

FUTURE GENERATIONS

WE COMMIT: To consider and implement these climate justice principles throughout our interactions with young people; our projects; programmes; practice; collaborations with other organisations; youth policy and research; youth participation and engagement; and through staff training and professional development.

CLIMATE JUSTICE CHARTER



THE AIM:

This charter is an invitation for all organisations and institutions that believe upholding justice principles are an important element in the delivery of a fair transition.

Join us by signing up to this charter and commit to working with and for young people to make the world in which we live, a better, safer, and fairer place to be.



THE PRINCIPLES OF CLIMATE JUSTICE ARE:

1. Respect and Protect Human Rights

Knowing that we live in an unfair world, it is crucial that we uphold the principles, practices and protections of Human Rights. Our decisions and actions must always ensure that everyone's basic needs are met.

2. Support the Right to Speak and Be Heard

If any voices are left out of the conversation, the result will not be inclusive. It is critical to ensure that all voices, especially those from marginalised groups, are included in our transition to the green economy. We must empower and support vulnerable communities and young people in a meaningful and targeted manner, to speak on and be part of decisions on climate change. This is how we cement the 'just' in just transition.

3. Acting Equitably, rather than Equally

True fairness in this transition will mean treating people differently depending on their needs. We must work with those that need help or support to engage the most, in order to ensure that no one is left behind. Treating people equally, while disregarding people's needs, will not bring about the just outcome that we all want to see.

4. Oppose any Forms of Discrimination

We must confront all forms of discrimination and oppression related to gender, sex, race, age, religion, disability, class, and livelihoods to create a world based on acceptance, equity, and peace.

5. Using Education for Climate Stewardship

Achieving climate stabilisation will require radical changes in everyday lifestyles and behaviours. Good education that supports critical thinking, reflections, and lifelong learning has the power to equip future generations with the values, skills, behaviours, and knowledge they will need to make these necessary systemic changes. The youth sector must be a leader in this regard.

6. Creating Effective Partnerships

Collaboration and the transparent pooling of knowledge and resources are at the core of how we will deliver climate justice. Intergenerational solidarity and working together to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals, Climate Action Plans, and youth policies will be important.

7. Ensuring Local to Global Connections

More than ever, our world is interconnected and interdependent. Understanding the power dynamics that have created the extreme inequalities between and within countries is key to a just transition. We must inform ourselves on the history of injustices and act at the local, national, and global levels in ways that will support fairer interaction between people and communities around the world. Additionally, we must provide those countries, traditionally left behind, with opportunities to engage and deliver for their people in a fair, equitable, and just manner. With a growing global youth population, the youth sector has an important role to play in supporting connections, building relationships and solidarity, influencing policy, and taking informed action.

THE FUTURE GENERATIONS CLIMATE JUSTICE CHARTER AIMS TO EMBED THESE PRINCIPLES BY:

Acknowledging that the climate crisis is also a justice crisis, particularly for those countries and communities who contribute least to climate change.

Acknowledging that justice issues are systemic, and that collective responsibility is key to ensuring that climate justice principles are met.

Ensuring that the people and communities we work with are treated with climate justice and just transition principles in mind, and that forethought will always be given to the people, communities, and environments that may be affected by our on-going work.

Considering the impact that our current practices may have on people, communities, and the environment, and realising that our inaction will have graver consequences for others. As such, we will actively seek to align our current practices with the climate justice principles.

Operating in a way that minimises our organisation's negative impact on communities and the environment, along with being transparent about those potential negativities and how we plan to mitigate them.

Ensuring that an intergenerational and organisation-wide approach is adopted (board of management, management, staff, volunteers, young people) in our work as we build a sense of solidarity, education, inter-connectedness, and awareness of Climate Justice and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals at personal, local, national, and global levels.

Recognising that climate injustices are intersectional, and thus are inextricably linked to other social issues such as racism, feminism, classism, and others.

Deepening our cooperation and collaboration at national and global levels with others that also express solidarity with the climate justice movement. We commit to doing this through the transparent sharing of information and knowledge on climate justice.

Empowering, promoting, and partnering (where possible) with the work of activists, individuals, groups, and other networks that are acting on the principles of climate justice.

Ensuring that people and examples from the global south are included in our work, so that links and relationships are visible between what is happening in Ireland and in other parts of the world.

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