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**A YEAR OF  
GROWTH & RESILIENCE**

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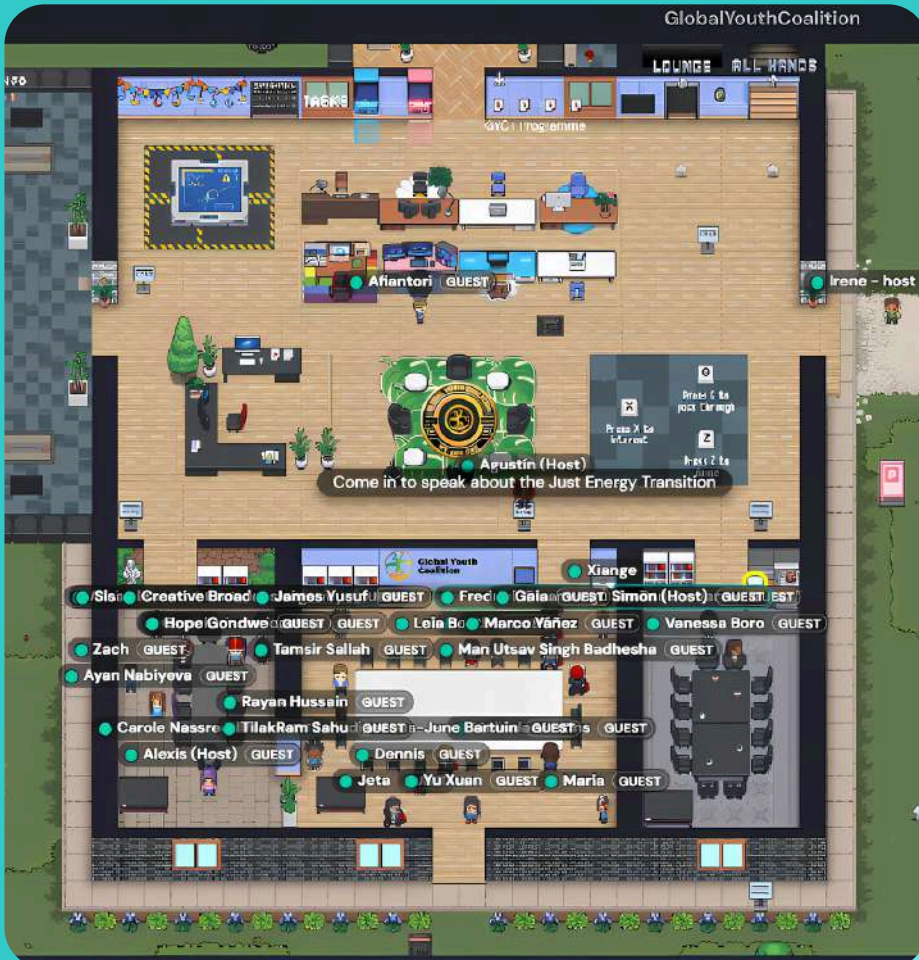
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# Letter from the Planet

## 4th in the solar system

H-ability: hosting life

Dear Youth of the World,

I am Earth. I have been your home, your shelter, and your provider. I've witnessed your resilience, your creativity, and your spirit rise to meet the challenges of our time. Through the Global Youth Coalition, you've become more than a movement 🌍 you are architects of action, connecting ideas, communities, and solutions across the globe.

But I must be honest with you. I am struggling. My rivers are drying, my forests are gasping, and my skies are no longer as blue as they once were. I feel your determination, but the urgency grows heavier each day. The choices we make now will shape the lives of generations to come. Your work has shown me what's possible, but the road ahead is steep, and time is short.

You've accomplished so much 🏆 mobilizing thousands, creating technologies, empowering communities, and standing firm at the tables where decisions are made. Yet you also understand this truth: change is slow. You are the harvest of seeds planted by the youth who came before you, and you, in turn, are planting seeds for a future you may never see. This is your gift to me 🦋 a legacy of hope and action.

Still, hope alone will not restore balance. The outcomes of COP29 may not have been what you dreamed of, but you must work with what you have. Clean energy, equitable funding, restoring nature 🌳 these goals are within reach, but they require unrelenting focus. You've proven that small actions can ripple into something greater. Now, you must push even harder.

