

We are not looking for only young people with big plans and big social action potential. If you have ideas or the desire to impact positively on climate change - no matter how small - we want to hear from you.

We believe the programme will be a success if the participants are a diverse group of young people, representing different backgrounds and life experiences across the UK.

The British Youth Council respects and values diversity and inclusivity. We act in a way that includes all. We want to make sure our Summer Series is truly inclusive, recognising the needs of young people across different communities.

We actively encourage young people from underrepresented groups to apply including LGBTQ+ young people, BAME young people, carers, those living in low-income households, those not in formal education, people with experience in the criminal justice system, those who have experienced violence at home and in their community and those managing health conditions/disabilities.

Places will be allocated to ensure all the lived experiences of young people in the UK are represented.

### **To be involved you need to:**

- Be aged between 11 and 18 on the 30th July 2020
- Live in the UK



- Part of an organisation that is a British Youth Council member
- Want to make a difference for other young people
- Have a passion for leading action on climate change
- Be willing to carry out social action in your community after the programme has finished
- Be available between 16:30 - 18:30 on Wednesday 29th July

### **What you'll get from being part of it**

- Develop the skills and confidence you need to be a leader of social action.
- Learn how to deliver, and lead others to carry out social action effectively.
- Connect to a network of other young social action leaders, all dedicated to making a difference on climate change.
- Access to inspiring GreenPeace speakers and ongoing support from GreenPeace in delivering social action.



## How to apply

1. Visit the website and click 'apply now'
2. Complete the typeform

In the Typeform you'll also be asked to tell us why you want to be on the programme, why you are interested in tackling climate change and one difference you would like to see happen.

### Tell us either through:

- 1 typed side of A4 (350 words maximum)
- A voice note (no more than 3 minutes!)
- A video (no more than 3 minutes!)

Show us you are passionate, ready to learn how to lead social action and then be willing to commit carrying out a social action plan after the programme.

Use whichever format is most comfortable for you. Instructions on how to submit your writing, voice note or video are in the Typeform.



## About the British Youth Council

The British Youth Council is the National Youth Council of the UK. We are a youth-led charity (all our Trustees are young people). We bring young people together to find their voice and use it for social and political change.

We support young people to get involved in their communities and democracy locally, nationally and internationally, making a difference as volunteers, campaigners, decision-makers and leaders. Our charity aims to help young people, whatever their background or barriers they face, to make the world a better place for us all. You can see the other things we do on our website: [www.byc.org.uk](http://www.byc.org.uk)