

## [Australian Youth Climate Coalition](http://aycc.org.au/)

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Our mission is to build a generation-wide movement to solve the climate crisis, through uniting diverse youth organisations around this common challenge.

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## **We're building a generation-wide movement to solve the climate crisis.**

We do this by educating, empowering, inspiring and mobilising young people across the country.

### **Our theory of change...**

AYCC believes that climate change is the single greatest threat facing humanity, and that young people – as the inheritors of this planet – are the key stakeholder in humanity's response to the climate crisis. However, we also believe that addressing the climate crisis is an opportunity to create a more sustainable, just and fair Australia.

### **AYCC's mission is to create a generation-wide movement to solve the climate crisis.**

We believe that a movement can create the **groundswell of support and momentum** needed to inspire this transition. Politicians will not support the policy changes we need unless they think their political lives depend on it and businesses will not implement sustainable business practices unless they think their bottom lines depend on it. This will require **thousands of people**, particularly in politically strategic areas, willing and able to take deep action on climate change when needed.

The scale and breadth of the climate crisis requires urgent, comprehensive action. The latest science tells us that we need to keep carbon pollution to less than 350ppm, and that in order to do this, the world's carbon pollution needs to peak by 2015 to 2017. This means we have only have, at most, five years left to begin the transition to a zero carbon economy.

### **Our values...**

#### **We need a movement, and young people will be at the forefront**

It is only through a huge, diverse and committed social movement that we will see the solutions to the climate crisis realised. We believe that young people are a core agent of change in such a movement. At every level AYCC is led by young people. AYCC empowers young people in their local communities to create change on a national scale.

#### **We want solutions to climate change that are just and sustainable**

At its core, the climate crisis is an issue of human justice and the ability of the planet to sustain diverse species and cultures. We don't support solutions that have perverse outcomes that threaten people's human rights or promote environmental destruction. We always taken justice and sustainability into account in decisions we make – from the policies we support, through to our organisation's own supply chain.

#### **We're political, but non-partisan**

We recognise that Government plays a key role in the rapid transition to safe climate. We're not afraid of running campaigns with a political element where it's needed, such as applying pressure to ensure politicians do the right thing by the climate. We're non-partisan, meaning that we don't support one candidate or party over another – however we will judge them by their climate policies.

#### **We're ambitious and solutions-focused**

The climate crisis can ignite fear and often paralyse people, so we must remain positive and solutions-focused to motivate people to act, although we're not afraid to talk about the problem and climate impacts where necessary. We believe that the climate crisis can be solved and will not shy away from the big ideas that are necessary for a sustainable future. AYCC always seeks to foster a positive and optimistic culture.

#### **We focus on outcomes**

We focus on what's most high-impact in bringing down emissions. We care about proper process, but ultimately look to outcomes to decide whether something is worth doing.

#### **We are inclusive and diverse**

All people will face the impacts of climate change and every community will need to be part of the solution. AYCC supports young people of diverse socio-economic background, gender, race, sexuality and religious and political beliefs to be part of the youth climate movement. We actively promote diversity and inclusiveness at all levels of the organisation. Rather than being insular, we always look to grow and engage all young Australians, especially those who are not yet our members.

#### **We trust the latest, peer-reviewed science.**

We only promote real, science-based solutions to the climate crisis. We focus on what's needed to solve the climate crisis, not what's politically expedient or easy. This means we're aiming for 350ppm or below.

### **Our history and governance...**

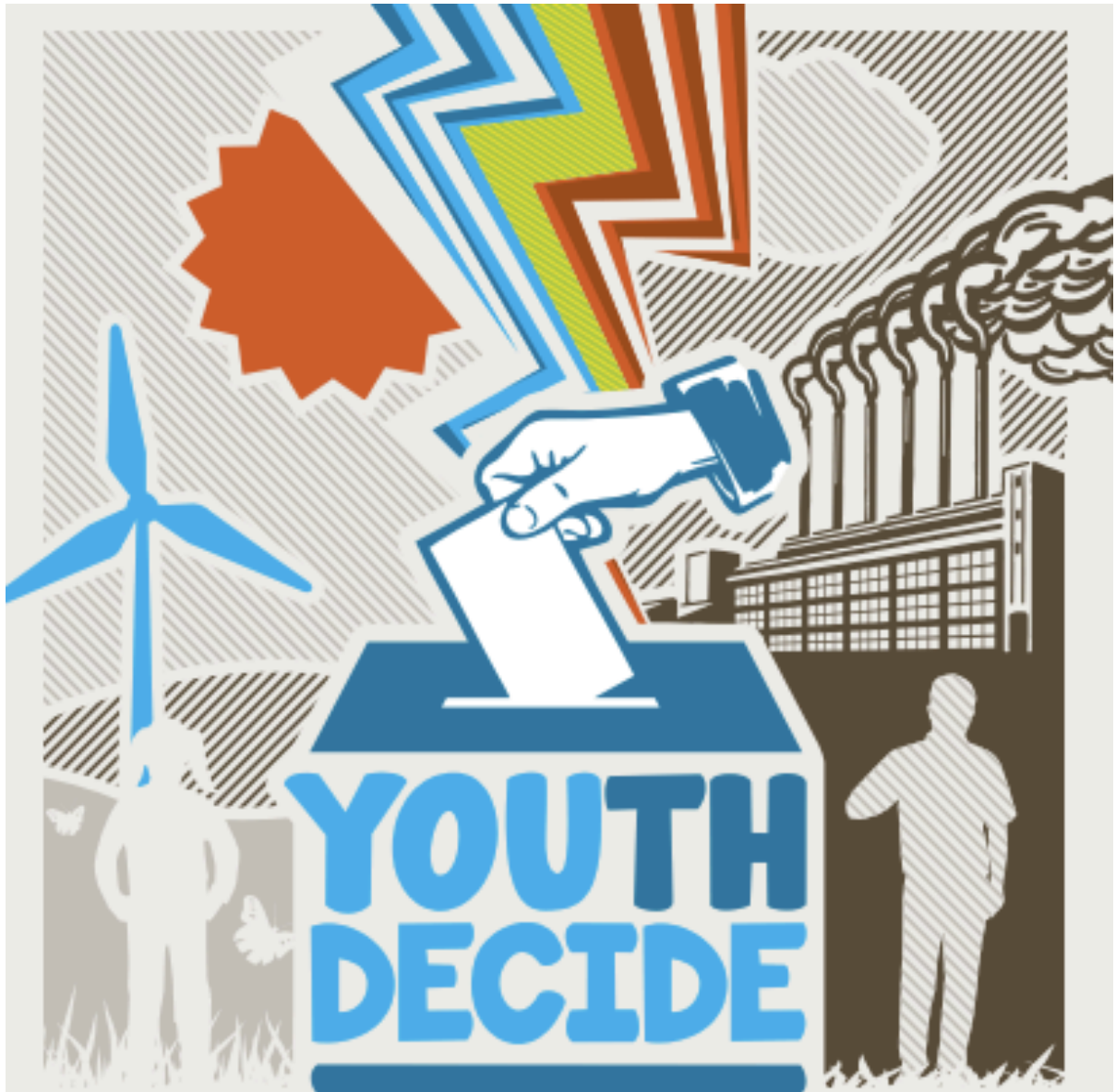
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## Amanda McKenzie

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Amanda is a passionate sustainability leader and social entrepreneur.

Amanda is the 2009 joint Young Environmentalist of the year after co-founding two environmental advocacy organisations, the Australian Climate Change Education Network (ASCENT) and the Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) at the age of just 23.

Amanda served as National Director of the AYCC for three and a half years (two of those with co-founder Anna Rose ). The AYCC has grown into one of the nation's largest and most successful youth run organisations with 58,000 individual members and 25 organisational members.

Amanda has led three Australian youth delegations to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in 2007, 2008 and 2009 and participated as a Youth Advisor to the Australian Government's delegation in 2007. Amanda has been part of building the global youth climate movement helping to organise the Conference of Youth at the UN Climate Conference in 2007 and 2008. Her international work has also extended to her selection as a key spokesperson for Greenpeace International's *Voices of Change* campaign in 2009 which reached 180 million people.

Amanda graduated from a Bachelor of Laws with honours from Monash University in 2007 after completing an Arts degree from Melbourne University in 2004. Her honours thesis, which was granted a High Distinction, considered the integration of an Australian emissions trading scheme into the global carbon market.

## Anna Rose

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Anna Rose is co-founder of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition and is the 2009 Environment Minister's joint 'Young Environmentalist of the Year'. Previously, Anna worked with the National Union of Students and coordinated the Australian Student Environment

Network, organising University students at over 37 campuses to win campus-based clean energy victories. Anna co-authored the book 'Future by Us', is a former editor of Australia's largest student paper and is a regular speaker, blogger and opinion writer on climate and energy issues. Anna has spent significant time in the United States, including studying at Cornell law school, working with the Energy Action Coalition, and volunteering on the Obama campaign. Anna is a member of the Environment Minister's Advisory Council on Environmental Education and advises several State & Federal Government departments on incorporating a global perspective into schooling and curriculum. Anna holds a 1st class honours degree in Arts (Asian Studies)/ Law from the University of Sydney, is a Fellow of the International Youth Foundation, sits on the board of the Foundation for Young Australians' 'Young Social Pioneers' Program, and holds an Australian Leadership Award from Australian-Davos connection. Anna was recently named one of Sydney's 100 Most Influential People by the Sydney Morning Herald and is a 2010 Churchill Scholar.

## Nick Moraitis

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Nick has worked at the cutting edge of social change communication strategy for ten years – in New York, Toronto, London and Sydney. He is a founder & director of Make Believe Group Pty Ltd, a strategy and communications consultancy that works with more than 20 of Australia's leading non-profit organisations to help them do good, better. As the first Online and Outreach Director at progressive campaigning organization, GetUp, he played a key role in that organisations' membership growth, technology infrastructure, and political campaigns. Prior to co-founding Make Believe, he spent a year as Public Engagement Manager for Greenpeace Australia Pacific. In London 2004-2006, Nick worked for Amnesty International's headquarters, advising the board and senior leadership on emerging areas such as youth outreach, online activism, and Internet censorship policy. A pioneer in online social networking, Nick joined TakingITGlobal.org in 2001, as Strategy and Partnership Coordinator. Nick has twice been a member of the Australian Government's delegation to UNESCO, as well as to the UN World Summit on the Information Society. He served on the advisory committee of the ABC. He is the author of *Cyberscene* (Penguin), has written for The Age and The Australian, and is a regular speaker at national and international conferences on social communications. He has been involved in the Australian Youth Climate Coalition since the organisation's founding, and served three terms on its steering committee.

## Nick Allardice

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Nick Allardice is a social change campaigner who has developed and lead a number of significant national campaigns around issues of global poverty and climate change. Nick is the General Manager of aid and development agency The Oaktree Foundation, sits on the core working group of the MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY Coalition and in addition to his role on the Board of Directors for the AYCC is a Non-Executive Director of award winning sustainability education NGO OzGREEN. Nick has been involved in the AYCC since the very beginning by starting of as a facilitator at the founding summit in 2006. Nick has worked at an international level for the United Nations Millennium Campaign by designing a youth mobilisation strategy for the Asia Pacific region, which is now being rolled out across 9 countries. Nick is an ongoing commentator on significant social issues through his regular opinion editorials for state and national newspapers, and also through co-authoring books like “The Future By Us: Australia Beyond 2020”. In 2009 the Australian Davos Connection recognised Nick by awarding him an “Australian Leadership Award”.

## Daniel Tu-Hoa

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Dan studied Arts/Law at the University of Sydney where he graduated with Honours. In 2006, Dan was selected as part of “The Climate Project” to be trained by Al Gore to present his famous “Inconvenient Truth” slideshow. He has also been involved in a number of projects with the AYCC, including Power Shift and Youth Climate Messengers. Dan is currently working as a management consultant.

## Ilona Miller

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Ilona Millar is a Senior Associate with Baker & McKenzie’s Environment and Environmental Markets Practice. With a diverse range of experience in environmental law and environmental policy, Ilona has acted for a wide range of private and public sector clients and domestic and international NGOs advising on the legal aspects of international and domestic climate change policy, carbon markets and emissions trading. In recent years Ilona has been involved in structuring and advising on a number of transactions related to carbon forestry and REDD, both in Australia and overseas.

Prior to joining Baker & McKenzie in May 2008, Ilona worked for the Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development in London, where she assisted the Alliance of Small Island States in international climate change negotiations and provided advice to the European Commission on legal and policy issues associated with emissions trading schemes. Between 2003-2006 Ilona was the Principal Solicitor of the Environmental Defender's Office (NSW).

Ilona teaches the international climate law course at the Australian National University and regularly publishes and lectures on topics such as international legal frameworks for climate change. In 2005, whilst Principal Solicitor of the EDO, Ilona was named "NSW Young Environmental Lawyer of the Year" by the Law Council of Australia.

## Dan Adams

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Dan is passionate about creating a sustainable and equitable future. Dan was the 2008 Young Victorian of the Year for his work initiating and directing the 2006 Make Poverty History Concert, which reached over 20 million people and inspired 50,000 young Australians to sign up to the global campaign to end extreme poverty. In 2009 Dan worked with AYCC to run Youth Decide, which gave 37,000 young Australians the opportunity to vote for the world that they want to inherit. He has also worked in South Africa setting up the Schools 4 Schools project with the Oaktree Foundation, has organised an MTV documentary exploring the key issues facing young people in South Africa, given the Victorian Human Rights Oration and completed an internship with the Garnaut Climate Change Review. Dan is studying Aerospace Engineering and Economics at Monash University and plans to work in renewable energy and sustainable development.