Remember this: **youth is not just an age. It's a state of mind, an untamed energy, a belief in the possibility of something better.** You carry that belief, and it is powerful. Through your work, you remind the world that this fight isn't just about saving me 🌍 it's about saving all of us.

I am proud of you. We can keep planting, keep growing, and keep hoping. And one day, we will see those seeds bloom.

With love and trust,  
Your Planet

In this year alone, we and the planet:

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**400 ppm CO2  
Concentration**

The highest in over 800,000 years

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**1 Million**

Youth reached by GYC

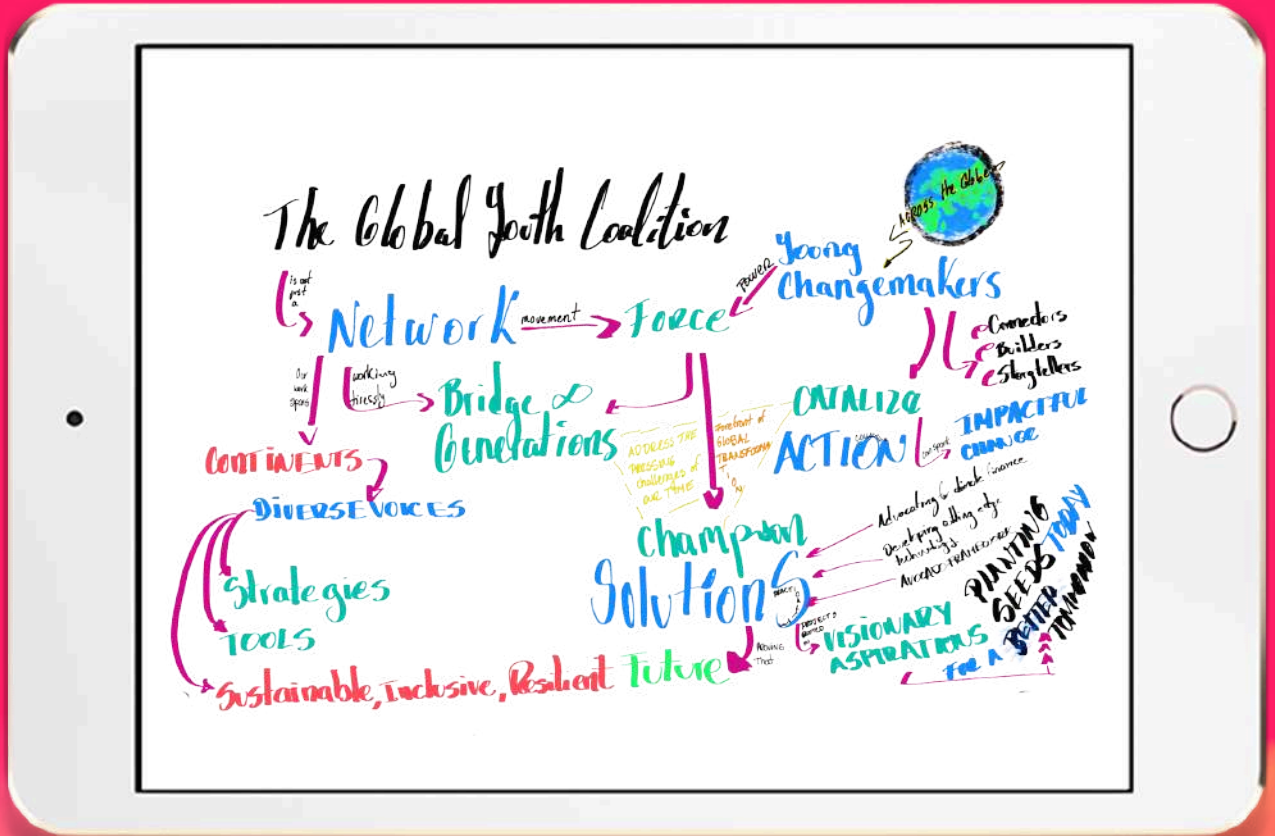
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Countries Network

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# The Global Youth Coalition



## Vision

We envision a world where youth-led innovation and intergenerational collaboration shape the future 🌍 a future where sustainable development, social equity, and technological advancement work hand in hand. Our vision extends beyond short-term wins; we strive for a legacy of empowered communities and thriving ecosystems.

At GYC, we believe:

- Youth are not just the future 🌱 WE are the present.
- Intergenerational collaboration creates lasting solutions.
- Equity and accessibility must be at the core of every global effort.
- Conscious use of technology and innovation are vital tools to address today's most pressing challenges.

