



U.S. YAC for UNOD and H200

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U.S. National Committee for
UN Ocean Decade
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U.S. Youth Advisory Council for the UN Ocean Decade



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US YAC for UNOD Mission

The US YAC for UNOD mission is to engage a diverse group of youth to further the UNOD goals in a way that best serves the generation of the youth in each of their communities with a commitment to encouraging and supporting action, agency, inclusion, and skill building of YAC members.





US YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE UN OCEAN DECADE

1st Cohort October 2020 - December 2021



CAMBRIA  California	SHANZA  California	SAMUELA  American Samoa	ENI  New York	CHLOE  Florida	AILANI  Puerto Rico	AMBER  New York
LOIS  Guam	SIERRA  California	DAKOTA  California	CHARLEY  California	ANDREA  PUERTO RICO	MADYSON  USVI	CATHERINE  Florida
DEXTER  California	PAULO  California	SHAY  California	SAANYA  Texas	NIKKO  Guam		



2021
2030 United Nations Decade
of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development



Education Working Group

1st Cohort Success:

- Surpassed presentation goal from 20 to 26 at international conferences, youth summits, to high school and college students, federal agencies, and more
 - Created a presentation toolkit
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Movement Working Group

1st Cohort Success:

- Established US YAC UNOD on social media, and achieved:
 - Almost 800 followers on Instagram
 - Over 200 followers on Twitter
 - Established a US YAC UNOD Newsletter
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Policy Working Group

1st Cohort Success:

- Organized and hosted November 2021 “Hill Day” and organized and facilitated a Hill Day Preparatory Webinar for youth
 - Met with 6 congressional offices
 - Participated in 3 U.S. Federal “Hill Days”
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1st Cohort November "Hill Day" 2021

Lois Bisnar (she/her), ...

Ethan Chiu

Charley Peebler (they/he)

Heirs To Our Oceans

Andrea C. Contreras B...

Tiffany Gao

Bills for US YAC for UNOD U.S. Hill Days Nov 15-17

01

OBCSA

Ocean Based Climate Solutions Act

02

Magnuson-Stevens Act

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

03

BFFPPA

Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act





US YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE UN OCEAN DECADE

2nd Cohort December 2021- World Oceans Day June 2022



SHIV



New Jersey

FREYA



Kentucky

SHANZA



California

CATALINA



Puerto Rico

ELOISE



Saipan

PAULO



California

SUMMER



USVI

AMBER



NEW YORK

TANYA



South Dakota

TIFFANY



New York

DEXTER



California

LOIS



Guam

SKYLAR



New York

CHRISTINE



Illinois

MANAKA



Illinois

PRATHAM



California

JOSE



Puerto Rico

KATHY



California

ASHIKA



Georgia

JENNA



Virginia

JEREMIAH



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ETHAN



New York

CHLOE



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DANIEL



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CAECILIA



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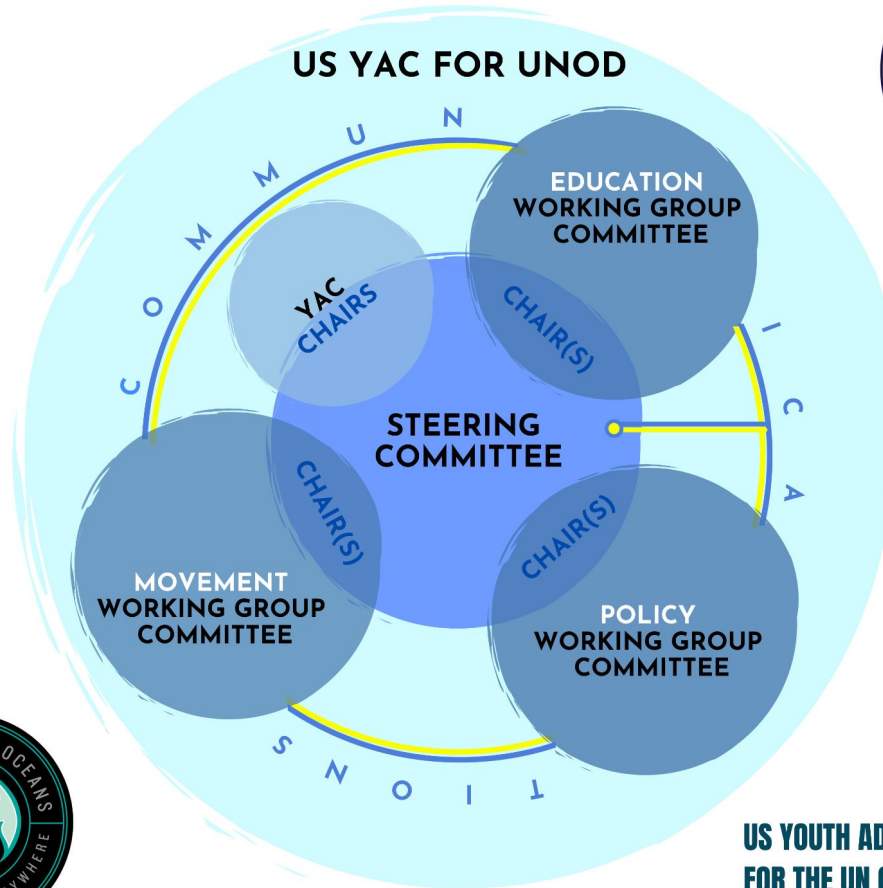
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California



