

# Climate Conference 2021

## Hounslow Schools, 12 November

(on-line 09:15 to 12:30)

The time to act on the climate emergency is right here and now. The UK will host the United Nations COP26 in Glasgow in 2021 and this brings a unique opportunity for young people to influence our response to the climate crisis. InterClimate Network is delighted to join again (see our [2019 event](#)) with London Borough of Hounslow and Hounslow Education Partnership to offer an event **to bring this critical COP26 debate to life.**

**Hounslow Schools Climate Conference** will be held on-line during the morning of **12 November 2021**, timed with the last day of the actual COP26 in Glasgow. It is open to all Hounslow secondary schools and please register your school by emailing [schools@interclimate.org](mailto:schools@interclimate.org) by **8 October latest**.

### 1. Conference outline

The conference will be run on-line using Microsoft Teams and each school team will need access to a computer with a microphone and camera so they can be clearly seen and heard by others. *We recommend a maximum of 6-8 students per team, with 3 students leading with speaking to camera at any one time (they are free to rotate the lead).* It works well for Years 8 – 13 and teams can also be mixed age groups.

**Global negotiations** Each school can put forward one\* team of students to represent one country. In preparation, there is a country briefing and COP26 Overview briefing (see [Student Pack here](#)) to guide a task to write a short opening speech, and please do use this whole resource if useful. Students will debate progress towards the Paris Agreement and negotiate raising ambition for more action, as though they were at the United Nations itself.

\* Please do tell us if you have more students that want to take part.

**Local action** This part of the conference brings the issues close to home so that young people can have a say about climate action in their area. In a '**Climate Question Time**', local decision-makers will make short contributions and young people will be invited to put forward their questions and views to the panel. The session will end with pledges for actions, including ways to make the most difference in school.



### 2. Draft agenda

9:15 *Testing microphones and set up*

9:30 *Welcome and Introductions*

#### Part 1 Global Negotiations:

1.1 Progress since Paris 2015

1.2 Raising global ambition

1.3 Action and solutions

11:15 *Break*

#### Part 2 Local Action: Question & Answers

2.1 Climate Question Time

2.2 Pledges for climate action

12:30 *Conference closes*

#### Key benefits include:

- \* Insight and motivation to find out more about the topic and the impact of climate change globally.
- \* Confidence and capacities to articulate views with peers and in a public setting.
- \* Capacities to engage with decision-makers.
- \* Inspiration for positive ways to take climate action and have a say.

### 3. Registration details

Please sign-up via this email and you will then receive a Welcome Pack: [schools@interclimate.org](mailto:schools@interclimate.org)