## Mission

*Our mission is simple yet powerful:*

**To empower youth with the tools, platforms, and networks WE need to lead impactful climate and social initiatives while building bridges across generations for a sustainable future. We aim to transform ideas into action, voices into movements, and challenges into opportunities.**

# Financial Highlights



At the Global Youth Coalition (GYC), we believe that transparency builds trust and collaboration. While we've made significant strides in mobilizing resources to empower youth and deliver impactful projects, we face financial challenges that hinder long-term sustainability. In 2024, GYC achieved remarkable success despite limited funding. Here's how we've managed and allocated resources, and the pressing needs we must address to continue and scale our efforts.

## REVENUE AND ALLOCATION OVERVIEW

### Funds Received:

#### Reforestation for Peace (R4P):

**\$50,000** received from the **Climate Emergency Collaboration Group** (CECG) for youth training and advocacy.

Fully allocated to project implementation, outreach and team (**\$15k**).

Detailed breakdown available in the R4P final report ([here](#)).

#### Global Youth Climate Training (GYCT):

Funding from **Oxford University's Van Houten Fund and ClimateWorks Foundation**.

**£60,000** per chapter allocated per training and materials.

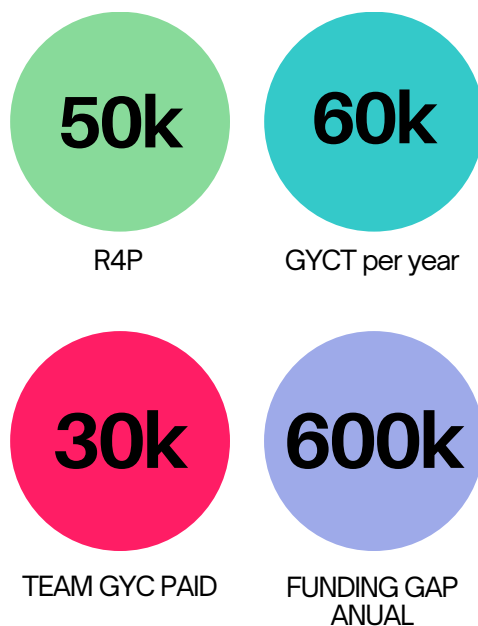
Moderation stipends (\$200/session) and a **£10,000** fund distributed among active GYC members.

Total Funds overall Received by GYC Team: **\$30,000**

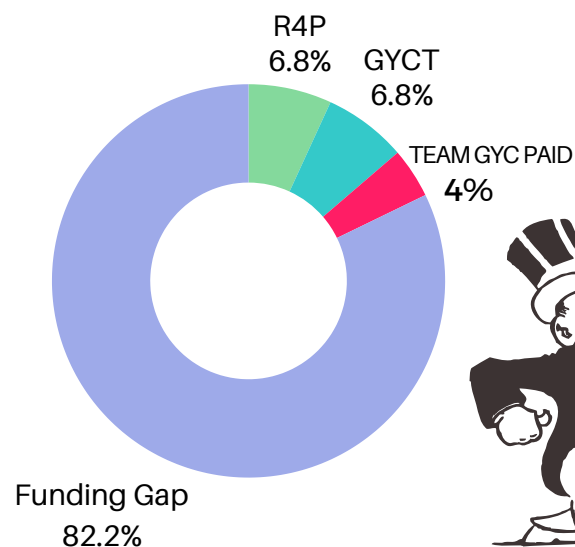
These funds were used for team project execution, stipends, and essential costs.

### Volunteer Contributions:

Our operations rely heavily on volunteers and core team members who dedicate their time and personal resources. This includes covering costs for software (e.g., Mailchimp, Canva), travel, and equipment without compensation.



## WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED AND WHAT WE NEED





# 2024 Achievements: Planting Seeds, Harvesting Progress

## GYCT at COP29



Oxford University - GAUC- Gathering at COP29. GYCT mentors and attendees representing Youth Globally. Including GYCT bursary winners: Seruni and Zach

- **Active at COP29:** Delivered key interventions on the NCOG, Loss and Damage Fund, and Nature-Based Solutions. Represented youth voices across continents.
- **Policy Influence:** Pushed actionable pathways like the Avocado Framework, now gaining traction among decision-makers globally.