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**US YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR THE UN OCEAN DECADE
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**



Education Working Group

2nd Cohort

Goal 1.

Conduct 10 presentations to 100 youth total in 6 states/territories over the cohort term (January - June 2022)

Goal 2.

Translate the presentation toolkit into Spanish by March 2022 and share with 10 Spanish-speaking groups



Policy Working Group

2nd Cohort

Goal 1.

Engage 35 youth (both US YAC UNOD and non-YAC members) with policy toolkit

Goal 2.

Host a Congressional Hill Day at the end of May with 15 offices



Movement Working Group

2nd Cohort

Goal 1.

Launch the official US YAC UNOD podcast with one episode by June 2022

Goal 2.

Host a youth summit for World Ocean Day on June 4/5 (depending on time zone) with at least 50 non-US YAC members



- US National Committee involvement at World Oceans Day Summit
- Scientist mentorship matching program
- Thank you!

How to Contact the US YAC for UNOD

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to...

- **Chloe McKenna**, Co-Chair (chloe@heirstoouroceans.org)
- **Shiv Goel**, Co-Chair (shiv@greenconsumerproject.org)
- **Emily Berglund**, H2OO (emily.berglund@heirstoouroceans.org)

If you would like to be added to the US YAC for the UNOD newsletter...

- **Emily Berglund**, H2OO (emily.berglund@heirstoouroceans.org)

Socials:

- Twitter: **@usyacunod**
- Instagram: **@usyacunod**

Follow us and share!



ABOUT H200



The Problem

Today institutions are failing to educate youth in solving the crises they face and in preparing them to lead through those challenges.

“
The world is facing a learning crisis. While countries have significantly increased access to education, being in school isn't the same things as learning... [T]he productivity of 56% of the world's children will be less than half of what it could be if they enjoyed complete education.
”

H200 Theory of Change



Mission: Inspire the next generation of leaders by connecting them in purpose, educating them on the environmental and humanitarian crises they are inheriting and cultivating the necessary skills to make real-world change. We support Heirs in realizing solutions to today's global challenges.

Platform: Water connects all life in this one-water system we call Earth, including humans. Youth find great power and purpose when they come to understand this and they want to protect our Blue Planet together, crossing barriers as they connect in purpose and become empathetic and effective leaders.

Programs: Within that connected one-water context, we Provide Educational & Empowerment Programs, Movement Building & Networking Opportunities and Social Innovation Action.

Vision: All youth understand the world they are inheriting and are capable of creating a healthier, safer world for themselves and future generations.

Short Term Impact: Youth have a career path oriented toward solution not problem nor merely awareness.

