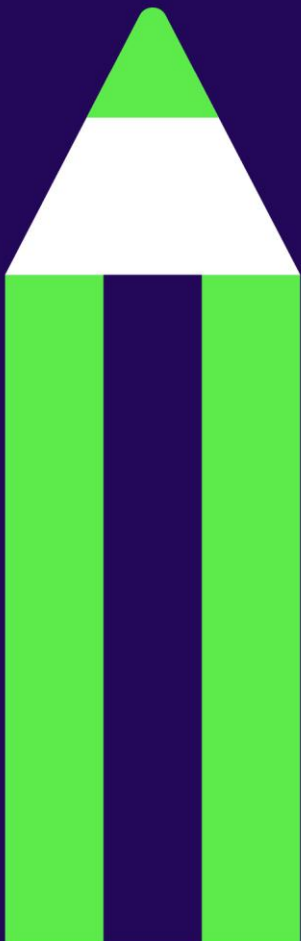


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# Youth Voice on Climate Action

**Myanmar**

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# The Global Youth Letter on Climate Action is a call for action from young people globally, directly addressing the leaders attending COP26 – the 26th UN Climate Change Conference, in Glasgow, November 2021.

It is the result of a large-scale research exercise between the British Council and not for profit social enterprise Catalyst in Communities, who used a mixed methodology approach to garner the views, experiences and aspirations of 8,000 young people across 23 countries.

Aiming to be as representative as possible in terms of gender, background, location and socio-economic status, the research team worked through global COVID-19 restrictions to amplify the unheard voice of the climate debate: today's young people. Research for the report was carried out between January and March 2021.

The Global Youth Letter on Climate Action, and accompanying 8,000 Rising campaign, is part of the British Council's [The Climate Connection](#) programme, a global platform for dialogue, cooperation and action, connecting millions of people through shared solutions to the climate crisis.

**Read the Global Youth Letter on Climate Action, the research report and join in the 8,000 Rising campaign here:**

[www.britishcouncil.org/climate-connection/get-involved/global-youth-letter](http://www.britishcouncil.org/climate-connection/get-involved/global-youth-letter)

## Myanmar's young people and climate action

The following letter and accompanying data represents the views and perspectives of young people in Myanmar.

It is a collective statement of all those who participated in the Global Youth Letter on Climate Action research in Myanmar and can be used as a starting point for leaders and policy makers to understand how to address young people's concerns in relation to climate change, and how they can use this untapped potential in to bring about climate action.

We hope the following letter inspires both young people and decision makers across Myanmar and beyond to work together to find sustainable solutions to climate action.



# The Global Youth Letter on Climate Action

The Global Youth Letter on Climate Action was a global research exercise to garner the aims and aspirations of 8,000 young people, across 23 countries, about the future of their planet.

The aim was to give a platform to the unheard voice in the climate conversation: young people.

Their contributions were used to create a global call for action, directly addressing the leaders attending COP26 – the 26th UN Climate Change Conference, in Glasgow, November 2021. Read the Global Youth Letter on Climate Action.

## Myanmar's young people and the climate challenge

The following messages represent contributions from Myanmar's young people to the Global Youth Letter on Climate Action.

They were gathered from the British Council's Next Generation research in Myanmar. Though the report was published in May 2019, there is good reason to believe that the views of young people with regard to the global climate challenge have not changed significantly. These are their key messages:

- **Contributing to society:** more than 90 per cent of us believe it is important to contribute to our society and community.
- **Untapped potential:** however, 73 per cent of us agree that young people are an untapped potential across Myanmar. We have access to social engagement platforms, but require a purposeful engagement path, so we can play role in our communities.
- **The power of volunteering:** 83 per cent of us see volunteering as a highly effective approach to bringing about positive change within society.
- **Protecting the environment:** we care greatly about the environment, and 87 per cent of us believe it is very important to protect it by tackling climate change, reducing pollution and protecting water supplies.
- **Our view on climate change:** we consider climate change to be a threat, both globally and locally, and we are conscious of the need to protect our communities from the looming threats of climate change.

