

2008-2023



**UK YOUTH
CLIMATE
COALITION**



15 YEAR REPORT

ABOUT US

UKYCC is an entirely youth and volunteer-led non-profit fighting for Climate Justice. We are run by young people, for young people and are made up of 18-29 year olds from across the UK.

HOW WE WORK

We are non-hierarchical and consensus-based which allows our members to take equal ownership of driving strategy and campaign direction. With around 60 active campaigners and an advisory board of 5 members, UKYCC provides a safe space for young people to develop their campaigning confidence, find their spaces of joy and strength within the climate movement, and deepen their knowledge of Climate Justice.

OUR WORK SO FAR

We were originally set up in 2008 to provide young people in the UK access to key decision-making spaces such as the UNFCCC COP conferences. Since then, UKYCC has evolved into a versatile campaigning organisation with an abundance of talented young people leading campaigns at local, national and international levels. UKYCC utilises a variety of influencing approaches including: communicating Climate Justice to the wider youth and general public, holding the UK government accountable at climate negotiations, upskilling young climate leaders, educating school students on Climate Justice and hosting community action and national capacity-building events.





ORIGIN STORY

In 2008 Emma Biermann and Casper Ter Kuile from Warwick University founded UKYCC. On a voyage to the Arctic with WWF they heard from inspiring young people about their energy, creativity, passion and commitments towards fighting climate change. So naturally they wanted to do the same here in the UK.

UKYCC grew to become a base of founding members and a wider network of connected organisations who tasked themselves with attending the UN Climate Talks in 2008. Over the years UKYCC has attended annual COPs, and many intersessionals, as well as generating a plethora of climate change oriented campaigns internationally and at home.

This report strives to outline just some of the work that UKYCC has embarked on and highlight the incredible impact the organisation has had over its 15 year history.

Our Mission

To mobilise and empower young people to take positive action for global Climate Justice.

Our Vision

A just, sustainable world in which current and future generations enjoy and protect a healthy environment.

Our Values

- Amplifying youth voices
- Systemic change
- Non-violence
- Transparency
- Anti-oppression
- Inclusivity
- Diversity
- Independence

Our objectives

To make the climate movement accessible to all young people through education, outreach and capacity building.

To influence policymakers and civil society to work towards a just and sustainable world, in the UK and internationally.

To build a culture of care and support for one another within our organisation and the wider climate movement.

HEADLINES

DEVELOPED OVER

 **360**

YOUNG CLIMATE LEADERS

ATTENDED

14

UN CLIMATE
NEGOTIATIONS

“

BEING A PART OF
UKYCC HAS OPENED SO
MANY DOORS FOR ME
BOTH PERSONALLY
AND PROFESSIONALLY ”

ORGANISER AT UKYCC

**CLIMATE
JUSTICE!**

DELIVERED OVER

30

CAMPAIGNS FOR
CLIMATE JUSTICE

PARTNERED WITH
OVER

25

ORGANISATIONS

CAMPAIGNING

Over the past 15 years UKYCC has worked on an incredible number of projects both by creating our own campaigns and collaborating with many other groups to achieve Climate Justice, as such only a small sample of our campaigns are included here. For more details of our campaigning in our early years, please see our 5 and 10 year reports which can be found on our website.

2008 - 2018

In our first 10 years we campaigned on a huge variety of issues across 3 working groups: local, national and international. Here we highlight just a handful of these campaigns.

PowerShift

In October 2009 UKYCC put on the UK's most ambitious youth climate summit. Bringing together people from all over the UK from different backgrounds, with different interests and varying levels of previous engagement. PowerShift aimed to equip and empower young people to act on climate change in their local area.

COP Attendance

UKYCC has attended every single UN climate negotiation since COP14 in 2008 to represent UK youth and drive global Climate Justice. Some highlights include COP15 where we sent a delegation of 20 young people to organise a march through Copenhagen and COP21 in Paris where we ran workshops, got involved in actions and witnessed the landmark Paris Agreement which marked a new era in the international negotiations.

BEIS

In 2017 UKYCC organised a roundtable of youth organisations at the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). We discussed the best ways to educate and empower young people to take action on climate change and how to integrate youth voices into decision-making processes about climate change. We also took part in a Demonstration organised by the Coal Action Network in front of BEIS in the light of the consultation on the phasing out of coal by the UK. We put hundreds of little statues in front of the BEIS offices to represent all the citizens we will never get to meet because of coal air pollution.

No Room for Gas

In 2018 our gas campaign was launched to mark a year of planned campaigning against gas and fracking. We launched the hashtag #CleanGasKissMyAss and started with a series of videos, graphics, articles and social media content to educate people on gas and fracking. We also took a trip to Preston New Road, Lancashire to join the direct action protests for Block Around the Clock.

2019 - 2023

In 2019, we began to restructure and became five new working groups:

Community

Communications

Systems Change

COP

Operations



Community Working Group

Our role in UKYCC is to tackle climate change at the community level; this includes climate education, hosting events and collaborating with other climate groups. For us, community-based solutions play an incredibly important role in creating a just, sustainable world for everyone. Most of our campaigns aim to show how there is space in the climate movement for everyone and that getting involved does not have to be intimidating. Currently we are running several projects.