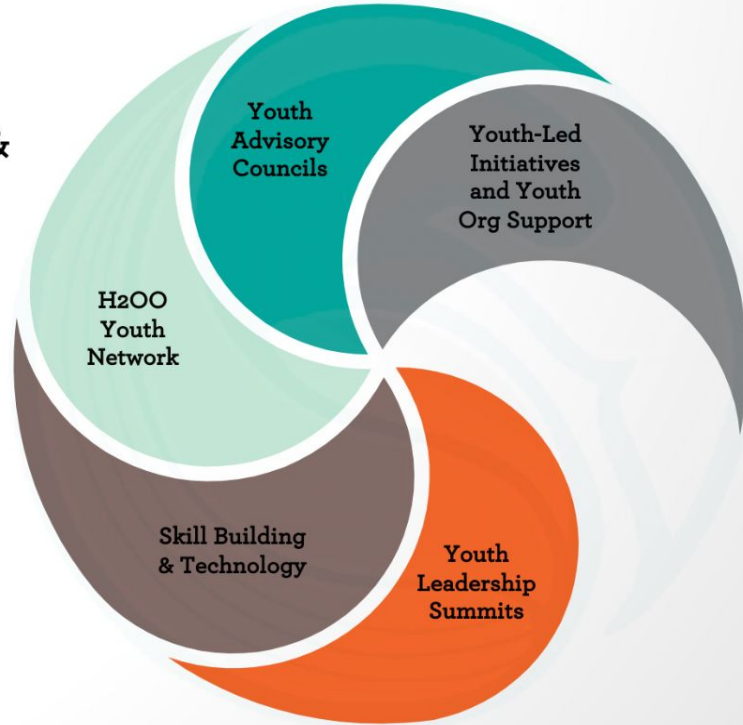
Mid Term Impact: Generation of empathetic leaders in public & private sectors and social entrepreneurs.

Long Term Impact: a healthier, safer world for every generation



H2OO Programs

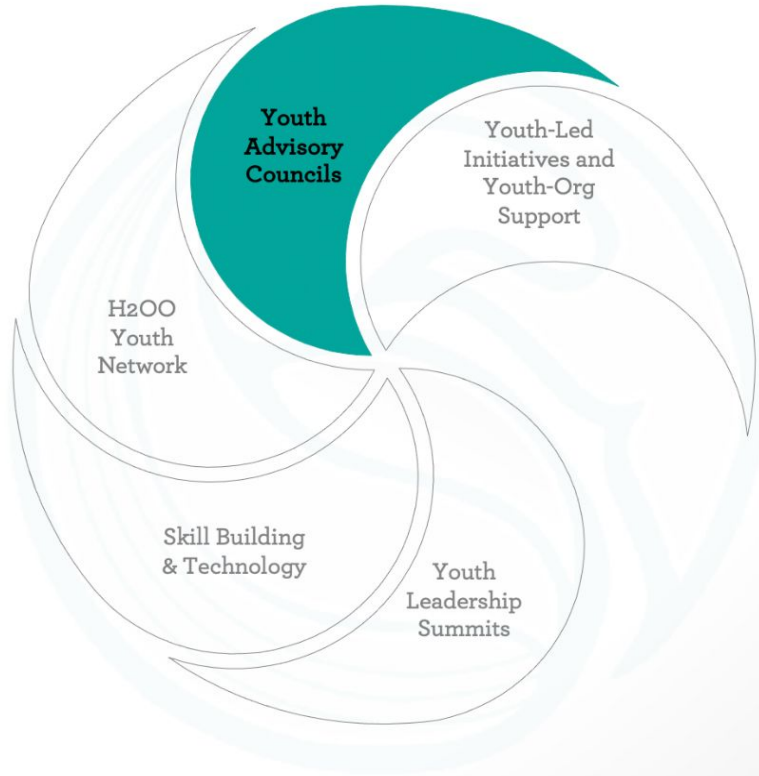
Movement Building &
Networking



Social Innovation Action

Education & Empowerment Programs

WHY YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS?



H2OO organizes formation and support of Youth Advisory Councils to ensure youth a *meaningful* “seat at the table” through which they can *authentically* be a part of the conversations that will shape their world and future.



