



COMING FULL CIRCLE | PEOPLE'S PROMISE FOR CLIMATE IMPACT PEOPLE-FACING FLAGSHIP EVENT

Live in Balance – Sustainability Track

EVENT DETAILS

TITLE	People's Promise for Climate Impact
DATE:	Sunday 3 October and Monday 4 October 2021
TIME:	11:30 – 17:10 & 12:00 – 17:00
VENUE:	The Nexus for People and Planet
IN ASSOCIATION WITH	UAE Ministry of Climate Change & Environment & DP World
CO-CURATE PARTNERS	UK



EVENT SUMMARY

Are you concerned about the climate crisis? Want to do something about it but don't know quite where to start? *The People's Promise for Climate Impact* will be a celebration of and catalyst for youth-led action across the globe, inspiring and empowering you to play an active role in tackling climate change.

The *People's Promise for Climate Impact* will help you understand your impact as a student, employee or employer, innovator, creative and future or current leader – empowering you to act and help secure a climate-safe future for all. A global gathering of young changemakers and climate leaders from the areas of science, policy and business this event provides a diverse range of perspectives on how to collectively scale positive action. These discussions come at a critical time preceding the United Nations' Climate Change COP, taking place in Glasgow, UK in November 2021.

With live performances, workshops and opportunities to connect with a global network of changemakers, join us and add your voice to the *People's Promise for Climate Impact*

AGENDA

Coming Full Circle | The People's Promise for Climate Impact

3 – 4 October 2021, 11:30 – 17:10 & 12:00 – 17:00

The Nexus for People and Planet

TIME

ACTIVITY

11:30 – 12:00

Registration

Start the day with an informal opportunity to meet and connect with other attendees.

DAY 1

PART I:

12:00 – 12:10

People's Promise for Climate Impact

Hear from prominent changemakers and leaders about what motivates and empowers them to take climate action and listen to their promise for climate impact in this video introduction to the *People's Promise for Climate Impact*.

12:10 – 12:45

Our Climate Reality

The impacts of climate change are being felt the world-over, often most severely by those who have contributed the least to global carbon emissions.

Hear from:

- **Ineza Umuhoza Grace**, founder of the Green Fighter and co-director of the Loss & Damage Youth Coalition
- **Beatrice Bucht**, President, Youth Representative, Arctic Section, Swedish Association of International Affairs
- **Archana Soreng**, UN Secretary General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change Member

Three young people living in different parts of the world, will share lived experiences of the climate crisis, through images, videos, data and storytelling. From heatwaves and wildfires, to flooding and sea level rise, to air pollution and vector borne disease, the global reality is gravely concerning for us all.

However, while the climate crisis may appear daunting, this session will also highlight the incredible, effective and innovative efforts from people across the world to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Through understanding global problems and learning about solutions, you will gain initial knowledge needed to become an empowered changemaker. We have the power to choose our climate reality.

12:45 – 13:00 My World, My View - Sharing Session

Join **Lucy Siegle**, BBC Broadcaster and **Lara Rudar**, Pre-COP Youth Delegate to participate in the ongoing discussions and share your experiences with participants in the room and around the world through live polling. You will be invited to share your own experience of and feelings about the climate crisis and have the opportunity to see live results from in-person and remote attendees.

This is a chance to connect with this international movement of changemakers as well as to start thinking about your own ability to drive change.

13:00 – 13:50 Intergenerational Changemakers Dialogue

Changing the future of our climate reality for the better is no small feat but there are countless ways for you to be a changemaker. Learn from this intergenerational panel about how they became empowered to take action on the climate crisis. Explore the range of ways you can create impact and help to protect our future.

This session will focus on each speaker's personal experiences in effecting change, touching on topics such as:

- The importance of inclusivity in the climate movement and involving diverse voices and experiences of the climate crisis;
- The intrinsic connections between climate, biodiversity and society and why sustainable solutions must consider all three;
- How to overcome challenges in personal advocacy and the ways the speakers have learned to cultivate resilience; and;
- Why they think everyone, especially young people, should be empowered changemakers.

Join us for this panel discussion and thought-provoking conversation featuring:

- **Sunita Narain**, General Director, Centre for Science and Environment
- **Nisreen Elsaim**, Chair of UN Secretary General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change
- **Jason Boberg**, Founder of Activate Agency and Co-Founder of the Sustained Ability Disability & Climate Network
- **Gonzalo Muñoz**, High Level Climate Action Champion COP25
- **Elizabeth Wathuti**, Founder of the Green Generation Initiative
- **Lucy Siegle** (Moderator)

13:50 – 14:00 **Performance: Rise: From One Island to Another**

Join for a video screening of a powerful collaborative poem written by two climate action advocates **Kathy Jetñil-Kijiner**, Marshallese poet, and **Aka Niviâna**, Inuk writer. Their shared experiences from opposite sides of the world highlight the value of our global community and collaborative action.

