



**The Barbados Youth
Climate Action
Summit & Expo 2023**



OCTOBER 18TH-20TH

Beyond Talk, More Action

About

The Ashley Lashley Foundation

- "Let no obstacle be greater than the cause!"

Having launched in December 2019, The Ashley Lashley Foundation has cemented its commitment to social development matters such as, environmental justice, health and wellness, and women's and children rights.

The Foundation uses its voice to bring greater awareness of major environmental and health issues affecting Small Island Developing States, namely the health impacts of climate change.

Over the years, The Ashley Lashley Foundation has embarked on several projects, using each as a reminder to you to Let No Obstacle Be Greater Than the Cause. These projects began with the start of the Schools Against Non-Communicable Diseases followed by the Global Youth Network Summit in 2018 and has been an annual event since seeing themes relating to Non-Communicable Diseases, Sustainable Development Goals, Climate Change and Health, and Sports for Climate Action. Moreover, 2020 saw the foundation launched its second major project, The HEY (Healthy and Environmentally Friendly Youth) Campaign and Eco Active Youth in 2022.

For more information about the work of The Ashley Lashley Foundation and The HEY Campaign feel free to check out our website at <https://www.theashleylashleyfoundation.org>



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Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley once said “I don’t call it Climate Change. It’s change for those who are not affected by the crisis.

For us, it’s a crisis.”

Barbados like other Small Island Developing States continue to experience the first-hand adverse impacts of climate change. In recent times, Barbados has been more susceptible to increased instances of flooding due to torrential downpours, intense and more frequent hurricanes and storms passing the island, sea-level rise and salt water intrusion and more severe effects. Youth need to be at the forefront of the fight against the damaging effects of climate change, and this is especially true for those living in climate vulnerable countries such as Barbados. Barbadian children and youth continue to lead the charge highlighting the importance of action, meaningful engagement rather than simple talk. Together, the people, children and youth of Barbados and their leaders, stand ready and at the forefront in the fight against the Climate Crisis.



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2022 Key Achievements

Here's our success story with the support our partners & sponsors

**+160 students across
20 schools attended
the summit**

**Regional Chat with
Bahamian Youth**

**3 Thematic Areas Youth
Accelerating Action,
Building A Climate
Conscious Community and
Resilient Recovery,**

**+300 Students
participated in Student
Climate March**

**40 + Students aged
11- 18 from 11 schools
participated in Youth
Consultation**

**20+ Industry partners,
exhibitors and
NGOs**

**Local and International
Press Coverage**



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2022 Key Speakers

Our 2022 summit featured a dynamic inter - generational lineup of speakers



Ashley Lashley

Executive Director of the Ashley Lashley Foundation and UNICEF Youth Advocate



H.E Mr. Selwin Hart

Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General and Assistant Secretary-General of the Climate Action Team



Ms. Maria Marshall

UNICEF Youth Advocate and Founder of Little Thoughts on Big Matters



Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake

United Nations Secretary General's Envoy on Youth



Ms. Vanessa Nakate

UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador



Ms. Fiona Korwin-Pawlowski

Former Senior Director Clara Lionel Foundation - Virtual



Xiye Bastida

Mexican Climate Activist and Co-Founder of Re-Earth Initiative



The Honorable Mr. Adrian Forde

Minister of Environment and National Rejuvenation, Green and Blue Economy



Dr. David Bynoe

National Coordinator of the Global Environmental Facility - Small Grants Programme (GEF-SGP) at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Multi-Country Office for Barbados & the OECS



H.E Ms. Viviana Alva
IDB Representative



H.E Ms. Tanya Radosavljevic

Deputy representative UNICEF Eastern Caribbean



Ms. Carla Daniel

Field Director Barbados Sea Turtle Project



Senator Dr. Shantal Munro-Knight

Minister with responsibility for Culture in the Prime Minister of Barbados Office



Mr. Mikael Ashorn

Climate Environment (CE) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Officer UNICEF Office for the Eastern Caribbean Area



The Honorable Kirk Humphrey

Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs



Mr. Taahir Bulbulia

Youth Leader



Naomi Cambridge

Barbados Youth Climate Action Ambassador



Mr. Christopher Gilkes

Public Relations Officer of Barbados Council for the Disabled



Ms. Jennifer Doherty-Bigara

Climate Change Specialist at the Inter-American Development Bank



Mrs. Firhanna Bulbulia

Founder of the Barbados Association of Muslim Ladies



Ms. Ronelle King

Youth, Gender & Social Development Consultant



Mr. Khaleel Kothdiwala

Barbadian Scholar and Youth Leader



Mr. Ranako Bailey

Barbados Youth Climate Action Ambassador and Healthy and Environment Friendly



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**Thank you to our
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The Barbados Youth Climate Action Summit showed impact across many different activities!





