

2016 Ocean Climate Summit Abstract

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Abstract: The Climate Kids project is a collaborative, community based effort that supports youth engagement on climate change related issues through art, science activities, and storytelling. Climate Kids not only brings together students, but various partners that have a shared vision to inspire and educate children on the topic of climate change. The Climate Kids project also connects educators with training opportunities in climate science allowing teachers to take what they have learned and inform and educate their students and colleagues.

Since 2013, the project has grown to include: multiple cities in southern California; various schools, summer camps and after school programs; elementary and high schools in Mexico; and pilot projects in Tribal Nations. Students engage in modules that promote climate literacy and environmental stewardship both inside and out of the classroom through art, science, and storytelling. The project allows for the opportunity to actively interact not only in the classroom with storytelling, art projects and hands-on science demonstrations, but also on field trips with partner agencies providing nature based experiences for those involved. The lessons that the students have learned go beyond the classroom as their art portraying climate change issues and their effects on the environment and daily life are displayed in their community, sparking dialogue and educating many on a grander scale. To learn more about opportunities to join this collaborative effort and become a part of the network, please visit www.climatekids.org. Climate Kids is an initiative of the Climate Science Alliance-South Coast.