Volunteer Vacancy

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre is the expertise centre of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent in the field of climate change and climate disasters. The Climate Centre’s mission is to help the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its partners reduce the impacts of climate change and extreme-weather events on vulnerable people.

The Climate Centre consists of an enthusiastic team that guides a growing network of consultants from all over the world in integrating climate risks into their work. The Climate Centre works closely with the Netherlands Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Due to vacancies at the Climate Centre, we are immediately looking for a:

1. Youth Advisory Group Member from the **Pacific**
2. Youth Advisory Group Member from the **Middle East / North Africa**

**Envisaged start date:** September 2023

**Background**

Since launching the Strategy on Youth-led Climate Action in 2021 and hosting the Climate & YOUth Summit 2021, the ambitions of youth in the Red Cross Red Crescent in relation to the climate agenda have become increasingly clear; young people want to make a difference. Their ambitions include:

- the wish to help raise awareness among their peers and increase their own understanding;
- take local climate action; and
- advocate for their generation and those to come and join in decision making.

The Red Cross and Red Crescent has a growing portfolio when it comes to both Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation. Strategy 2030 has put the climate and environmental crisis at the top of their list of five global challenges they must address in the next decade. Also, the urgency and importance are stressed in the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations, developed by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and others.

Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies commit to integrate climate risk management across their programmes, focus on the drivers of vulnerability, build a strong collective voice on the climate crisis, and reduce our own climate and environmental footprint. And the IFRC Youth Commission has made the climate crisis one of their priorities in their work plan and collaborated closely with the Climate Centre in preparation of the Red Cross Red Crescent Strategy on Youth-led Climate Action and the organization of the annual Climate & YOUth Summit.

We are noticing that despite great interest from around the globe, many young people do not know where to get started on their journey to address the climate crisis. Also, voices from National Societies currently do not always reach global or regional platforms. There is a need for better knowledge exchange and representation.
In 2022, we set up a [Youth Advisory Group on Climate](https://www.climatecentre.org). The 2022 – 2023 trial was a success and we are now looking for two new members to join the team: one from the [Pacific](https://www.climatecentre.org) and one from the [Middle East / North Africa](https://www.climatecentre.org).

**Objectives of the Youth Advisory Group on Climate**

The Youth Advisory Group will:

- Be the body that advises on the implementation and monitoring of the RCRC Strategy on Youth-led Climate Action
- Grow the enthusiasm for youth-led climate action in the RCRC Movement
- Increase awareness of Movement partners and external partners about the climate action being taken by RC Youth around the world
- Increase knowledge exchange among RC Youth in order to scale climate action, through:
  - Support regional contributions and representation at the annual RCRC Climate & YOUth Summit
  - Grow the regional presence and activity on the RCRC Global Youth Climate Community on Facebook
  - Encourage people in the region to update the RCRC World Map of actions
  - Function as a direct point of contact for the IFRC Youth commission member tasked with the Climate Crisis portfolio. The Youth Commission then in turn uses this in their constitutional role to the IFRC Secretary General and relevant Statutory Bodies where relevant
  - Advise the Climate Centre programme management team on any matters relating to global climate and youth engagement

How the advisory group will operate: The Advisory Group will consist of a group of six Red Cross or Red Crescent staff members or volunteers aged from 18 up to and including 30, from each of the six IFRC regions. They will organise themselves and coordinate closely with a representative of the Climate Centre.

**Personal development for Advisory Group members**

- Learn more about the operations of the Red Cross Red Crescent at global and regional level;
- Opportunity to contribute to the climate agenda in the Climate Centre and broader Red Cross Red Crescent Movement;
- The chance to join (internal) training courses that the Climate Centre co-hosts: Anticipatory Action, Virtually Amazing, Climate Games, etc.;
- Gain skills in event organizing and hosting;
- Broaden your network with young RCRC staff and volunteers from all over the world interested in climate action;
- An annual 500 Euro volunteering allowance for personal development

**Duration**

The Advisory group member will commit to the position for two years. **September 2023 – August 2025.**

**Who can apply?**

Working languages: English will be the main working language of the advisory group. Knowledge of French, Spanish or Arabic will be an asset.
The applicant should:

- Be born between August 1994 and September 2005
- Currently be affiliated to a Red Cross or Red Crescent Society in the capacity of a volunteer or staff member, either in the Pacific, or in the Middle East / North Africa region.
- Have explicit approval from their National Society to be part of this global initiative. We will check this before finalising engagement.
- Have proven interest and understanding in the topic of climate change and climate change adaptation.
- Be willing to devote sufficient time to the Advisory Group (4 hours a week).
- Be willing to work in a diverse team (with sometimes irregular hours to meet due to different time zones among the team)

How to apply:
We would like to receive your application, CV and cover letter (in English) addressed to Olette Manhoudt, HR officer at the Climate Centre sent to application@climatecentre.org with “Youth Advisory Group Pacific”, or “Youth Advisory Group MENA” in the subject please.

Applications should be sent on or before 31st August 2023. During the selection we aim to get a good geographic and gender balance in the Advisory Group. If you are selected, you will be contacted by the Climate Centre for an interview. Please note, we will only contact successful candidates.

Terms and conditions of participation: This activity is conducted on a voluntary basis (with an annual allowance of 500 EUR toward personal development). If a member of the Youth Advisory Group is requested by the Climate Centre to attend a conference, all costs related to travel and accommodation, insurance* and cost of visa will be borne by the Climate Centre. Any required expenses will always need to be pre-approved by the Climate Centre.

*Granted the candidate has active health insurance in their own country.

If you have any questions about this vacancy, please send an email to hr@climatecentre.org.