

# Climate Conference (virtual) 2021

## Solihull Schools, 11 November

The time to act on the climate crisis is right here and now. The UK will host the United Nations COP26 in November and this brings a unique opportunity for young people to influence our response to the climate crisis. InterClimate Network (ICN) is delighted to be working again with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council to offer an event **to bring this critical COP26 debate to life** (view [previous conference here](#)).

**Solihull Schools Climate Conference will be held on-line (11 November 2021)** timed with the actual COP26 in Glasgow. The event is in two parts and schools are asked to indicate *Part 1, Part 2 or Whole Conference* when you register. Please book your school place using the mail address below by **XX October at the latest**.

### 1. Conference outline

The conference will be run virtually using Microsoft Teams and each school team will need access to a computer with a microphone and camera so they can be clearly seen and heard by others. *We recommend a maximum of 6-8 students per team*. It works well for Years 8 – 13 and teams can also mix age groups.

**PART 1 Global Negotiations** Each school can put forward one\* team of students to represent a country. In preparation, there is a country briefing and COP26 Overview briefing (see Student Pack here) to guide a task to write a short opening speech. Feel free to also use this whole resource if useful. Students will debate progress towards the Paris Agreement and negotiate raising ambition for more action, as though they were at the UN itself.



\* **Please do tell us if you have more students that want to take part.**

**PART 2 Local Action** This part of the conference brings the issues close to home so that young people can have a say about climate action in their area. In a **'Climate Question Time'**, local decision-makers will make short contributions and young people will be invited to put forward their questions and contributions to the panel. The session will end with pledges for actions, including ways to make the most difference in school.

### 2. Draft agenda

9:30 *Registration and test set up*

10:00 **Part 1: Global Negotiations**

- 1.1 Progress since Paris 2015
- 1.2 Raising global ambition
- 1.3 Action and solutions

12:15 *Break*

13:00 **Part 2: Local Action**

- 2.1 Climate Question Time
- 2.2 Pledges for climate action

14:00 *Conference closes*

#### Key benefits include:

- \* Insight and motivation to find out more about the topic and the impact of climate change globally.
- \* Confidence and capacities to articulate views with peers and in a public setting.
- \* Capacities to engage with decision-makers
- \* Inspiration for taking climate action and having a say.

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