

CLIMATE EDUCATION KICK-OFF

A Collective Pledge to a Climate-Oriented Education

The OBJECTIVE

Facing Climate Emergency, **quality information** is key to taking effective action on individual and collective levels. The Climate Education Kick-off is a unifying event that offers exactly that: the opportunity to train hundreds of students on climate issues.

The movement started in France in 2019: more than 10,000 students from more than 50 higher education institutions (e.g. Polytechnique, Sciences Po) took part in a Climate Collage workshop during the first weeks of the fall semester. This year, the program crosses country lines.

Our objective is to increase awareness and understanding among students and to unify Education as a foothold in climate action...worldwide.

The WHY

- Treating a **top priority topic** and following the principle of “first things first”, the event is the best way to welcome (or welcome back) students at the beginning of the academic year 2020.
- Climate issues are still not present enough in higher education. Students have a **major role to play** in the creation of our future and should be equipped with the necessary scientific information.
- This is an opportunity for institutions to **support their students** on their way to face and tackle major ecological issues that are at the heart of the transformation to come.

THE CLIMATE COLLAGE

« **The Climate Collage** » is an educational tool based on the conclusions of the IPCC report. It explains the climate system and the consequences of its disruption.

Drawing from **collective intelligence**, 6 to 8 participants work together as a **team** during **3 hours**.

A **facilitator** guides them, ensures good communication and provides additional explanations.

A WORKSHOP IN 3 PHASES :

1

1h30 - REFLEXION: Exploring the cause-effect relationship between the 42 cards which represent the elements of our climate system, and a step-by-step reconstruction

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0h30 - CREATIVITY: Time to assimilate what was learned and unwind

3

1h - DEBRIEFING: Time to share thoughts, express feelings and brainstorm about individual and collective solutions.



JOIN THE MOVEMENT !

Designed to unify higher education institutions around the globe, the program is a way of pooling energies for a self-feeding Education system. We invite you to be part of this collective step towards a foothold in climate action!

To let us know that you are interested in joining the program, please contact the local Climate Collage referent in your country or the international coordinator of the program directly.

 [Find your local referent here.](#)

 [Contact the Climate Collage Team.](#)

REGARDING COVID-19

The modalities of “Climate Education Kick-off” can be adapted and aligned with government policies. The implementation of our activities will depend on the development of the current situation and will be done in consultation with each institution.

The Climate Collage also exists **online**. Even in the event of the strictest physical distancing, the program can take place.

The health crisis we are going through must not relegate climate issues to the background. The climate emergency is real and growing, and now more than ever, it is time to equip everyone with the knowledge they need to act effectively and build a liveable world.

RECOMMENDATION



"Global warming, how does it work? To get your answer, you could either read the entire IPCC report (2000 pages so you'd better start now) or else join a Climate Collage workshop. This participatory team game can be adapted to the audience and help to explain the main mechanisms at work in this eminently complex issue – in only a few hours! Try it once and you'll never look back."

Jean-Marc Jancovici, Climate Expert, Founder and Chair of the think-tank **The Shift Project**



"This educational week was introduced by The Climate Collage [...] We are delighted with the effectiveness and impact of the Climate Collage workshop, and we will surely use it again."

Laure Bertrand, Doctor - Director of Soft Skills at the **Leonardo da Vinci Cluster**
(1,200 participants in 2019)



"It is a highly effective tool: simple but not simplifying. Accurate, fun and to the point, it raises a real understanding and awareness among the participants. I recommend it without hesitation!"

Aurélien Acquier, Professor - Head of Sustainability Transition at **ESCP Europe**
(400 participants in 2019)

For more information about The Climate Collage, please contact us here: