

# Mock COP Students' Declaration for COP28

Wellington College has actively participated in the international climate negotiations since COP25. This year we were pleased to collaborate with students from Edgbarrow School, Holme Grange School, Charters School, and Wokingham Youth Council to organise and participate in a Mock COP28.

Our Mock COP28 took place in June 2023 and gave us the opportunity to explore a diverse set of themes that will be key topics at the negotiations, particularly Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE), Adaptation, Climate Finance and Capacity-Building.

We would like to present our shared student vision for the negotiations to the decisionmakers attending COP28. The result of our Mock COP student discussions identified three strong themes regarding COP28:

## Acknowledging youth and action:

1. We urge countries to build strong opportunities to reinforce the concept of education within ACE by greening the curriculum and creating green career opportunities for young people.
2. The recent UN recognition states that we have a duty to safeguard a clean, healthy and sustainable environment for young people alive today and future generations. We want to emphasise the increasing importance of global cooperation and coordination to ensure this.

## Leading by example:

1. COP28 marks the conclusion of the first Global Stocktake (GST) and the world is not on track to meet the Paris Agreement's goals. We strongly advise that Parties show global leadership in the UNFCCC to meet their commitments.
2. We ask parties of the UNFCCC to commit to creating a clear roadmap to accelerate climate action.

## Recognising our global interconnectedness:

1. We believe that a strong focus during these negotiations should be a just energy transition and food systems transformation.
2. We urge developed states with wider access to resources to share these with developing countries to raise standards of living and increase the ability to adapt infrastructure for the benefit of many generations.

***We believe that this declaration represents the voice of a multitude of other young students who will come to play a large role in the continuous efforts to place Climate Education at the heart of our learning. We recognise that decision-makers play a strong role in paving the way for our future and hope this declaration will help provide insight into our beliefs and observations.***

This declaration represents the voices of more than 6,000 students globally, and it is fully endorsed by students from Wellington College, Wellington College International, Edgbarrow School, Holme Grange School, Charters School, Wokingham Youth Council, Rendcomb College, Stroud High School and Yangrima School.



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