Climate Justice Workshop

The **Climate Justice Workshop** aims to educate and empower secondary school students to get involved in climate activism. The interactive workshop introduces students to the concept of Climate Justice and teaches them ways to get involved in campaigning at both local and national levels. We've partnered with Volunteers for Future to help deliver our workshop across the UK. Since its initiation at the start of 2023 some of our key achievements include:

- 349 pupils engaged across 13 workshops
- 79% of students had a better understanding of climate change and eco-anxiety after attending the workshop
- 76% of students felt comfortable to discuss Climate Justice with their friends and family after the workshop



How Green Is Your MP?

'How Green is Your MP?' is an education campaign to make it easier to understand how our MPs voted on critical climate change debates. We created a dynamic database grading every MP's environmental voting record so we can better hold them accountable. You can search your MP and find out their 'Climate Score' as well as see how they've voted on key environmental bills and Early Day Motions Check it out [on our website](#).

Local Conferences of Youth (LCOY)

Since 2019, we've organised several **Local Conferences of Youth**. These youth climate conferences bring together young people from across the country to gather their demands for our decision-makers. We create a UK youth policy document which directly feeds into the UNFCCC COP climate negotiations and represents the voice of UK youth in this key decision-making space. These events have brought together over 300 people from across the UK.



Communications Working Group

The Communications team are the voice of UKYCC, ensuring internal and external support and getting campaigns out there. In particular, the group streamlines UKYCC's social media and communications platforms for a unified UKYCC voice and to creatively engage with activists online. They are not solely responsible for our digital content but help to keep our voice and engagement on track! These are some of our campaigns:

#DecodeClimateChange

#DeCodeClimateChange was a social media campaign which broke down jargon and processes surrounding climate change. This included a series of educational infographics jargon-busting topics such as Net Zero and Carbon Capture and Storage. It was run in the lead up to COP26.



From The Ground Up

'From The Ground Up' launched in 2022. The podcast explores the many different pathways that bring people into climate activism and untangles the connections between Climate Justice and other systems and social injustices.

Key achievements include 7 published episodes on topics from disability justice, to loss and damage, and health justice to eco-anxiety; So far, the podcast has had over 200 streams and 50 regular Spotify followers. The next series is in the works!



Systems Change Working Group

The **Systems Change (SC) Working Group** was previously the **Gas Working Group**. After a year of campaigning nationally and internationally against the UK's dash for gas, in 2019 we decided that it was time to tackle the structures and systems in place that continue to cause climate change head-on. We want to add youth voices to calls for systems change in the UK and across the world, and ensure that justice is at the forefront of climate action.

Gas Development Prank

The **St. Ives Gas Development Prank** was a campaign against the UK Government's financing for fossil fuels overseas and in particular the government's support for gas development in Capo Delgado, Mozambique. We developed a prank relocating the project from Mozambique to St Ives Cornwall to show how it wouldn't have been acceptable here in the UK and worked with local climate activists in St Ives to develop a video on the prank in the run up to the G7 which was based in Cornwall in 2021.



Cost of Capitalism

'The **Cost of Capitalism**' is our current umbrella campaign where we explore various systems which have been exploited through capitalism and the impact of this on communities and the planet. So far we have begun to explore food systems, alternative economics and the refugee and migrant crisis. We're looking to roll out a series of events and workshops to highlight the 'Cost of Capitalism' and bring a more interconnected and systemic approach to the UK youth climate movement.

Systems Change Game

We designed the **Systems Change Game** in 2022 to deliver as a workshop at events across the country. It enables participants to grasp the intersectionality of the climate crisis, visualising and acknowledging how all of our systems are interconnected.

We use a ball of string in the Game, which participants use to physically form the connections between the different systems, showing the group how they can influence different systems by 'pulling the strings'. So far we have delivered over 10 workshops and had almost 100 participants.

COP Working Group

The COP working group was newly created in Feb 2018 (although it has existed as the International Team since the beginning of UKYCC). They focus on preparing for the annual attendance at the United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP) negotiations alongside working on international climate political processes and campaigns.



Global Voices

'Global Voices' is a campaign to increase Global South representation at the annual UN Climate Negotiations. We help global south activists by offering them accreditation to the negotiations and supporting them to campaign effectively at the conference on the issues that matter most to them.



COP26 Youth Hub

COP26 Youth Hub was a space we created at COP26 in Glasgow in partnership with Young Friends of the Earth Scotland (YFOES) and Glasgow University Environmental Sustainability Team (GUEST). We held workshops and created a space for youth activists to come and decompress from the intensities of the climate negotiations. It was a space to organise, relax and network.

Loss and Damage

Our **Loss and Damage** campaign sought to push for the incorporation of a Loss and Damage funding facility at COP27. This work included partnering with the Loss and Damage Youth Coalition and organising a number of actions as well as supporting Global South activists in their calls for reparations. Our team was part of the civil society pressure to change UK Government policy to support the establishment of a loss and damage fund.



