

Join the Climate Toolkit Youth Network

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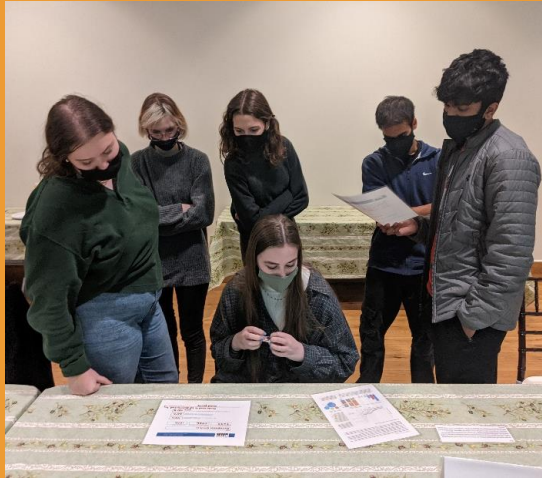
Youth Climate Advocacy Committee

- October-April, meet 2-3x per month from 6:30 – 8:30pm
- For ages 16 - 23
- Paid a small stipend to attend
- Youth-led climate action on issues youth care about with support and resources from Phipps!
- Climate education, opportunities to collaborate with other youth
- Leadership and speaking opportunities



Goals

- Highlight the concerns of young people
- Focus on collective action and climate activism
- Bring students together across neighborhoods, grade levels, schools
- Educate and support communities

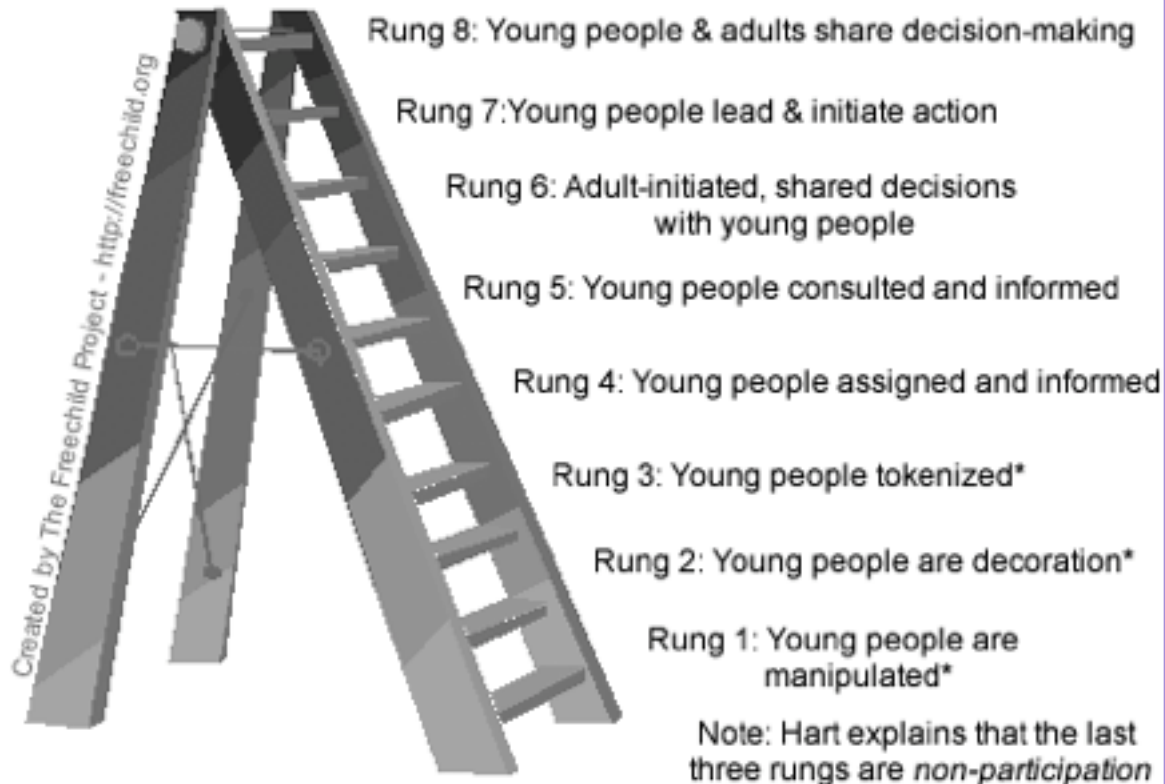


Principles

- Empower each other
- Constructive feedback
- Fairness and inclusivity
- Youth-driven