14:00 – 15:00 **Break**

DAY 1 **PART II:**

15:00 – 16:00 **Identify & Expand Your Sphere of Influence**

Everyone has a sphere of concern (the things that matter to you) and a sphere of influence (the group of people and the things around you within your power to change). When you connect and align these spheres, you have the power to create positive change beyond your own life, amplifying your efforts and expanding your impact.

This session is your next step towards climate empowerment, with **Christiana Figueres**, former Executive Secretary of UNFCCC and author of 'The Future We Chose, Surviving the Climate Crisis' and featuring: **Kehkashan Basu**, founder and president of the Green Hope Foundation and **Clover Hogan**, founder and executive director of Force of Nature.

The speakers will share their own journey to expand their personal influence and create greater positive climate impact and offer an exercise for you to map out and identify opportunities to expand your impact.

The speakers will also offer recommendations for how young people can build links between the global climate crisis and their own lives, growing their capacity and sense of empowerment to contribute to and lead sustainable solutions for the planet.

16:00 – 16:50 Empowerment Workshops

Building on the previous session, join a 50-minute capacity-building workshop led by experienced changemakers designed to help you expand your influence and feel empowered. This is the chance to further explore avenues for taking empowered action and to build connections with other like-minded participants.

Choose one of the two facilitated workshops below:

Working for Change

With: **Alexandra Palt**, Executive Vice-President Chief Corporate Responsibility Officer of L'Oréal and Executive Vice-President of the Fondation L'Oréal

How can you have climate impact as a young professional? This workshop will offer the personal story of a prominent business leader about their choice to pursue a green career. You will then be invited to participate in interactive exercises encouraging you to consider how your career ambitions can align with your sphere of concern and enhance your sphere of influence.

A Seat at the Table

With: **Nigel Topping**, High-Level Climate Action Champion for COP26

How can you influence policies for climate impact? Learn from a Climate Action Champion about their experiences of working on climate policy and importance of meaningful youth participation in negotiations. This workshop will share how you can connect and effect change in various levels of decision making, from local council to intergovernmental conferences, and share tools to help you get involved in high-level negotiations and influence decision making.

16:50 – 17:00 Shifting Perspectives - Sharing Session

Building on the earlier Sharing Session, you are invited to join **Lucy Siegle** and **Hoor Ahli**, Pre-COP Youth Delegate to reflect on the day with other attendees. Deepen new connections with this international group of changemakers and share through live polling how participating in the event may have changed how you feel about the climate crisis.

17:00 – 17:05 Announcing the Members of the Arab Youth Council for Climate Change

The Arab Youth Council for Climate Change (AYCCC) is a new initiative by the Arab Youth Center in cooperation with the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCA), the Office of the UAE's Special Envoy for Climate Change, and private sector partners under the umbrella of the Arab League. The Council aims to achieve a qualitative leap in the interaction of Arab youth with environmental issues, support youth climate action, and engage young Arabs in developing innovative and sustainable solutions to the climate change challenge. Join **Haya Al Mansoori**, Pre-COP Youth Delegate and other leading representatives to find out who will be the first members of this new Council.

17:05 – 17:10 Closing Comments

End the day with a summary of the day's activities led by **Lucy Siegle**, a review of the results from the two Sharing Sessions and a look forwards to tomorrow's agenda where you'll have the opportunity to apply your learnings in the *Sustainable Solutions Masterclass* and pose your climate questions to government ministers and business leaders!

17:10 **End of Day 1**

DAY 1 **PART III:**

17:30 – 19:00 **Outrage + Optimism Live Podcast Recording with Christiana Figueres and Paul Dickinson**

Join a live recording of an episode of the popular podcast, **Outrage + Optimism**, with co-hosts **Christiana Figueres, Paul Dickinson** and guest host H.E. **Dr Nawal Al-Hosany**, where they'll discuss the importance of youth empowerment for climate action and capture the viewpoints of People's Promise attendees.

DAY 2 **PART I:**

12:00 – 12:30 **Registration**

Start the day with an informal opportunity to meet and connect with other attendees. Use this time to consider, collaborate and submit questions for the Climate Q&A with Government Ministers and Business Leaders.