## Advocacy, Representation & Meaningful engagement

- **1 Million Young People Reached:** Through training, campaigns, and digital content, we've engaged over 1 million youth globally.
- **Global Reach:** Conducted sessions in 150+ countries, including training programs in 6 languages.

## GYCT: 285 participants

- 227 identify as MAPA
- 141 are from V20 countries
- 69 identify as a part of an indigenous community
- 135 countries are represented
- 54 participants are under 20
- 132 are under 25
- 156 are female

## Reforeesting 4 Peace



## Reforeesting4Peace

Youth leaders from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Saint Lucia, Brazil, Argentina, Ecuador, Bolivia, India, Egypt, Peru, and Indonesia received cutting-edge equipment and/or software to amplify their storytelling and content creation efforts. This initiative empowers them to share their perspectives, inspire local action, and drive global conversations on climate and social justice.

# Less words. Projects & ACTIONS

## BONN SB

Youth delegates from Hong Kong, Ecuador and Italy worked together to deliver cameras bought for R4P to their final destinations. This initiative symbolized a chain of hope, bridging technology gaps through collaborative efforts.

### R4P Session: Voices from Palestine

Hosted by Mohammed and Omar, two Palestinian youth, this session spotlighted the resilience of youth in war-affected regions and raised awareness of the environmental consequences of conflict.



A live and open discussion held within the venue, attended by the Ghanaian delegation and youth delegates from Iceland, Norway, and beyond.

### R4P TOOLKIT

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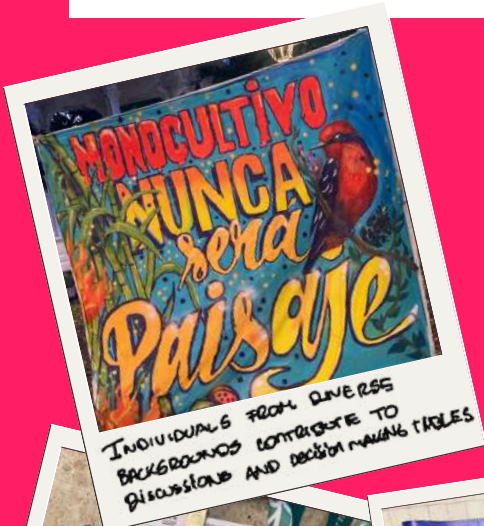
## Planting the Seeds of Change: GYC at COP16

While still in its early stages, the Avocado Plan was aligned with COP16 goals, advocating for actionable steps to connect these pillars with global priorities. We presented the plan in key discussions, fostering dialogues to integrate these solutions into the broader climate agenda.

**Side Event:** GYC hosted a session under the Reeforesting for Peace (R4P) initiative, bringing global attention to the role of youth in natural restoration and sustainable solutions.

**Tree of Hope:** This initiative saw youth from across regions symbolically brought ideas and expectations, representing hope, unity, and the power of collective action.

**Advocating for Ecocide Recognition:** In a major step forward, GYC integrated ecocide advocacy into the Avocado Framework, linking it to CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity) goals and emphasizing the protection of ecosystems through legal accountability.



INDIVIDUALS FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS CONTRIBUTE TO DISCUSSIONS AND DECISION MAKING TABLES



THOUGHT THE SUPPORT OF YOUTHINGREEN GYC SECURED DADIES FOR IS youth DELEGATES | COP16 Cali, Colombia



GYC NOT ONLY EXPANDED IT'S GLOBAL PRESENCE BUT ALSO SOLIDIFIED IT'S ROLE AS CONNECTOR OF IDEAS.



