

Youth4Climate: Connecting Solutions



FLAGSHIP EVENT 2026 | 19-23 OCTOBER | ITALY

Milan · Venice · Bologna · Naples · Rome

About Youth4Climate

Young people are already shaping the response to climate change. Around the world, they are building solutions, mobilising their communities and drawing on first-hand knowledge of the challenges they face. And with nearly half of the world's population under the age of 30, their role in shaping a more sustainable future is only becoming more important. Yet the support available to them has not kept pace.

Technical, institutional and financial backing remains limited, with less than 1% of climate finance estimated to reach youth-led initiatives. As a result, many promising ideas still struggle to access the funding, knowledge, networks and visibility they need to grow. Youth4Climate was created to help close that gap. Co-led by the Government of Italy and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),

Youth4Climate supports young climate innovators in turning ideas into action. Through its annual Call for Solutions, young people can access up to USD 30,000 in direct catalytic funding, alongside capacity development, mentorship, opportunities for exchange and connections with a growing global community of climate actors.

The programme is built around three interconnected pillars:



Funding

Direct financial support to help young innovators test, develop and strengthen their climate solutions.



Knowledge

Training, mentorship and opportunities to build the skills needed to turn an idea into a viable project and increase its impact.



Networks

Connections with peers, institutions, experts, businesses and partners that can help solutions grow and reach new opportunities.



200

projects



69

countries



USD 5M+

direct catalytic
support



50%

supported projects
are women-led



7,000+

applications



35,000+

community
members

About the Youth4Climate: Connecting Solutions event

Since its launch in Milan in 2021, Youth4Climate has brought young climate leaders together with governments, institutions and partners through its Youth4Climate Flagship Events in New York, Rome, Turin and Brasília.

In 2026, the event returns to Italy... with a new format.

From 19-23 October, Youth4Climate: Connecting Solutions will take around 60 young climate innovators from more than 40 countries across Milan, Venice, Bologna, Naples and Rome.

Instead of gathering in one place, this year's event brings participants directly into some of Italy's leading ecosystems for climate action, research and innovation. Across five days, they will meet universities, companies, public institutions and local organisations, explore solutions in practice and build connections that can help strengthen their own work.

Each city brings a different perspective to the event: innovation and partnerships in Milan; oceans, design and adaptation in Venice; circular systems in Bologna; digital innovation and agritech in Naples; and policy and global partnerships in Rome.

The event culminates in Rome with the 2026 Youth4Climate Awards Ceremony, recognising the new cohort of youth-led climate solutions supported through Youth4Climate.

5 cities

60 innovative
solutions

6 areas of
climate action

1 event connecting
solutions

Y4C Flagship Events' timeline



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