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CLIMATE COALITION



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## Switched On Schools

Switched On Schools is a dynamic program engaging and empowering the high school students of Australia. We provide the knowledge, skills and support that young people need to create a

better world for themselves and future generations, and particularly assist students to set up high school climate change action groups.

This involves providing resources for students wanting to take action on climate change, running climate change conferences, and involving high school students in all of AYCC's campaigns and projects.

[www.switchedonschools.org](http://www.switchedonschools.org)

## Youth Climate Leadership Program

An innovative 9-month long leadership training program for AYCC volunteers aiming to turn our volunteers into real climate leaders. This program combines a mix of face to face trainings, phone trainings, webinars, mentoring and reading along with practical projects within the AYCC and AYCC member & partner groups. The program will accept 100 young people in 2010.

Want to be a youth climate leader? [www.aycc.org.au](http://www.aycc.org.au)

## What are we doing in 2010 for you to get involved in?

Your campus AYCC group will have heaps of opportunities:

Climate awareness week in April;  
Sustainability in the National Curriculum Campaign  
Campaign to make climate change a top issue in the election

And international work including Project Survival Pacific

## Key Achievements – 2008 & 09



- Sent a delegation of 20 Australian Youth aged 16-16 to the UN Climate Change negotiations in Poland
- Developed original resources for students and teachers, including how-to guides, workshop outlines and videos
- Achieved national media attention for our 'Your Targets = Our Future' campaign including Lateline, 7.30 Report, A Current Affair and ABC & JJJ Radio.
- Organised hundreds of speaking events reaching out to audiences of over 50,000 people.
- Large input into Australia 2020 Summit including youth press conference on climate change widely reported in national media and joint youth organisations' declaration on stronger action on climate change.
- Launched 'Project Survival Pacific'

Plus Power Shift, Youth Decide, Youth Climate Leadership Program and much more (see over page)

**"Our mission is to build a generation-wide movement to solve climate change - before it's too late. We educate, inspire, empower and mobilise young Australians to achieve short-term political impact and long-term cultural change."**



## Youth Decide

Many young people are concerned about climate change, but feel that there is no platform for them to have their voice heard. Given that young people are the generation that will inherit the world's climate, our voices must be heard in the decisions being made today that affect our future.

In 2009, AYCC organised the world's first Youth Referendum on Climate Change. In the lead up to the UN Climate Conference in Copenhagen, young people around Australia cast their vote on what targets the Australian Government should set to reduce emissions.

**37,432 young Australians voted in Youth Decide over one week in September, in schools, TAFEs and Universities across Australia.**

91.5% voted for cuts of 40% by 2020 over 1990 levels; 5.9% voted for cuts of 25-40% emission targets, and only 2.5% voted for the Government's current targets of 4-24%.



Youth Decide was part of AYCC's efforts to powerfully reframe the debate on climate change as an issue of equity for young Australians and create widespread public support for deep cuts in emissions.

The Youth Decide results were taken to every politician in Parliament House during a youth lobby day, and to the UN Climate Negotiations in Copenhagen by the AYCC International Delegation.

**AYCC's advocacy work continues into 2010....**



## International Work of AYCC

### Project Survival

Project Survival Pacific is all about youth mobilising to safeguard the survival of all countries and people from climate change, with a particular focus on the Pacific as our closest highly vulnerable neighbours. So

far we are making a difference by sending young Australians to Pacific nations to build partnerships and assist Pacific youth and Governments to prepare for UN Climate negotiations.

### Australian Youth Delegations to UN Negotiations

The AYCC has sent youth delegations to the UN Climate Conferences in Bali, Poznan & Copenhagen so that young people's voices are heard in these vital meetings. We are sending another delegation to the Mexico conference at the end of 2010, as well as representatives to preliminary meetings throughout the year and will continue to campaign for a strong global deal to solve climate change.

### Global Youth Climate Movement

The AYCC has worked with youth organisations globally to organise International Youth Climate Conferences and has played a key role in establishing the Global Youth Climate Network which enable the collaboration on joint projects and policy development globally. The AYCC has played a key role in the establishment of the UK Youth Climate Coalition and the Indian Youth Climate Coalition, and supported many other groups around the world.



## Power Shift

Power Shift was Australia's inaugural national youth climate summit, bringing 1500 young leaders from all around Australia together to skills share, learn best practices, discuss issues and plan for the year ahead. It was the moment that will go down in history as bringing together the youth climate movement in Australia to Shift some Power!

Power Shift included a Green Jobs Fair, awesome concert, high profile keynote addresses (including Al Gore, Tim Flannery, and youth from the Pacific islands), trainings, workshops and an historic flash mob dance wearing green hard hats on the steps of the Opera House. We will hold regional Power Shift summits later in 2010.



## Uniting Youth Organisations

The AYCC is a coalition of many youth-run organisations, including the following member & partner organisations: Affinity Muslim Intercultural Foundation, AIESEC - Project Echo, Australian Medical Student Association, Australian Student Environment Network, Australian Youth Affairs Coalition, Centre for Sustainability Leadership, Engineers without Borders, International Young Professionals Foundation, Just Act, Law Students for a Just Community, National Indigenous Youth Movement of Australia, National Union of Students, The Oak Tree Foundation, Oz Green, Sai Youth Hindu Youth Network, Student Organised Network for Architecture, The Otesha Project, United Nations Association of Australia, Vision Generation, Young Energy Professionals & Young Scientists of Australia.



## Get Involved!!

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