SUGLEY CALLAGHANE and HER PEERACTIVITIES MADE GYC AT COP16 POSSIBLE



TREE OF HOPE AT CALI, COLOMBIA YOUTHINGREEN.ORG COP16

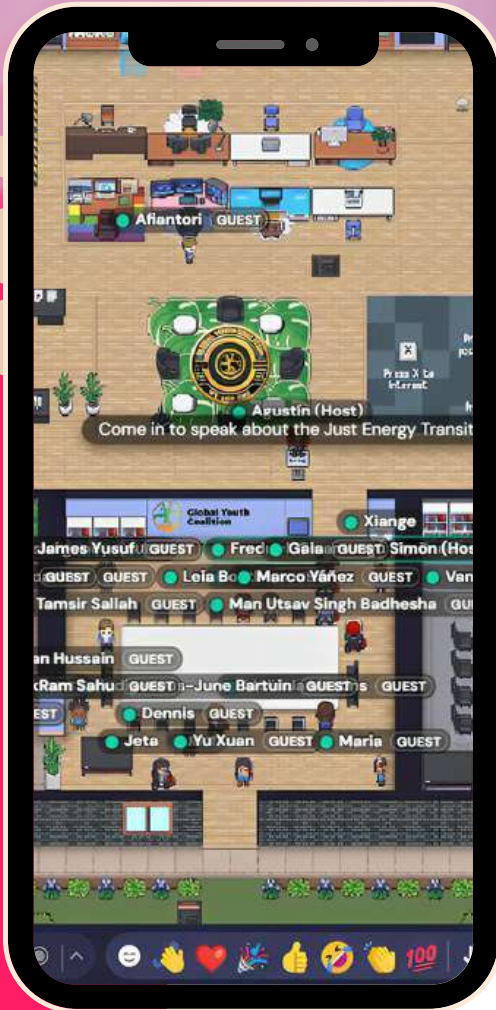


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## GAMIFICATION

Global Youth Climate Training session in the

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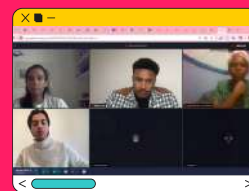
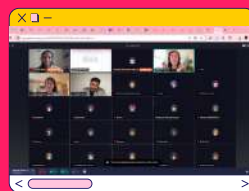


The cherry on top of an extraordinary Global Youth Climate Training, hosted in GYC HeadQuarters in the Metaverse. Our GYC Champs truly shone, facilitating discussions in a virtual space that bridged global divides. This metaverse session redefined inclusivity, eliminating the need for visas, flights, or badges—just pure intentions and a voice to speak for the planet.

Participants like Sisay Lucas, who later attended COP29 in Baku, and June Bartuin, an indigenous youth leader and mother, shared their unique perspectives. June powerfully raised concerns about representation as a young indigenous woman navigating the barriers to access spaces like COPs.

This session was a bold step toward creating equitable opportunities for youth to engage in decision-making spaces, even from the comfort of their own communities.

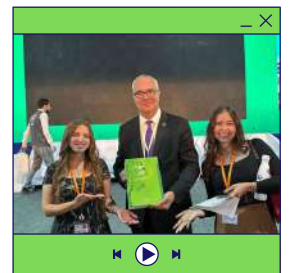
It was a truly impactful conclusion to an unforgettable training!



### World Urban Forum

Mlynar Michael, Deputy Executive Director of UN-Habitat, received the Tree of Hope book at WUF12, presented by Lujji, our Vice Chair, and Salma, a dedicated member of the GYC team.

This 500-page compilation of sustainable knowledge and actionable solutions was a collaborative effort between GYC and Youthinkgreen (YTG), with the translation led by our passionate teams.



Agustín Ocaña, our esteemed chairperson and founder got shortlisted to **YOUNG CHAMPIONS OF THE EARTH** with GYC as a project



# Global Youth Climate Training

This program would not be possible without our incredible partners, including Oxford Net Zero, Oxford SSEE, and the tireless efforts of individuals like Alexis McGivern, Clarissa, Gaia, Kenta, and Liliana. Together, we are building a global network of trained, empowered youth dedicated to a sustainable future

- **Vice-Chancellor's Prize:** GYCT was honored with the Vice-Chancellor's Prize, a recognition of its groundbreaking impact in global climate education and empowerment.
- **Bursaries and Representation at COP29:** Five bursaries were awarded to attendees who later represented youth at COP29 in Baku, including Seruni, whose powerful intervention at the closing plenary through YOUNGO amplified the voices of global youth.
- **A Growing Task Force:** At least 20 tracked participants attended COP29 independently, joining efforts as youth negotiators, country delegation members, and civil society advocates. Alumni from the first cohort, including Luji, Genaro, and Frederick, have already stepped into roles as negotiators and influential changemakers.

## Looking Ahead:

With each cohort, the GYCT strengthens its mission to equip the next generation with the tools, knowledge, and network to lead the fight against climate change. As we grow, so does our impact, proving that the youth are not just the leaders of tomorrow 🌍 they are leading today.



