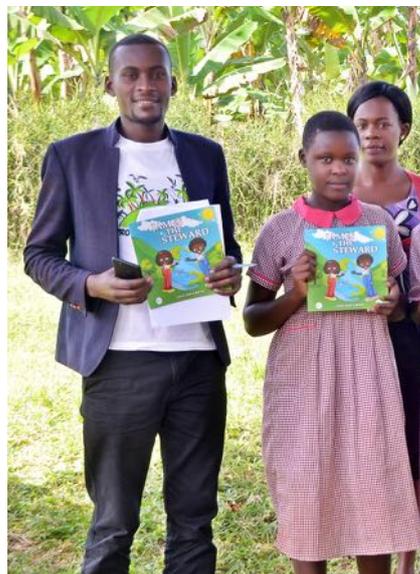


Climate Parent Fellowship

Supporting, connecting, and amplifying climate parent organizers



Introduction to the Fellowship

Across the world, parents, grandparents, and caregivers are taking climate action to protect the kids they love, children everywhere, and our shared home.

The Climate Parent Fellowship aims to support parent-led, intergenerational, and family-centered climate engagement work. Now in its second year, it has enabled 27 organizers from 19 countries across the globe to develop and grow their projects, organizations, campaigns, and strategies.

To date, Fellows have come from: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, New Zealand, Nigeria, Mexico, Poland, Rwanda, South Africa, the Solomon Islands, Vietnam, Uganda, the UK, and the US.

Fellows receive training, mentorship, and a part-time stipend, which aims to make their climate organizing work more sustainable. The Fellowship also acts as a peer-to-peer learning network.



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The Fellowship has widened my view. I have had a chance to witness the great work of parents all over the world. It encourages our group to take more action for our kids' future.”

Le Hoang Minh Nguyet, Vietnam

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The Climate Parent Fellowship has had a huge impact on my confidence as a leader in the climate change movement. It has been an invaluable incubator for creativity, problem solving and community-driven climate organizing.”

Natalie Caine, Canada Montréal

Why Support Parent Leaders

Parents are everywhere in society—in boardrooms, at workplaces, in schools, in politics, and in the voting booth. Through our work we have seen that campaigns based on love and care for the next generation can cut across political, geographic, social, and ideological fault lines to deepen climate engagement and reach new audiences.

The power of intergenerational and parent-led organizing is growing fast, combining creative engagement with impactful campaigns. The Fellowship aims to scale up and connect parent-led, intergenerational, and family-focused climate organizing in countries around the world to help grow this movement.



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It gives you confidence, it gives you the idea that there is a world, a family beyond your immediate locality, you now have a global family that you can talk to and share your experiences with.”

Amuche Nnabueze, Nigeria



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Being an active part of an international community of parent activists is incredible - we are a rising movement, and we are key to transforming our world - because we are everywhere, and we have an enduring super power: our love for our kids.”

Winona Bateman, Montana, USA



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The Fellowship was a unique opportunity to strengthen ties with women around the world who share the same cause: climate justice for our children and all children. I believe that the support I received was and will be fundamental to the strengthening of our movement.”

Mariana Menezes, Brazil

Meet the 2022/2023 Fellows

The second group of Fellows is made up of 15 individuals from 13 countries. It includes creative campaigners, grassroots organizers, communicators, indigenous leaders, artists, and educators. The second group began the Fellowship in July 2022.



Aphrodice Nshimiyimana, Rwanda

Aphrodice is an environmental communicator based in Rwanda. He facilitates climate action and environmental conservation work in grassroots communities. He believes awareness raising and advocacy can support communities' mindset and behavior change. He has established a network of parents, teachers, and caregivers in Rwanda who are interested in working across generations with children to share climate knowledge and push for a brighter future.



Bhavreen Kandhari, India

Bhavreen is an inspiring and experienced campaigner who is pushing for clean air in India and beyond. She is a co-founder of Warrior Moms, which brings mothers together across India to call for clean air for the sake of their children's health. Bhavreen has spearheaded other public movements and campaigns in India to call for action on environmental justice issues, such as 'My Right To Breathe' and 'Delhi Trees SOS'. Her campaigning is motivated by her twin daughters and her concerns about Delhi's excessively polluted air.



