



Your Century! Event Information

On Friday 21st November, 2014, 200 young people will go on a journey across continents, exploring environmental problems and their solutions.

Who's it for?

The event will cover many curriculum areas within Key Stages 3-5, from Geography and Sciences to Art and PHSE. The event and pre-event activity will enrich learning, particularly in the spaces between 'art' and 'science', promoting a multi-disciplinary approach and showing young people that their actions are meaningful and have purpose and that with the right knowledge, they can shape the future.

Pre-event activity

Before the journey begins, Synchronicity Earth and event partners will provide 'discovery kits' to participating schools, clubs, individuals and groups. These will offer ways of understanding why the planet is incredible and what is happening to its ecosystems – e.g., resource depletion, pollution, climate change, species loss – via film, debate and guided activity. These kits can be incorporated within lesson plans or used independently.

On completion of this preparatory work, young people who have signed up to Your Century! will be able to pre-select the three workshops – out of a choice of 18 – that they wish to attend at the event.

Event (16:15 to 21:00)

The event will begin with an introduction from an 'Elder' – someone who has who has explored the natural world and witnessed human impacts and who wants to inspire young people to protect life on Earth. Following this keynote, we will have three sets of break-out sessions.

1. 20 minute TED-style talk about an environmental problem, why it is important and what the speaker is doing to make a difference. This will be followed by 20 minutes of discussion.
2. Workshop on how to make a difference, using spoken word, film, music, app development and creating adverts.
3. Workshop on participation and collaboration, from campaigning to holding events to running social enterprises, showing how concerted actions can be transformative.

By the end of all the sessions participants will have some great ways to empower themselves and others to take action. They will also have access to organisations who can support them.

At the closing session of Your Century! workshop representatives will present the ideas that most inspired them and the challenges they would most like to overcome. These will be collated into a declaration that will remind participants that this is their time and they are part of a wider network of people working towards a more responsible human culture.

Post-Event

We will support young people and their guides to bring the conversation back to their schools, youth groups and communities, developing a continued learning process which will enable ideas to become a reality.



Event Partners

Action for Conservation is a UK charity which uses pioneering approaches to engage and inspire young people to become the next generation of nature conservationists. It works to engage teenagers just when they need it most; as they begin to consider A-levels, degrees or jobs, connecting them to their future aspirations. Action for Conservation support young people to get experience and an understanding of what a career in conservation might mean. This can be critical to transforming childhood feelings of care, connection and nature stewardship into a way young people can make a difference in their working adult life.

www.actionforconservation.org

Art Science Prize is a catalyst for student learning through passionate pursuit of innovative art and design ideas at the cutting edge of science. It supports young people as they explore and develop ideas around an annual scientific theme which seeks to prepare the next generation of innovators. Art Science Prize works around the globe helping students take “seed ideas” and evolve them in collaborative classes lead by skilled adult Program Mentors into innovative projects.

www.artscienceprize.org

Climate Revolution was launched by Vivienne Westwood live on international TV during the closing ceremony of London Paralympics in 2012, to raise the awareness of climate change. They are a bridge to bring people and organizations together and to highlight the interconnectedness of all the big social and environmental issues we face today.

Climate Revolution offers support and assistance to non-profit and charitable organisations such as Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, Environmental Justice Foundation and We Need To Talk About Fracking to local communities fighting to keep their homes and allotments or fighting for their human rights. Vivienne believes that everything is connected, the cause and the cure comes from us and it is us, the human race, that can make that positive change to protect our planet and people.

www.climaterevolution.co.uk

DocAcademy aims to encourage the use of documentary film within formal learning in UK schools. We believe that easy, free access to high quality documentaries offer a deeper understanding of wider social issues, develops media literacy and teaches key skills. DocAcademy is part of BRITDOC, a not for profit film foundation supported by Channel 4 Television and a number of US and European Foundations. Our mission is to enable the very best independent documentary filmmaking around the world.

www.docacademy.org + www.britdoc.org

Digital Explorer Digital Explorer is a social enterprise that engages young people in global issues for a better future. Our aim is to create live links between classrooms and the scientists, journalists, explorers and educators working on frontlines of our changing world. By breaking down classroom walls, children have direct access to world events, transforming their learning experience by generating greater empathy and deeper knowledge.

www.digitalexplorer.com

Eden Project is a visitor destination in Cornwall housing the largest rainforest in captivity. It has welcomed 16 million visitors since opening in 1999 and put £2bn into the local economy. It hosts 57,000 young peoples' educational visits each year. It is also an educational charity inspiring positive futures through a series of national and international programmes and grassroots projects. The Eden Project's mission is to use



imagination and enterprise to discover new solutions to create a positive future, connecting us with each other and the living world.

www.edenproject.com + [Eden Project parkour tour](#)

International Tree Foundation works with communities in Africa to carry out sustainable community forestry projects which help to increase their income, food security and soil and water quality through growing trees. Our projects also protect and regenerate trees and forests, providing protection for the environment and atmosphere as well as habitats for rich biodiversity.

In the UK we focus on tree planting where there is an environmental need, and working with young people who can benefit from working with trees, often in partnership with schools.

www.internationaltreefoundation.org

UK Youth Climate Coalition aims to inspire, empower, mobilise and unite young people to take positive action on climate change for a cleaner, fairer future. We are run entirely by a team of motivated young volunteers between the ages of 18-29 years old. We believe that to tackle climate change we need an inspiring vision of how we want the world to be and a movement that anyone can feel part of. At UKYCC we place an emphasis on issues which related closely to young people as a part of a wider, cross generational movement for change.

www.ukycc.org

Glossary of terms

Social Enterprise

Food Security

Biodiversity

Enterprise

Empathy

Documentary

Fracking

Climate Change

Interconnectedness

Catalyst

Conservation