

AMERICAN CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Celebrating Action from Local to National



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HOW-TO GUIDE

Youth-Led Nonprofit Mobilizing Teens and Young Adults to Lead Bold Climate Action Through Policy and Education

[Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action](#)

Since 2019, SVYCA has been creating a pipeline of youth leaders equipped with the knowledge and skills to advocate for impactful climate policies at local, regional, and state levels.

In 2024, SVYCA achieved significant milestones. At COP29 in Dubai, youth leaders connected with global advocates, gaining insights into international climate action. Locally, we hosted candidate forums, ensuring voters understood candidates' positions on pressing climate issues. Our advocacy for AB285, which mandates K-12 climate education, exemplifies our focus on climate literacy. We also partnered with schools to integrate climate concepts into curricula and hosted annual Youth Climate Summits, providing hands-on experiences that taught students how to organize, network, and lead impactful initiatives.

Participation thrives through hands-on learning, mentorship by student leaders and experts, and opportunities for youth to spearhead their own projects. By fostering relationships with elected officials, industry leaders, and nonprofits, SVYCA equips young people with the tools to become holistic leaders.

Our success stems from collaboration, innovative programming, and a commitment to empowering youth to envision and implement sustainable solutions. SVYCA doesn't just train climate advocates; we nurture future-ready leaders prepared to address the complexities of the climate crisis.

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How To Get Started

1. Hold summit, engage youth leaders and community
2. Influence local policy
3. Organize candidate forums
4. Develop and deliver climate curriculum
5. Advocate for a climate change education requirement in K-12
6. Develop and refine a series of climate literacy videos