"US YAC FOR UNOD"

H200 OFFERS *UNIQUE* SUPPORT TO THE U.S. YAC for UNOD MEMBERS THROUGH:

- Educating youth on the United Nations Ocean Decade;
- Connecting members with youth and leaders globally in purpose through supporting outreach and networking;
- Guiding youth in leadership skill development;
- Holding international summits throughout the year focused on empowering the next generation in ocean and climate advocacy;
- Offering voice amplifying platforms and opportunities; and
- Providing individualized support for YACs throughout their development process and assisting them in developing and achieving their goals inclusively.

THE U.S. YAC RECEIVES THE SAME BENEFITS AS H2OO'S OTHER INITIATIVES:

- *Customized* guidance in:
 - Leadership, including being empathetic and inclusive;
 - Facilitation;
 - Development of a mission statement;
 - Organizational structure;
 - Strategic planning including SMART goal setting;
 - Project management;
 - Recruitment;
 - Organizing tools;
 - Documentation;
 - Communication tools and approaches.
- Skill-building opportunities, including public speaking and presenting, policy advocacy, campaigning, storytelling, filmmaking and related technology use, and more;
- Empowerment and voice-amplifying opportunities for those who have demonstrated commitment to the whole and to their development as a leader; and
- Access to the H2OO Youth Network including youth connection and opportunities shared by H2OO.

Andrea Puerto Rico

1st Cohort
US YAC for UNOD

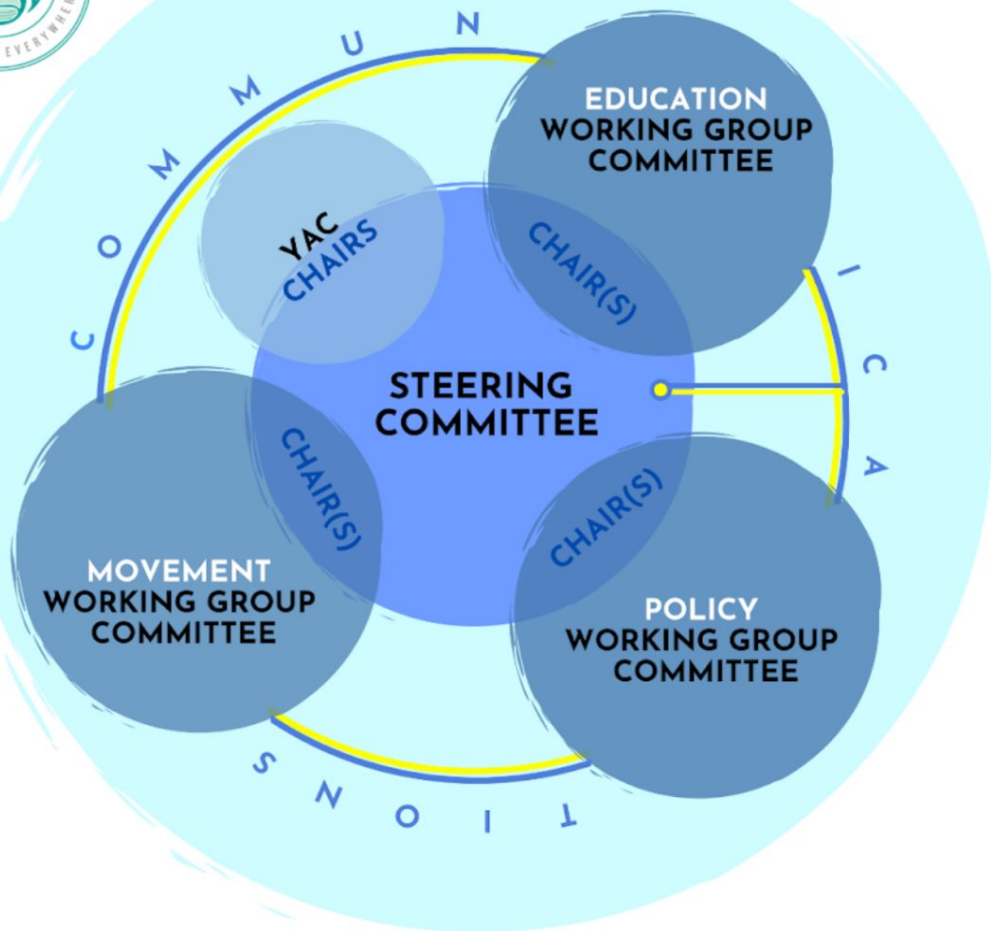
My involvement and participation in the U.S. Youth Advisory Council for the UN Ocean Decade has been an incredible opportunity with endless benefits to my personal and professional development. As a member of our steering committee, I have learned how to strategize and communicate more effectively, and I have learned how to collaborate with my peers.

