

Climate Youth Development Programme 2026 Factsheet

1 Background

- 1.1 Environmental sustainability and climate change issues remain among the top concerns for youth in Singapore today. Youth have also demonstrated keen interest in learning more about these issues and taking action to address them¹.
- 1.2 While there are existing opportunities for the general youth population to participate in dialogues with the Government on these issues, there is value in establishing a dedicated platform to partner youth who are keen to contribute more deliberately to the environmental sustainability and climate change space in Singapore.
- 1.3 Therefore, in 2023, the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE), the National Climate Change Secretariat (NCCS), and the National Youth Council (NYC) launched the Climate Youth Development Programme (CYDP) to strengthen the Government's partnership with youth in advancing climate action and sustainable development.
- 1.4 Highlights of the CYDP 2025 can be found at <https://go.gov.sg/cydp2025highlights>.

¹ National Youth Council. (2024). Youth actions to address environment & sustainability issues amidst their concerns. (<https://www.nyc.gov.sg/research-engagement/youth-actions-to-address-environment-and-sustainability-issues-amidst-their-concerns>)

2 Programme Objectives

- 2.1 The programme aims to bring together 30 to 40 youth who are passionate about environmental sustainability and climate change issues and want to create positive impact within their communities and Singapore.
- 2.2 The CYDP enables youth to:
 - a) Be equipped with knowledge and/or soft skills that enable them to contribute more constructively to the environmental sustainability and climate change space;
 - b) Access signature events and dialogues with stakeholders on environmental sustainability and climate change issues offered by the Government and its partners; and
 - c) Collaborate with like-minded peers to drive ground-up action and raise awareness on environmental sustainability and climate change issues among the general population.

3 Programme Structure

- 3.1 The CYDP comprises a 5-day Induction Week and post-Induction Week engagements (up to 4 sessions). This year is the fourth iteration of the programme, and the dates and venues for the CYDP 2026 Induction Week are as follows:

- **Week 1: 25 to 27 June 2026**
 - **Venue: Four Points by Sheraton Singapore (382 Havelock Rd, Singapore 169629)**
- **Week 2: 3 to 4 July 2026**
 - **Venue: Holiday Inn Singapore Atrium by IHG (317 Outram Rd, Singapore 169075)**

3.1.1 Induction Week (25 to 27 June 2026 and 3 to 4 July 2026)

Participants will take part in learning journeys and engage in dialogue with policymakers and industry experts within the Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change space. Through the programme, participants can expect to deepen their knowledge on ES&CC issues and develop soft skills that can help them drive ground-up action to address environmental sustainability and climate change issues. Participants can also network with like-minded peers from diverse backgrounds and explore potential collaborations on youth-led initiatives.

3.1.2 Post-Induction Week Engagements (August 2026 to February 2027)

Participants will be provided with opportunities to continue growing their knowledge of environmental sustainability and climate change issues, and network with local and

international players in this space. They will be offered access to signature events and platforms with opportunities for contributing to sustainability and climate discussions.

- 3.2 Throughout the programme, participants will be provided opportunities and support to take up ES & CC initiatives and contribute to Singapore's efforts in the field. Activities will include ideating ground-up solutions, engaging with existing community initiatives, or connecting with youth mentors who have had experience working on their own ES&CC initiatives.. Following, participants will also be able to leverage national-level resources to actualise their ground-up ideas, such as the Young ChangeMaker's grant and SG Eco Fund.
- 3.3 Upon completion of the programme, participants will become part of the Climate Youth Community (CYC) and be offered opportunities across various leadership development and sustainability & climate-related platforms. The Government and its partners will also continue supporting the CYC in implementing CYC-led projects and galvanising the broader youth population to be involved in CYC-led initiatives.

4 Application Eligibility

- 4.1 Applications for the CYDP 2026 can be made at <https://go.gov.sg/cydp2026>.
- 4.2 Applications are open to youth who are Singapore citizens and Permanent Residents, aged between **18 and 35 years old** (inclusive) as of 31 December 2026.
- 4.3 Selected participants must commit to attending the full 5-day Induction Week (**25 to 27 June 2026 and 3 to 4 July 2026, estimated timing of 9am to 7pm daily**) and up to 4 post-Induction Week sessions **in person**.
- 4.4 Selected participants will be required to translate their learning into action through initiating ground-up climate/environmental sustainability projects or contributing to existing community initiatives.
- 4.5 For any further enquiries on the CYDP 2026, please email our recruitment partner, Bold at Work at CYDP@boldatwork.sg.

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Please refer to the next page for some of the Frequently Asked Questions.

Frequently Asked Questions on the CYDP

1. Who can apply for the CYDP?

Singapore citizens and Permanent Residents aged between 18 and 35 years old (inclusive) as of 31 December 2026, who are passionate about environmental sustainability and climate change issues and want to create positive impact in their communities and Singapore.

2. Can I sit out of certain segments of the programme due to personal/school/work commitments?

Participants are required to commit to the full duration of the Induction Week from **25 to 27 June 2026 and 3 to 4 July 2026** unless there are extenuating circumstances that should be brought up to the organisers at the point of application. Participants are also encouraged to participate fully in the 4 post-Induction Week sessions organised throughout the CYDP 2026.

All sessions must be attended **in person**. Participants will need at least 3 days of leave for Induction Week if they are working full-time. The 4 post-Induction Week sessions will usually be held on weekday evenings or weekends. The schedule for these sessions will be confirmed at a later stage, and participants should be prepared to apply for leave if necessary.

3. How are the participants selected?

Applicants are required to submit short-answer written and video responses to the questions in the application form. Assessment will be based on several criteria, including but not limited to the willingness to contribute to climate action and sustainable development, expertise and experience in the environmental sustainability and climate change space, and track record of community involvement and leadership.

4. Can I participate if I have limited experience in climate or environmental work?

Yes! The programme is open to all passionate youths who are willing to learn and contribute to Singapore's ES&CC efforts, regardless of prior experience.

5. Are there any costs involved for participating in the programme?

No, there are no costs involved for participation as participants will be fully funded under the programme.

6. Will meals and transport be provided?

Meals will be provided during the Induction Week and post-Induction Week engagements. Transport will be provided between the Induction Week venue and site visits.

7. When will the selection results be released?

The results of the CYDP 2026 selection will be announced by the **week of 8 June at the latest**. All applicants will receive an email from the organisers on the selection results. Please ensure that the email address you have provided in the registration form is accurate and check your junk folder for misdirected emails.

We strongly recommend that you reserve the programme dates in your calendar upon application, regardless of your selection status. This will help ensure your availability should you be selected to participate.

8. What will the Induction Week programme be like?

The Induction Week aims to provide participants with an immersive experience that will deepen their understanding of environmental sustainability and climate change issues. This year's in-person programme will be held at the following locations:

- **25 to 27 June 2026: Four Points by Sheraton Singapore (382 Havelock Rd, Singapore 169629)**
- **3 to 4 July 2026: Holiday Inn Singapore Atrium by IHG (317 Outram Rd, Singapore 169075)**

Here are some programme highlights to look forward to (please refer to the next page):

CYDP 2026 Programme Highlights

| | Day 1: Introduction to Singapore's Climate Space (Thu, 25 June) | Day 2: Triple Transition (Fri, 26 June) | Day 3: Resilient Future (Sat, 27 June) | Day 4: Sustainable Living (Fri, 3 July) | Day 5: Youth as Agents for Change (Sat, 4 July) |
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| Morning Programme Highlights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the CYDP 2026 Dialogue on Singapore's Environmental Sustainability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogue on Economic Transition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogue on Heat Resilience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogue on Zero Waste Masterplan Dialogue on City in Nature | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fireside Chat with high-level government representative |
| LUNCH | | | | | |
| Afternoon Programme Highlights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogue on Singapore's Climate Ambition and Carbon Transition Dialogue on Singapore's Global Ambition & UNFCC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogue on Energy Transition Learning Journey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogue on Flood & Water Resilience Dialogue on Food Resilience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Journey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Youth Community Session Closing Dinner with Senior Parliamentary Secretary Goh Hanyan |

Note: Actual programme is subject to changes. Selected participants will be given the updated programme nearer to date.