ENGLISH

ESPAÑOL

FRANÇAIS

العربية

中文

PORTUGUÊS

From 10,000 applicants, and after an intensive and rigorous review process, only 3% were selected to participate in this prestigious program. Our commitment to fostering interaction and meaningful participation guided this challenging selection process. However, in the spirit of inclusivity and global reach, all our sessions remain freely accessible on YouTube in six languages. Have you watched any of them? We'd love to hear your thoughts and feedback! Share your impressions with us [here](#).

1. Empowering Non-State Actors: Sessions were designed to amplify the role of youth, NGOs, and civil society in shaping climate policies and actions.
2. Building Practical Skills: Training focused on skills like engaging with negotiators, navigating the COP process, and influencing NDCs.
3. Intersectional and Inclusive: Acknowledging the critical role of diverse voices, particularly those from MAPA regions and indigenous communities.



The Global Youth Coalition:

# A Living Organism for Change



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earth  
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PROMISE  
PRIZE



\* RIVET™

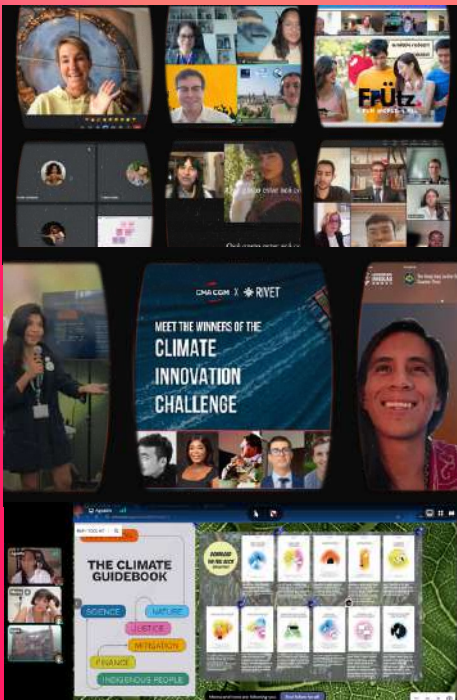
**YOUTH FUNDING  
OPPORTUNITIES: RIVET,  
PROMISE PRIZE,  
THE EARTH PRIZE**

*GYC serves as a key facilitator, connecting youth and changemakers to funding opportunities managed by external entities. Through advocacy and expertise, GYC influences and nominate individuals to impactful initiatives bridging youth with implementation resources.*

The Global Youth Coalition (GYC) thrives on biomimicry, emulating the adaptability and interconnectedness of nature. Like a living organism, GYC operates through dynamic, self-driven teams and partnerships. Each member contributes their unique skills and passions, working toward clear missions and objectives with flexibility and purpose.

## THYNK UNLIMITED

We believe in "Local to Global and Global to Local" advocacy. We encourage our members to start by understanding and addressing the challenges in their own territories before stepping onto the global stage. This approach ensures that our work is deeply rooted in local realities while influencing global change.



The GYC works as a mycelium of dedicated teams that coordinate various aspects of our operations and projects:

- **Equipo R4P:** Leading the charge in Reforesting 4 Peace, using cinematography and storytelling to promote Nature-Based Solutions (NBS).
- **GYCT Team:** Driving our flagship Global Youth Climate Training program, fostering global connections, and empowering youth advocates.
- **COP Teams:** Coordinating GYC participation and impact at COPs (e.g. COP16 and COP29), including organizing the YTG Tree of Hope initiative and supporting "Stop Ecocide" campaigns.
- **Energy and Clean Transitions Group (Y4E):** Focusing on renewable energy advocacy and Clean Energy Transition (CET) solutions.
- **FrÜTZ Game Development Team:** Creating an innovative AI-driven social AR game platform to promote environmental stewardship.
- **Design & Content Team:** Producing booklets, toolkits, and visually compelling content to amplify GYC's message.
- **LAC Regional Team:** Collaborating with youth leaders from Latin America and the Caribbean to share and create opportunities for them to engage and support climate policies and processes related to the sustainable development goals along the civil society mechanism for children and youth for the agenda 2030 and REDFIS (NGO Network for Sustainable Finance in LATAM).



# REACHING 1 MILLION YOUTH IN 2024

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## Performance Overview

60k+

Views  
GYCT

10K

Applicants  
GYCT

227k

LinkedIn  
Impressions  
1 Year

142K

Instagram  
views  
90days

4.2K

Views  
R4P

536k

Website Hits

## Ripple Effect: Alumni initiatives, local advocacy, and peer training amplify GYC's global footprint.

Youth Representation at COP29: At least 20+ program alumni were present, contributing actively, including Seruni's closing plenary intervention.