Roger Hart's Ladder of Young People's Participation

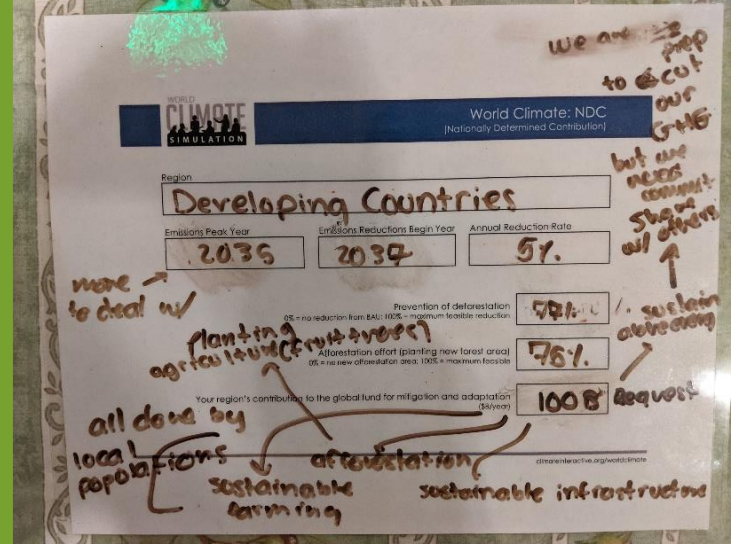


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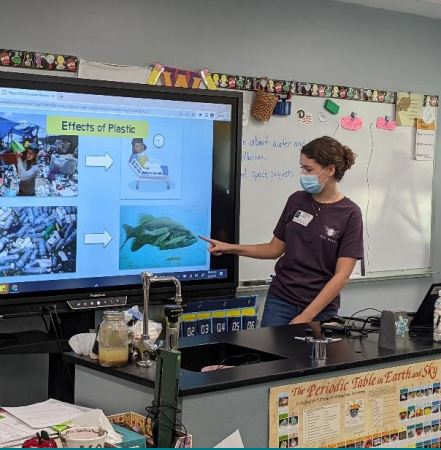
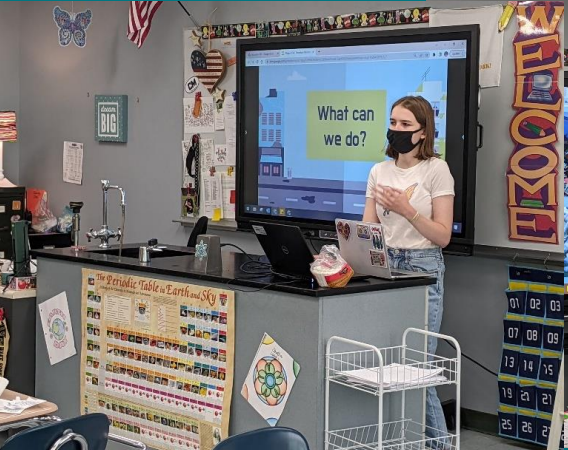
Capacity-building

First focused on climate education

- World Climate Simulation by Climate Interactive (C-ROADS & En-ROADS models)
- Environmental justice discussions with knowledgeable community members
- Local experts and educators
- Practice building climate activities for different audiences
- Climate Action Planning guide (thanks to The Wild Center!)



