

NATIONAL YOUTH ASSEMBLY ON CLIMATE 2022

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Programme for Government committed to the establishment of a Youth Assembly, with various modules for young people.

The interim Climate Actions 2021 made a commitment to establish a youth Climate Council as part of the new National Dialogue on Climate Action engagement model and annual Climate Action Plan consultations, to help support future dialogue with young people.

The National Youth Assembly on Climate is a core component of the National Dialogue on Climate Action. Delegates represented the Assembly at the National Climate Stakeholder Forum.

The National Youth Assembly on Climate took place online on the 2nd of March 2022. 35 youth delegates aged 12-24 years from across Ireland attended, representing youth organisations and Comhairle na nÓg (Youth Councils). The delegates attended a preparation session and then took part in a day of discussion. The Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan listened to and discussed the delegates recommendations. They made eight recommendations for the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications to consider. These are outlined below:

“ Encourage cycling through initiatives which make it cheaper and safer. Such as safer bike lanes and bike to school initiatives. ”



“ Improve public transport and make it more affordable, accessible and reliable. Increase public transport at busy times to reduce overcrowding. ”



“ Make electric cars more affordable and increase charging points to make them more user friendly. ”



“ Introduce education for farmers to enable them to move towards more sustainable agriculture. This could help lower methane gas and CO2 emissions. ”



“ Introduce mandatory standard of eco labelling in food and clothes products. Allow consumers to vote with their wallet. ”



“ Improve the affordability of transition to making better climate choices for low income families in regards to fuel and transport choices for example. ”



“ Support the vote for 16 year olds to enable more input from younger citizens ”



“ Create community engagement platforms for bottom-up engagement. This would promote greater active citizenship. Extend workshops to workplaces and schools for greater engagement. ”



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