12:30 – 12:40 **The Race to Zero**

Join **Gonzalo Muñoz**, Chile COP25 High-Level Climate Action Champion as he introduces day two and outlines the 'Race To Zero' global campaign to rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions and investors for a health, resilient, zero carbon recovery that unlocks inclusive and sustainable growth.

Building momentum around the shift to a decarbonised economy in the lead up to COP26 is key to delivering the systems change we need to achieve a resilient, zero carbon world.

12:40 – 13:25 **Sustainable Solutions Masterclass –
Part 1- Exploring Ideas**

In this Masterclass, you will find out how you can turn your ideas for climate impact into practical sustainable solutions. You will receive guidance and support from experienced changemakers, taking you through steps of planning, delivering and maintaining solutions to the climate emergency – from mobilising your peers, school, workplace or politicians, to innovating socio-technological solutions!

The Masterclass will explore four stages of this process across two parts.

In Part I, you are invited to identify a climate problem with **Heeta Lakhani**, Global Focal Point of YOUNGO and join **Vladislav Kaim**, UN Secretary General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change, and to learn how to find a target audience.

Each stage will feature an introduction from an inspirational changemaker and an exercise for you to explore and develop your ideas with the support and energy of a global community of participants all developing their ideas simultaneously.

13:25 – 14:10 **Sustainable Solutions Masterclass –
Part II – Defining Your Solution**

In Part II of this Masterclass, you will be defining your solution and developing pathways to make it a reality.

Nadia Laabs, Co-founder and COO of SafetyNet Technologies, will share her experience of refining an idea into a solution and **Renard Siew**, Climate Change Advisor at the Centre for Governance and Political Studies, will help you identify the resources and support you need to turn your idea into reality.

This stage will include an introduction from inspirational changemakers and an exercise to help you develop your ideas, working alongside a global community of participants.

By the end of the Masterclass, you will gain an understanding of the steps needed to turn your ideas for climate action into reality, inspiration from changemakers who have already done it and new, innovative tools that you can use to design and deliver sustainable solutions!

14:10 – 14:35

Break

Use this time to consider, collaborate and submit questions for the Climate Q&A with Government Ministers and Business Leaders.

DAY 2

PART II:

14:35 – 15:35

Climate Q&A with Government Ministers and Business Leaders

What role do government ministers and business have in tackling the climate crisis? What is COP26 and why is it important? How can the perspectives, concerns and rights of young people be effectively included in national government and intergovernmental decision-making processes? Are businesses doing enough to include climate change in their operations?

In this exciting Q&A session, you decide the topics of conversation for a panel of government ministers and business leaders from around the world.

In this critical time preceding the 26th United Nations' Climate Change COP (COP26), taking place in Glasgow, UK in November 2021, this session offers you a unique opportunity to engage with government and business about the climate crisis.

Ask our diverse panelists your questions about the climate crisis. Panelists include: **H.E. Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber**, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and Special Envoy for Climate Change for the UAE, **H.E. Abdulla Shahid**, United Nations President-Elect of Seventy-Sixth General Assembly and Minister for Foreign Affairs for Maldives, **Sophie Howe**, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales; **William Russell**, Lord Mayor of London, **Nigel Topping**, High-Level Climate Action Champion for COP26.

15:35 – 15:45

Performance: Solli Raphael

Hear from **Solli Raphael**, environmental advocate and award-winning young poet, in a pre-recorded video performance inspiring us to build a better world.

15:45 – 16:00

Session Reflections

Join the Global Focal Point of YOUNGO, **Heeta Lakhani** and **Mathani Mudathir**, Climate Advocate and Pre-COP Youth Delegate, along with event host, **Lucy Siegle**, for a reflection on the Q&A session. Hear their hopes for COP26, reflecting on how young people can be empowered politically to create climate action and change.

16:00 – 16:15 **Closing**

In this final session of the event, we take time to reflect on the past two days' activities: Do you feel more empowered to take climate action? Do you feel you have new friends and a community to support you on this journey for climate impact?

Hear from **H.E. Mariam bint Mohammed Saeed Hareb Almheiri**, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, with **Lara Rudar** and **Hoor Ahli**, Pre-COP Youth Delegates to reflect on the event to hear the promises they will carry from the event to COP26 in Glasgow, and consider what promises you will make to take forward your knowledge, inspiration and personal power from the event into your home community.

16:15 **End**

16:15- 17:00 **Networking Session**

- Opportunity for attendees to exchange and share their experiences from the event in an informal networking session