Conflicts of Interest

Our COP team has been a leading youth voice in addressing **Conflicts of Interest** at UN Summits over-run with fossil fuel and other polluting industry lobbyists. In this capacity they have established a UN Climate Consistency Youth Working Group on the issue that has trained and mobilised an international cohort of youth on the issue, worked with the civil society coalition Kick Big Polluters Out, and successfully advocated the UNFCCC Executive Secretary to put in place Declaration of Interests forms for all COP participants for the first time at COP28.

Operations Working Group

The Operations working group is responsible for the day-to-day running of UKYCC. We also take the lead on upskilling our members through training and personal development opportunities.

We organise quarterly team weekends to gather the team for strategy days and workshops as well as organising multiple events throughout the year for our members to engage with.

Team Weekends

Our **Team Weekends** are held 3 times a year to bring our members together to network, strategise and have fun!

Over the past 5 years we've held 10 in person team weekends offering training opportunities to over 150 members.

Together, we provide trainings and talks to upskill our members. Previous ones have included:

- Strategy Planning
- Introduction to Environmental Psychology
- Campaign Organising 101
- Fundraising.



PowerShift 2023

PowerShift 2023 was our flagship conference to bring together over 80 young people for a day of panels and workshops to celebrate the incredible work of the youth climate movement over the past 15 years as well as to look ahead to the future.

This was held at Indra Studios in Hackney during September 2023 and supported by a number of local businesses and climate organisations.

Cross-UKYCC Campaigns

We also come together across our working groups to campaign as a whole organisation. This often involves coming together for direct actions or simply showing solidarity for other climate and social justice issues with partner organisations.



School Strike for Climate

Back in 2019, Greta Thunberg launched the international Fridays for Future movement and inspired a generation of youth climate activists to go on a school strike for climate.

At UKYCC we helped UK school students mobilise around this movement and many of our members were involved in organising local school strikes in their areas. This global movement saw the saliency of climate change launched into the public eye like never before and provided the necessary momentum for many of the advances in climate policy over the past 5 years.

Climate Crimes

‘Climate Crimes’ was our first piece of climate litigation. We took an article 15 submission to the International Criminal Courts requesting they open an investigation into BP executives for their role in causing climate change. Alongside our New Zealand partners, Students for Climate Solutions, we showed that climate change is a crime against humanity and fossil fuel executives must be held responsible for their role in causing it.

We held a side event at the Assembly of Parties in the Hague in December 2022 to launch the submission. You can find out more at www.climatecrime.info



THE YEARS AHEAD

Going into 2024, UKYCC have ambitious campaigning plans which we are developing at a key and pivotal point for climate action in the UK. With the general election pending, we acknowledge how important it is to get the next year right, and that the collective work the movement does can influence decisions that are felt for years to come. Some of the projects currently under development include:

Election Campaign 2024

1 UKYCC will be dedicating significant time and resource to supporting the movement in the run up to the next General Election. We have developed several approaches to our campaigns, tackling both bottom-up and top-down influencing initiatives to drive the youth vote in favour of Climate Justice.

Expanding our Capacity-Building events

2 Through the organisation of the Local Conference of Youth, and our flagship and relaunched 'Powershift' conference, we aim to provide opportunities for young activists and youth organisations to collectively ideate and mobilise on an annual basis, with an added importance for doing this prior to the next General Election.

We also aim to expand our campaign and leadership training weekends - key opportunities for our young people to develop so they are enabled to take positive and ambitious action towards Climate Justice, whilst providing opportunity for our members to create campaigns.

Development and roll-out of our educational workshops

3 Following of the success of our Climate Justice school workshops, we have three more Systems Change focused workshops in development that we aim to roll out in collaboration with other organisation's to provide further education and awareness about the importance of Systemic Change.



OUR MEMBERS

Over the past 15 years, we have been made up of over 360 members. All of these young people have created, developed and led on our huge range of campaigns and the UK youth climate movement simply wouldn't be the same without them. We want to say a massive thank you to all of our members who have led UKYCC over the years.

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Ben Gilbey	Ellie Whitlock	Hannah Whitley	Kirby Fullerton
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 Lucy Jordan
 Lucy Parr
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 Toby Mynett
 Tom Bedford
 Tom Bevan
 Tom Kelsall
 Tom Lafford
 Tom Smith
 Tom Wilson
 Tom Youngman
 Tomas Rathbone
 Tommy Vickerstaff
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 Vicky Barron
 William Chambers
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 Zoe Bizicki
 Zoe Conn
 Zoe Rasbash
 Zoe Thomas
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OUR PARTNERS

Our campaigns have always involved collaborations. We've partnered with over 25 different organisations over the years to work together towards achieving Climate Justice. We want to thank all of our partners and celebrate their work too!



GET INVOLVED

Are you aged 18-29 and keen to join our fight for Climate Justice? Then keep an eye out on our socials and website. We recruit in the spring of every year so look out for our recruitment adverts.

Interested in supporting our work? We are always looking for allies across the climate and social justice sector. If you think we might be able to work together then please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.

You can find out more about us by following us on socials and taking a browse of our website or you can get in touch at hello@ukycc.org. Find out more about our history and how we got to where we are today by watching our 15th anniversary video.

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