“Solving the climate crisis is within our grasp, but we need people like you to stand up and act.”

AL GORE
FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN, THE CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT

The Climate Reality Leadership Corps is a global network of over 7,000 activists working to educate and empower communities worldwide to take action on climate change.

The program takes great citizens and makes them exceptional leaders, providing the training in climate science, communications, and organizing to tell the story of climate change and inspire communities everywhere to take action.

The Climate Reality Project operates the program through its US offices and 10 international branches in Australia, Canada, India, Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa, Spain, Central Europe, Brazil, and the United Kingdom.

WHAT IS A CLIMATE REALITY LEADERSHIP CORPS TRAINING?

“This is the best thing you can do if this is your passion. There is no other outlet that has a stronger impact, other than joining the Climate Reality Leadership Corps.”

KENT TAYLOR, CLIMATE REALITY LEADER

The first step to becoming a Climate Reality Leader is to apply to and attend a special three-day training event where you’ll join a global network of leaders committed to solving the climate crisis. During the training, you’ll hear from Climate Reality Project Chairman and former US Vice President Al Gore as well as a group of world-class scientists, strategists, communicators, and technical specialists. You’ll learn about the science of climate change and the direct cost of its impacts on communities around the world. You’ll also develop a twenty-first century skillset in storytelling, public speaking, social media networking, and media engagement by working with seasoned professionals and successful grassroots organizers who will share best practices. Most importantly, you’ll learn about the solutions that are available today – and how activists like you are helping implement them around the world.

After the training, Climate Reality Leaders take on wide-ranging Acts of Leadership to spread the word about the climate crisis and the need for solutions. These Acts of Leadership come in a variety of forms, including:

- Presenting former US Vice President Gore’s slideshow adapted from the documentary An Inconvenient Truth
- Writing letters to the editor in local and national newspapers
- Creating and sharing blog posts
- Giving press interviews
- Communicating with government officials
- Organizing or participating in a day of action
WHO ARE CLIMATE REALITY LEADERS?

“A Climate Reality Leader is someone who is committed to helping solve the climate crisis by committing to be active on this issue through events, presentations, and other acts in his or her community.”

JILL MACINTYRE WITT, CLIMATE REALITY LEADER

Climate Reality Leaders come from all walks of life – from business leaders to bartenders, farmers to family doctors, teachers to taxi drivers, and parents to pastors – but all come with the same deep desire to make a difference and help solve the climate crisis. Here are just three of their stories:

ASIF IQBAL began his career working with grassroots organizations to deal with the local impacts of climate change in his native Pakistan. After attending the Climate Reality Leadership Corps Training in Melbourne, Australia, he created the Climate Project Connectors as a network to create a climate movement in Pakistan. Most recently, the group successfully pressured the government to restore its Climate Change Ministry, signaling a new focus on action and a desire to shape discussions in Paris.

YOCA ARDITI-ROCHA, a sustainability consultant, attended the Chicago training in 2013. Inspired, she challenged herself to engage as many people as possible about climate change before UN climate negotiations came to her hometown, Lima. Her climate education program U CLIMATE-ICA brings Peruvian university students together for training on climate science and organizing strategies.

South African DESMOND D’SA saw what industrial plants were doing to the environment in his community firsthand, and co-founded the South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA) to fight back. D’Sa and SDCEA organized the diverse and historically disenfranchised residents into a unified force, successfully shuttering a toxic waste dumpsite in South Durban. In 2013, he became a Climate Reality Leader and was awarded a prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize. Not one to rest on his laurels, D’Sa is using his new skills to mobilize his community to oppose the Port of Durban’s expansion.
“It’s important to attend a training because you’re learning from a master of communicating and speaking on topics that can be complex and controversial. Al Gore is a role model better than any today.”

ERIC FULKERSON
CLIMATE REALITY LEADER

SAMPLE AGENDA

What is a Climate Reality Leadership Corps training? Simply: three days that will change your life. Each training takes place in a pivotal location for the movement for climate solutions and features speakers and sessions preparing activists to lead the fight on key regional issues. Each training also includes workshops and talks that equip all Climate Reality Leaders to be effective global activists. Volunteers come to trainings committed to making a difference; they leave with the skills, knowledge, and network to do it.

Applicants should plan to attend the full length of the training. A sample schedule is provided below:

DAY 1
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Registration
10:30 AM – 6:00 PM: General sessions covering topics such as:
  • The Road to Paris 2015: Reaching a Strong Agreement at COP21
  • The Cost of Carbon
  • Citizen Activism
  • Making Climate Change Personal

DAY 2
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM:
The Reality of the Climate Crisis and Its Solutions, by Al Gore:
  • Land Use and Land Cover
  • Water, Energy, and Solutions
  • Impacts on Agriculture
  • Extreme Weather

DAY 3:
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM:
General sessions covering topics such as:
  • Climate Change and Our Health
  • Clean Energy Solutions
  • Using Social Media to Inspire Action
  • Twenty-First Century Communications Strategies

Climate Reality will host one evening networking reception and will provide lunch and light snacks free of charge each day during the sessions.
OUR SPEAKERS

At each training, Climate Reality Leaders learn how to inspire audiences and mobilize communities from the thought leaders, activists, and experts who’ve shaped the fields of climate communications, grassroots organizing, and digital media in the twenty-first century. Some of the notable speakers who’ve joined Vice President Gore at recent trainings include:

KUMI NAIDOO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GREENPEACE INTERNATIONAL

WANJIRA MATHAI
PROJECT LEADER AT WANGARI MAATHAI INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

DANAI GURIRA
ACTRESS AND PLAYWRIGHT

ANTHONY WILSON
DIRECTOR AT EXECUTIVE INFLUENCE PTY LTD

MAYALÙ KOKOMETI WAURÁ TXUCARRAMÃE
INDIGENOUS LEADER

DON HENRY
FORMER CEO OF THE AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

CHINTON SHAH
PRESIDENT OF SUZLON ENERGY

ANTHEA HARRIS
CEO OF CLIMATE CHANGE AUTHORITY, GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA

PATRICK NGOWI
FOUNDER OF HELVETIC GROUP COMPANIES

SANJIT BUNKER ROY
FOUNDER OF BAREFOOT COLLEGE

JOHN COOK
CLIMATE COMMUNICATIONS FELLOW, UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

DR. HENRY POLLACK
EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF GEOPHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

ATOSSA SOLTANI
FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMAZON WATCH

To see who’s speaking at the next training, visit climaterealitytraining.org
If you’re ready to join us in tackling the greatest challenge humanity has ever faced as a member of the Climate Reality Leadership Corps, you must apply and be accepted to attend one of our trainings. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and are reviewed as they are received – so don’t delay or you might miss your chance!

To see when and where our next trainings will take place, visit www.climaterealitytraining.org