Chandra Bocci, USA

Chandra is an artist and animator who uses creativity and joy to bring people into the climate movement. A lead organizer with Sunrise Kids NYC and Climate Families NYC for the past two years, she has been working to build the group's strategy and to promote visibility for multiple campaigns. She has helped stage highly creative, family friendly climate actions, including a recent demonstration outside of BlackRock CEO Larry Fink's country home. Her mission is to use creative methods and materials to foster hope and momentum for a brighter, more sustainable future.



Astrid Puentes, Mexico

Astrid is a mother, lawyer, and gardener, born in Colombia and now living in Mexico. She is one of the founders of Mamás y Papás por el Clima in Mexico, a network of parents working collaboratively to address the climate crisis. Astrid brings more than 25 years experience in environmental law, human rights, and indigenous rights to her community and the global movement. She aims to grow her group to become a larger, more inclusive, and diverse movement of Mexican parents working together for climate justice.



Ayдах Akao, Solomon Islands

Ayдах is from Solomon Islands and her passion is social services and community development. Through her voluntary role as Coordinator of the Network for the Indigenous Peoples Solomon (NIPS) she works with rural communities in provinces of Solomon Islands. She facilitates workshops as well as documents and learns about traditional knowledge and practices including: conserving and restoring forests, mangroves, streams, reefs, marine resources, and climate resilience. Ayдах is also working on ways to share the voices of children from Solomon Islands in policy spaces.



Chryso Chellun, UK

Chryso is co-founder of UK climate group, Mothers Rise Up. A freelance prop-maker by profession, she uses her skills and creativity to drive climate campaigns. She has created a wind farm outside Number 10 Downing Street, a giant phoenix for the parent delegation at COP26, and most recently a Mary Poppins inspired climate flashmob outside Lloyd's of London, which went viral on Twitter. She is looking forward to sharing ideas about how art and music can shape bold and colorful climate actions and grow the visibility of parent climate organizing.



Dora Napolitano, Mexico

Dora is an activist and maker with a background in anthropology, public health, and indigenous rights. In 2016, she started Zurciendo el planeta, a collective that uses activism, mending, and urban agriculture to engage people in discussions around a regenerative and equitable future. Through community meetings, workshops, and their 'Forest of Hope' embroidery project, the collective now connects women in Mexico, Argentina, and Chile. Through the Fellowship, Dora will focus on expanding the collective and its impact through the touring of the 'Forest of Hope' mural.



Herbert Murungi, Uganda

Herbert is a husband, father, environment scientist, and social entrepreneur. He is a co-founder of Rural Environmental Sustainability Initiative-RESI, a social enterprise promoting clean cooking, environment, and climate education in remote rural communities of Uganda, East Africa. He is also the writer of a series of children's books - 'James the Steward', 'Keeper of the Forest', and 'Powerful Queens of Gando' - which aim to educate children about climate and nature stewardship. He is passionate about intergenerational climate change activism.



Leanne Brummell, Australia

Leanne is a co-founder of Australian Parents for Climate Action and a key coordinator within Parents for Future Global. She is also a member of the Knitting Nannas - a collective using knitting and activism to campaign for the preservation of Australia's land, air, and water. Leanne has deep knowledge of using creative campaigning and legal processes to stop gas projects in her region and works on fossil fuel campaigning globally. She is passionate about intergenerational climate justice and leaving a better world for those who come after us.



Marji Puotinen, Australia

Marji is a research scientist studying the impacts of tropical cyclones and climate change on the world's coral reefs. Combining her love for coral reefs and growing concerns for the climate, she founded Kids Care About Climate, a major public engagement project that includes an international drawing contest, educational workshops, a touring exhibit, and colorful costumes. Marji believes that fun, creative educational programming can engage young children and open up pathways of involvement for their parents, grandparents, and teachers in climate solutions.



