

Youth Climate Ambassadors is a British Council Sri Lanka's youth network of community climate leaders and activist in Sri Lanka. They are a cohort of youth leaders from around the country, who are up to date on the climate emergency and can lead/support sustainable local climate action, while being globally connected. Its mission is to empower youth to advocate and catalyse positive social change, which will be achieved through learning, teaching and opportunity to advocate for climate change related local, regional, and global issues on high profile platforms.

How will Youth Climate Ambassadors be selected?

Through an online call for application from **emerging youth climate leaders aged 22 – 30. Applicants will have** to submit a written application and a 2-minute video pitch.

Please click [here](#) for more information and submit your application.

2-minute video pitch - You can highlight why you should be selected for this programme and how you intend to contribute as a Youth Climate ambassador, if selected.

The written application and video pitch will be evaluated and, considering the quality of the applications as well as geographic, thematic balance and through an inclusive approach, 30 candidates representing 9 Provinces in Sri Lanka will be selected by an independent panel.

What is the format of the programme?

The selected emerging youth climate leaders (Youth Climate Ambassadors) will undergo a five-day residential training in March 2023 as a capacity building component followed by a series of mentoring clinics with experts and facilitators to prepare them as Youth Climate Ambassadors.

They will undertake an assignment to showcase their newly acquired knowledge and skills which lead to an International Youth Climate Conference.

What are the selection criteria?

Essential

- Must be between 22 and 30 years as at 01 June 2023
- Have a minimum 3 years of experience in climate/environment, sustainability related work/projects
- Have strong analytical, interpersonal and communication skills
- Should be self-motivated and flexible
- Interested in current affairs
- Ability to commit a minimum of 3-4 hours a week to YCA programme from February to August 2023
- Be proficient in Sinhala/Tamil and sufficient English language skills
- Ability to and willingness to represent as a British Council Youth Climate Ambassador in an individual capacity
- Access to laptop and reliable internet connectivity
- Willingness to collaborate with diverse stakeholders across the local/regional and global youth climate change related networks

Desirable

- Member, founder, or leader of a youth led climate action/environment movement, organisation, or programme at the global, regional, national or grassroots level.
- Demonstrated commitment to working for youth and community rights and climate justice/environment protection Familiarity with existing conventions, other intergovernmental processes on climate change.

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