This experience has also made me confident in how important my voice, and the voice of youth are as we work together to advocate for the oceans our communities deserve.





US YAC FOR UNOD



3RD COHORT
APPLICATION OPENS
LATE SUMMER
FOR YOUTH AGES 16-23

COHORT TERM
SEPTEMBER 2022 - JUNE 2023

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AROUND THE WORLD TO GET INVOLVED IN THE UNITED NATIONS OCEAN DECADE

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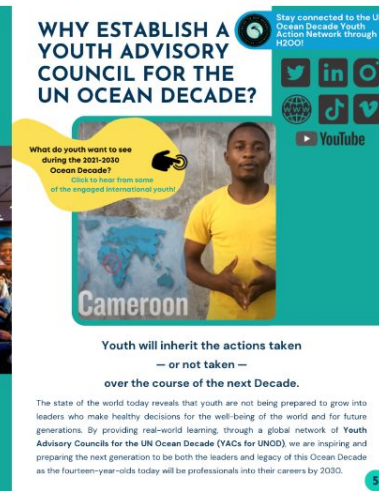
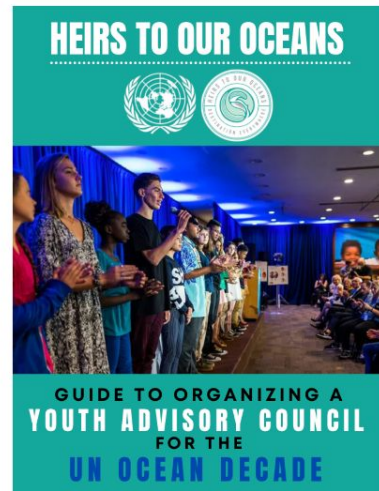
Participate in the
US Youth Advisory Council for
UN Ocean Decade 2nd Cohort's
upcoming planned events!

Events will be shared will all in advance
through H2OO Youth Network & social media



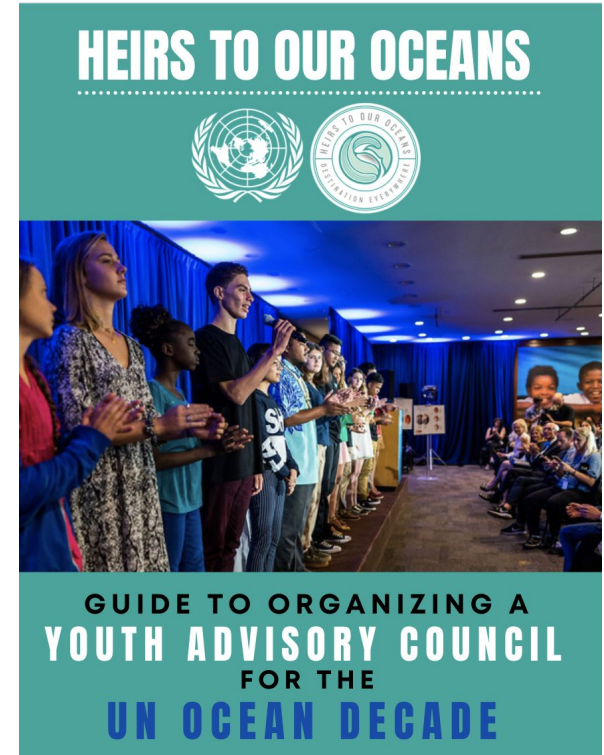
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Form a Youth Advisory Council
for UN Ocean Decade in
your country!



H2OO CREATED A TOOLKIT TO ESTABLISH YACs for UNOD AROUND THE WORLD!

ENGAGING YOUTH 16-23 YEAR OLDS
AROUND WORLD NOW IS IMPERATIVE AS,
AT THE END OF THE DECADE,
THEY WILL BE ADULTS
AND THE NEXT GENERATION
OF DECISION MAKERS.





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