

# Introducing **Teens Take On Climate**



**When it comes to climate, there's a lot of hot air out there.** Heat waves, droughts and wildfires dominate headlines around the globe. With our world and lives at stake, teens demand to take their place to fight climate for life at home, school and work.



## TODAY'S TEENS AT CLIMATE BENCHMARKS

2022	2030	2050
13-19 years old	21-27 years old	41-47 years old

**CLIMATE FOR A LIFETIME**



## OUR PURPOSE

**To ignite, empower and amplify teen voices and work to fight the climate crisis.**

## OUR MISSION

**To connect diverse teens with climate education, employment and opportunities to succeed on inclusive, multidisciplinary climate pathways.**

## OUR GOALS

- Raise climate literacy
- Build life & climate skills
- Expand climate education & opportunities
- Accelerate climate careers and employment



## BRINGING TEENS TOGETHER THROUGH CLIMATE

- We collaborate with partners to provide climate programs for teens and teen-serving organizations. In-person and virtual programs range from one-day climate workshops to multi-week climate modules. Summer 2022 programs will focus primarily on Chicago's South Side.
- Our programs bring climate to life for teens by connecting it to their passions. Programs include field trips, outdoor recreation, community projects, guest speakers, plus career exploration and jobs.



## Learn More & Connect With Us!

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## Teens Take On Climate Community

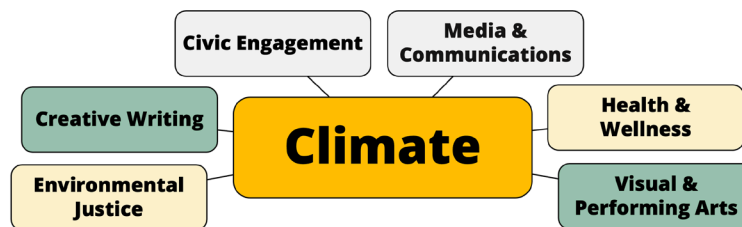
Our bold vision is to build a community as diverse as the earth where young people's values, perspectives and skills catalyze sustainable and intergenerational climate action.

To make our vision a reality, solutions need to grow from local knowledge, engagement and active participation from everyone. Today the effects of climate change are unequal. Communities already thwarted by systemic racism continue to be disproportionately impacted. To stop the climate crisis, young people will need to forge personal and collective paths to become part of the solution.

Our community is built on teens working with climate leaders and organizations committed to diversity, equity and inclusion to fight climate change and develop resilient futures.

## Teens Take On Climate Programs

Our multidisciplinary approach unites teens' passions and climate.



## Teens Take On Climate Partners

Partnerships are the key to the greatest impact on climate.

In addition to providing our own programs, Teens Take On Climate welcomes the opportunity to connect with partners to provide teens with educational and career resources, experiences and opportunities.

**LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT TODAY'S TEENS FOR TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES.**



**We Invite You to Join Us!**

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# Teens Take On Climate Programs

**Teens Take On Climate** collaborates with climate pathway partners and facilitates specialized climate programs for teens and teen-serving organizations. Summer 2022 programs will be focused primarily on Chicago's South Side. Formats range from one-day climate workshops to multiple-week climate modules that complement diverse, inclusive, multidisciplinary programs in the arts, civic engagement, media and communications, urban agriculture, culinary, outdoor recreation, spoken word, creative writing, along with science, technology, engineering and math.

## GOAL 1 RAISE CLIMATE LITERACY



**Climate 101** Teens will participate in indoor and outdoor activities to learn about climate and make connections to their personal and collective futures.

**My Climate Action Plan** By connecting with nature teens will explore how climate impacts their lives and create a personalized Climate Action Plan.

**Teen Climate Action Network** Teens will connect with climate leaders and peers to amplify their voices, exchange ideas, and generate collective strategies and actions to take on climate.

## GOAL 2 BUILD LIFE AND CLIMATE SKILLS



**Growing Up with Climate** Teens will develop positive youth development skills in tandem with a growing awareness of how climate impacts can lead to career opportunities.

## GOAL 3 EXPAND CLIMATE EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Climate 201** Teens will expand their climate literacy toolbox by building communication, problem solving and leadership skills.



**Broaden Climate Engagement** Teens will participate in multidisciplinary climate programs in Chicago and nationwide.

**Join Community Climate Efforts** Teens will gain hands-on experience by joining community-based climate projects.

## GOAL 4 ACCELERATE CLIMATE CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT

**Climate Jobs & Career Pathways** Teens will gain in-demand skills and experience through on-the-job training, apprenticeships, vocational schools, technical certifications, colleges, the military, and internships.



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