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Meaningful Youth Engagement

**More Impactful, More opportunities for our youth
Its More Than Just Talk But Youth Led Action**

This Summit and Expo will show youth must not only be empowered to speak, but also to act and create solutions to these issues, and this requires the sharing of knowledge. The Barbados Youth Climate Action Summit and Expo, will be hosting a regional hybrid event, streaming via Zoom and the Ashley Lashley Foundation's YouTube and Facebook pages.

Overall, this summit is aimed at letting the world know that Barbados is at the forefront of tackling the climate crisis with our children and young people leading the way.

DATE:

OCTOBER 18TH-20TH, 2023

LOCATION:

Hybrid event – In person and online

Physical Location: Hilton Barbados Resort, Bridgetown, Barbados





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Key Focus Areas

Our key focus areas for 2023 are:

**Sustainable
Tourism**

**Energy
conservation and
renewable energy**

**Solid waste
management**

**Food security and
water conservation**

Ocean Spaces

Climate Action

Barbados Youth Climate Action Summit will have 5 powerful components.

The Launch

Climate Job Fair

Eco Tours

**Youth Consultation & Youth
declaration Call-to-Action Letter**

**Student Climate March
ft International Guests**

Theme for 2023 Beyond Talk; More Action



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2023 Events Schedule

June 4th, 2023

The Launch

This ceremony will take place ahead of World Environment Day with the theme of "Beat Plastic Pollution" as its primary focus at the Hilton Barbados Resort. An evening of celebration will be held to showcase the efforts being made in Barbados by groups dedicated to protecting our oceans and coastal areas.

Day 1

The Summit

This summit seeks to host a number of sessions on capacity building that are themed and expert-led. These sessions will engage and motivate students to have critical discussions on climate change, its effects in Barbados, and the steps taken to mitigate the challenges we are facing.

Day 1

Girls in Climate Action

An intergenerational panel discussion with women and girls leading the fight against climate change, which would feature notable persons from Barbados and across the globe.

Day 1

Climate Job Fair

Our expo will feature exhibitions from the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and the Barbados Government in an effort to highlight the creative efforts towards creating a resilient and adaptable Barbados. Participants will explore the numerous career opportunities surrounding climate and the environment within our expo.

Day 2

The Summit Cont'd

Youth Consultation - Seeks to amplify the students' concerns regarding the state of environmental preservation and protection efforts in Barbados, whilst also lending their minds to suggest possible mitigation strategies for the challenges faced in Barbados as a result of the climate crisis. Their combined ideas would be drafted into a Youth Call-to-Action to be presented to the Government of Barbados at the end of the Summit, with the hopes of getting more youth involved in climate action. Students will be selected to attend COP28.

Day 2

Eco - Tours

New Feature Taking a practical approach!

This year's Summit aims to highlight the physical effects of climate change on some of the natural features of Barbados. Participants would be split into five themed groups: Ocean Spaces, Sustainable Tourism, Energy Conservation & Renewable Energy, Climate Action and Food Security & Water Management, and they would be taken on related eco-tours.

Simply put, to see it is to believe it.

Day 3

Student Climate March

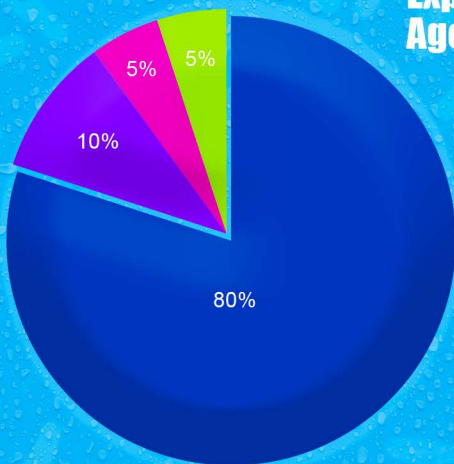
This activity stays true to the Summit theme of "Beyond Talk, More Action", where the students would demonstrate their willingness to contribute to the fight against climate change, whilst encouraging their peers and others around them to take action as well.



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2023 Projected Attendee Geography

**Expected
Ages (10-25)**



- Students both local and regional
- Non Governmental Organizations
- Business Community
- Civil Society



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Partnership Opportunities

Why Partner with us?

Your organization will have a fantastic opportunity to be clearly seen locally and regionally promoting young engagement in the environmental and climate sector at the Barbados Youth Climate Action Summit.

Partnership Packages - Our youth summit is made to provide a range of beneficial cooperation packages to fulfill various budget and objective needs.

IN-KIND SUPPORT

In-kind gifts or donations are greatly appreciated as they will increase the overall value of the event to participants and volunteers and help offset expenses. We welcome your creative suggestions for in-kind donations and assure you that your generosity will be acknowledged based on the amount in value.

