

Youth Assembly on Climate Change – RTE

Please encourage your daughters to consider participating in the following very worthwhile initiative.

Here is a very exciting opportunity to be part of an historic event which will provoke much discussion on “Climate Change”. Please consider applying and speak with Ms Gallagher should you require advice on this excellent initiative.

On **Friday 15 November**, RTÉ and the Houses of the Oireachtas will convene the country’s first ever **Youth Assembly on Climate in Dáil Éireann**. It will be a chance for young people to discuss what Ireland needs to do to tackle climate issues.

Ireland's young people have been leading the way on climate. Through strikes and demos they have helped make climate a national talking point. Now they are being given the opportunity to take that conversation to the heart of decision making.

In the context of the centenary of the first Dáil, 157 young people will be selected to take part in this one-day Youth Assembly to establish the next urgent steps for Ireland - and we are looking for your help to get them involved.

The number of young delegates will be the same as the current number of TDs in Dáil Éireann. Proceedings on the day will be chaired by Ceann Comhairle Seán Ó Fearghail.

Those selected will get together in groups, with a facilitator, to work out exactly what their proposals are on climate action. They will then get a chance to present their views to our elected officials.

The final session, in the historic Dáil Chamber, will be broadcast on RTÉ News Now and Oireachtas TV between 1345 and 1430 so that schools and students nationwide can engage with the process and witness the event.

Applications are open to everybody between the ages of 10 and 17. The link to APPLY, together with further details about the process and the event are available at [rte.ie/youthassembly](https://www.rte.ie/youthassembly).

We want this event to represent the broadest range of young voices and are asking Principals and Teachers to encourage your students to apply.

The closing date for entries is **Wednesday 18th September 2019 at noon**.