Project Working Groups



Youth Eco-Action Showcase

- Engage the public with working group projects
- Speaking opportunities for youth
- Sustainable art & fashion shows – often sell out!
- Local artists and organizations



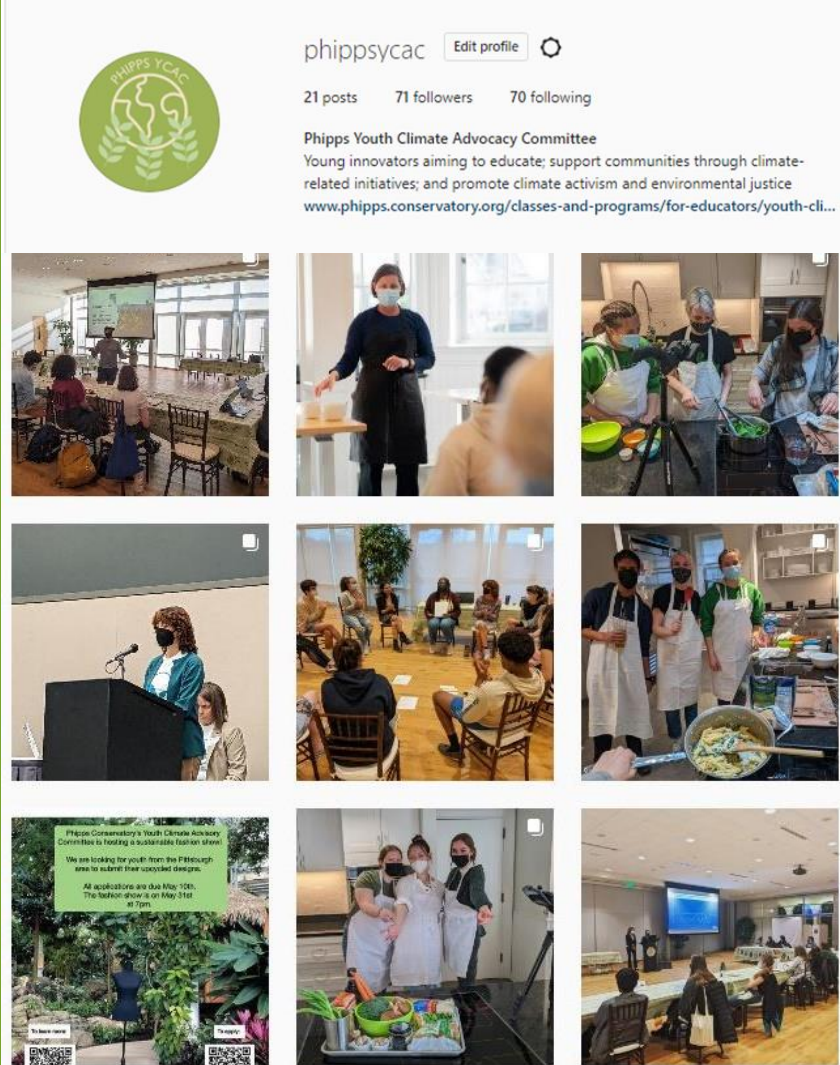
Leadership Opportunities

- Plan and host local events
- Pittsburgh Youth Climate Action Summit
- USA Local Conference Of Youth (LCOY) to draft a national youth statement on climate
- COP28 to influence negotiations and draft text on global climate policy!



Lessons learned

- Youth thrive in decision-making space
- Youth leaders essential
- Structure and accountability is welcome and wanted
- Barriers and project timelines are areas for potential growth
- **Youth want to meet and collaborate with other youth around the country!**



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Potential ways to utilize the CTYN:

- Interviewing different youth and/or groups about their climate action experiences
- Participating in and amplifying each other's work
- Collaborating on world-wide projects
- Sharing resources and expert knowledge
- Sharing opportunities, events, and networks
- Youth-led virtual meet-ups and summits hosted by a different youth group each time, topics chosen by youth



Group Discussion: *Where do I get started forming a youth climate group?*