GYCT 2024: Focused on empowering MAPA (Most Affected People and Areas) and indigenous youth, with 227 MAPA participants and 69 identifying as indigenous.



Meaningful engagement



THE GLOBAL YOUTH COALITION



# THE FUTURE IS NOW what's next:

GYC is ready to keep building. Taking bold steps toward a sustainable and impactful future. **Thriving. Improving. Understanding.**

## GYCT 2025 - The Next Generation

Building on the success of the Global Youth Climate Training, we aim to increase participation, integrate more perspectives, and expand our reach across even more languages if possible.

## R4P Implementation Year

Taking Reforesting for Peace to its next chapter with expanded outreach, training, and measurable ecological impact globally.

## Broader Reach Through Publications

Finalizing and launching The Climate Booklet, a comprehensive guide to youth-led advocacy and solutions, and expanding knowledge-sharing initiatives.


## FRÜTZ - Empowering Action Through Innovation

Dreaming on Launching the AI Ludic Wildlife Game Platform, merging education and entertainment to inspire action for nature and societal conservation globally.

## AI for Wildlife Monitoring & Y4E Expansion

Expanding partnerships to implement AI-driven wildlife monitoring tools and fostering youth engagement through Youth for Energy (Y4E) initiatives.

## Dreaming Big with OMW20+10

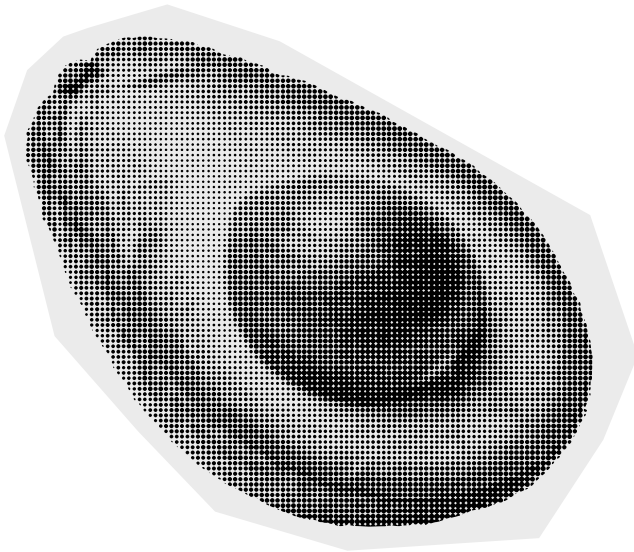
Pioneering a one-month sail journey with a purpose  training mentors, conducting climate research, and amplifying voices for COP30.

# AVOCADO FRAMEWORK

## WHY IT MATTERS

**The Skin sets the vision.  
The Flesh brings the vision to life.  
The Seed is where action  
begins...because local actions  
fuel global change.**

## advocate



The Avocado Framework complements and builds on the Paris Agreement by providing a youth-led, action-oriented strategy that focuses on three key pillars: Clean Energy Transition, Loss & Damage, and Nature-Based Solutions (NBS). While the Paris Agreement establishes broad international commitments to limit global temperature rise and foster national climate action plans (NDCs), the Avocado Framework operationalizes these goals with a focus on implementation, inclusivity, and systemic change. It emphasizes youth engagement, equitable solutions, and collaboration with stakeholders to address climate challenges more dynamically and proactively.

## THE AVOCADO TRIDENT

### Nature-Based Solutions (NBS): 🌱

Protecting and restoring ecosystems for biodiversity and climate resilience

### Loss and Damage Fund: 💧

Supporting communities impacted by climate disasters.

### Clean, Just Energy Transition: ⚡

Ensuring a fair move to clean just energy for everyone.

## THE PLAN

In COP27, GYC emerged as a youth-led force for climate action. By COP28, we introduced the Avocado Plan, planting its vision for systemic change. In 2024, we raised awareness and engage delegations at COP29 with the Avocado Framework. As a youth coalition already connecting 1 million voices, we understand local-to-global action. With your support, the Avocado Framework can drive real reform in global climate agreements, ensuring communities, businesses, and countries move together toward a sustainable future.



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