

Youth, Peace and Climate Action: Lessons from #Youth4Peaceandclimate Tweet Chat

1. *How do you think climate action is connected to peace?*

- Climate crisis exacerbate existing peace and security challenges, and without climate action we cannot achieve sustainable peace. Climate change poses threat to world peace and likely to create new conflict. Climate action contributes to conflict prevention.
- Climate change leads to more disasters such forced migration and loss of lives. There can't be peace in the world without climate action.
- Access to natural resources is key to sustain livelihood. The Paris Agreement underpins actions for peace as well as strengthening countries' sustainable development.
- Be responsible citizen!
- Climate, health and conflict are top three issues shaping future according to a survey by JoinUN75.
- The scarcity of food and water especially in communities who are depended on agriculture causes competition and instability.

2. *What do youth offer to the climate action agenda and the peace and security agenda?*

- Young people bring innovation, ambition and forward-looking solutions to peace and security and climate action as partners, peacebuilders and voters. They are key to proactive action. Fridays for Future has mobilized young people from kindergarten age to young adults. When young people are equipped with the right information, and have access to technology they offer vital solutions to tackle these issues.
- Youth movement has been a powerful action to address climate change.
- Youth should always be at the table for all issues.

3. *What are the barriers to youth participation in climate, peace and security governance?*

- There are structural barriers that require changing the status quo and behavior. Other barriers include lack of access to education on climate change, decision-making power, and lack of access to funding, resources and support to scale-up solutions.
- Youth aren't only leaders of tomorrow but also leaders today. They are often not invited to the decision-making table.
- The lack of political support and platforms as well as tokenistic approach to youth inclusion.
- Youth are often seen as victims or perpetrators of violence instead of peacebuilders and climate action leaders in their communities.

4. *How can the international community facilitate youth participation in Climate, Peace and Security Governance?*

- International community is vital for providing guidance, partnership and vision. They should empower youth by providing them information and platforms that they need to advocate.
- International community should encourage countries to include their youth in political process.
- Peace education should be an area of investment to train future leaders and engage stakeholders.

5. *As youth, what are you doing to address climate change and build peaceful communities, and what can others learn from you?*

- Raising awareness about the conditions of asylum seekers in Europe.
- Signing up as Earth Protectors and endorsing Stop Ecocide Campaign.
- Young people in Finland are discussing issues climate change, inequality and peace.
- One mentioned that he founded the Nature Emergency Foundation giving climate change and environmental education in rural schools.