

DEFEND OUR FUTURE

Mobilizing the Next Generation of Climate Leaders

Defend Our Future is empowering young people to change the politics around climate change, so we can make progress on the most important environmental issue of our time. Young people want their elected representatives to advance common-sense solutions that grow our economy and protect the world for future generations. We want to show young people that they don't need to wait – they can make their voices heard by taking an active role in civic engagement and through every day action. By amplifying the voices of young people demanding action, we can move beyond partisan debates to protect the progress we've made and advance national climate priorities.

WHAT WE'RE DOING

▶ **ACTIVATING CLIMATE LEADERS**

Now more than ever, young people understand that civic engagement doesn't end once they've voted—it's just beginning. We're rebuilding a grassroots movement for action on college campuses and beyond. Defend Our Future students partner with local businesses and organizations for "Defend Our..." events that foster discussion, highlight climate impacts and solutions, and feature community leaders, climate experts, environmental justice leaders and elected officials. Our students have made more than 18,000 phone calls to elected officials since January of this year alone. They're also sharing the reasons they support the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) mission to protect public health and the environment in meetings with senators and representatives.

▶ **BROADENING THE CONVERSATION**

We're collaborating with diverse constituencies to show that we must work together to find climate solutions. We've partnered with mitú, Voto Latino and Young Conservatives for Energy Reform to create thought-provoking campaigns. In February, Defend and Bloomberg brought students from around the country to Washington, D.C., for a bipartisan climate policy town hall. In June, we hosted more than 120 student leaders at our third annual National Climate Leadership Summit for a discussion on the future of climate policy and advocacy.

▶ **CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

We're bringing more people into the climate change conversation by creating innovative, compelling and eye catching digital content. We partnered with BuzzFeed to highlight the vital role the EPA plays in protecting our health and the environment, and why Scott Pruitt was the wrong choice to lead the agency. Our collaboration was the first instance in which BuzzFeed used a call tool that readers could use to contact their senators.

▶ **EDUCATION**

Through social media, email and video, and face-to-face conversations, we're providing the next generation of climate activists the tools they need to educate people about climate change and how they can help solve the greatest challenge of our time.



OUR PARTNERS

Defend Our Future works with many partners including BuzzFeed, Mic.com, Conservation Leadership Council, mitú, Voto Latino, National Campus Leadership Council, Young Conservatives for Energy Reform, and student leaders from over 100 campuses. We also partner with actors, musicians, comedians, artists and local businesses to help secure common-sense climate solutions.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

JOIN A DEFEND OUR FUTURE EVENT, OR CREATE YOUR OWN!

Defend Our Future hosts climate summits, teach-ins, local-themed events and public forums with elected officials and community leaders to educate young people about climate solutions and why it's important to get involved.

SHARE OUR CONTENT

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and help us reach even more people by liking and sharing our content.

GET INVOLVED

Making phone calls and attending town halls and marches are important actions one can take to let their representatives know that they care about climate change and a healthy environment. Sign up for our email updates and we'll let you know about upcoming town halls, rallies and other opportunities to get involved.



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Defend Our Future at the People's Climate March.



Defend students at Philadelphia Pride.



Rep. Jared Polis (CO) with Colorado Defend students



Environmental justice leader Mustafa Ali fires up Defend student leaders.