



Questioning the Voices Activity

Examples of young people's voices '1000 Voices for Copenhagen'

"When we were in form 1 we joined a school where the students misused food after they had become satisfied. The entire compound became scattered with food. We were really (dis)heartened with that kind of behaviour. However, there were street children who could not afford food and the farmers needed it for the purpose of manure. We could not tolerate the matter anymore and formed a group of students where we advised not to misuse the food and to take excess food to the school garden so as to aid the growing crops. Hoping that will change the condition of a horrible climate!"

Amina Abdz, Zahra Farah, Kaltuma Yussuf, Salma Bile, Salma Hassan, Haina Aden and Halima Dubow - NEP Girls High School, Kenya

"It's the small steps that lead to the great possibilities. I'm running for YOUTH PARLIAMENT later on this year and I hope to promote taking these steps such as walking when possible and recycling whatever you can. I don't believe if everyone in five people makes an effort it'll have that much of an impact. We ALL need to make an effort and pull together if we want to save this world that we live in."

Beth Hellier, age 16, girl – Holsworthy Community College

"L. Olbolossat is found in the central province of Kenya. Years back it was a leading bird watching site which attracted many tourists. Unfortunately, as a result of climate change the water has completely dried up leading to death and migration of all life forms that existed there."

As ICC members we are completely concerned about this and we have tried to educate the residents to take steps to reduce practices that destroy our environment. We are urging others to try and come up with ways to save our planet for the sake of our future generations."

Francis Kihara, Rose Githema, Irene Muiruti, Mary Waitherero, Dave Kangethe, George Kamau and Grace Walysoit - Gatimu Secondary School, Kenya

"The current state of affairs has meant that ice melt that was predicted for 2030 has already occurred. It is no joke that by 2030 the arctic will 'fit snugly into a glass of scotch'. We don't need gradual change slowly relieving our dependence of fossil fuels we need drastic action. In reality it's already too late. The damage has been done. We need to stand and say to the world leaders, look: If I tell you that if we carry on the way we are now the poles will have melted in 21 years time. Next year when I try to persuade you we will be at a point where it will happen in 15 years time."

Alex Paterson, age 16, boy - Ashby School, UK

"We think the issue of climate change is a problem that affects everyone Globally and should be taken seriously. We also feel that the problem of global warming and climate change has had adverse affects in our country Kenya, especially Nakusu in our locality. In Nakusu we are facing food shortage and rivers are drying up. This has greatly affected the animals and people. We would like these issues to be considered seriously."

Please stop the destruction now, enough is enough! That's our stand."

John Kahuria, David Mugo, Kennedy Otieno, Kelvin Ochieng, Hosfa Mugd, Eric Muturi, Raphael Odero and Michael Mose - Langalanga Secondary School, Kenya

"The impact of climate change is clear to every person. Causes and effects are well known to a school child and adults of every background. In spite of this, people tend to ignore this warning and do not follow necessary steps in order to help the planet...People should take up climate change like a family issue and work towards the goal of a greener and cleaner planet"

Baharath Ktishnau, age 13, boy - Vidya Valley School, India