Rayana, Brazil

Rayana is a young Brazilian and political scientist working to achieve climate justice. She is Umbandista, an Afro-Brazilian religion, and believes that faith and the environment are connected, because she finds her spirituality in nature. Rayana is a Youth Climate Leaders Fellow and Care about Climate volunteer. Her work through the Fellowship will strengthen conversations and dialogue on climate change between religious leaders and youth in Brazil.



Kelo, Nigeria

Kelo is an inspiring Nigerian youth advocate for sustainable development and climate action. He is the founder of Gray2Green Movement and campaign coordinator for Mock COP as well as policy co-lead for the Global Coordination Team at YOUNGO and Director of Students Organising for Sustainability International. Kelo has been actively involved in intergenerational climate organizing through Parents for Future Global and Parents for Future Nigeria. He is experienced in high level policy spaces and his focus is strengthening youth engagement and intergenerational influence in climate governance.



Maren, Germany

Maren is a psychologist from Hamburg working on management, marketing, and science. For the past several years, Maren has played a central role in helping to build Parents for Future Germany. She is involved in local activism and serves as the national delegate of the local Parents For Future group in Hamburg. Maren was raised in a family strongly engaged in environmental issues and is mother to a teenage daughter. She is passionate about working towards a livable future for all our children.



Rose, Kenya

Rose is a community climate advocate, promoting gender friendly climate resilience initiatives in Kenya and across East Africa. She co-founded two women led organisations - Women in Water and Natural Resources Conservation in Kenya and Women's Climate Centers International across East Africa. Through the two organizations Rose has mobilized and formed a network of women climate accelerators through the establishment of community climate centers. These centers bring men, women, boys, girls, and families together to address climate related challenges and build a sustainable future.



Yasminta Hasni, Indonesia

Yasminta founded the organization PERI BUMI in 2021 to empower mothers across Indonesia to act on climate change. She believes that environmental problems start at home and parenting with connection is a key. With a background in early years education and social work, Yasminta's work combines education, parenting, and nature connection. One of her goals is to help guide mothers to understand the holistic way of parenting based on connection and to link this with zero waste and sustainability.

The 2021/2022 Fellowship

Our first Fellowship cohort ran from July 2021 – June 2022 and was composed of 12 women from 11 countries. The Fellows were: Alicia Hall (New Zealand), Amuche Nwabueze (Nigeria), Gargi Maitra (India), Kamila Kadzidłowska (Poland), Le Hoang Minh Nguyet (Vietnam), Mariana Menezes (Brazil), Natalie Caine (Canada), Patience Agyekum (Ghana), Sandra Freij (UK), Thingreiphi Lungharwo (India), Winona Bateman (US) and Xoli Fuyani, (South Africa).



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I was able to dream and connect with parents who carry the same vision. I now feel more confident to share my work with the world.”

Xoli Fuyani,
South Africa

The Fellowship experience

On completing the Fellowship, the first cohort said they felt more confident as leaders, valued the global family that the Fellowship had created, and had seen growth in their organizations and campaigns.

Five of the Fellows attended COP26, in Glasgow, where some of them met with COP President Alok Sharma as part of a global delegation of mothers. They discussed their concerns about air pollution, fossil fuels, and children’s health. Their stories featured on global news outlets including the BBC, the New York Times, and the Guardian. This meeting was possible because of the community and connections created through the Climate Parent Fellowship program.



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The Climate Parent Fellowship has been the kickstarter for bigger and better climate action. It has helped grow the Rodzice dla Klimatu movement. Now we are breaking through the climate bubble.”

Kamila Kadzidłowska,
Poland

About us

The Climate Parent Fellowship is an initiative created by Parents For Future Global and Our Kids’ Climate—two networks bringing parents together to act on climate.

Our Kids’ Climate

Our Kids’ Climate aims to support, connect, and amplify leaders and groups around the world to develop and scale parent-led and family-focused climate engagement strategies.

www.ourkidsclimate.org

Parents For Future Global

Parents For Future Global is a decentralized network connecting and supporting grassroots volunteer-led national and local parent climate organizers around the world.

www.parentsforfuture.org

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