

Climate Hot Seat Communications Pack (External)

The Climate Hot Seat

9th April 2021

Time

Key messages

- A youth-led climate hustings event in April 2021 organised by YouthLink Scotland, Children in Scotland, 2050 Climate Group, Teach the Future, Fridays for Future Scotland, and Scottish Youth Parliament.
- An opportunity for young people to directly hold party leaders to account on climate issues in advance of the Scottish Parliament elections in May 2021.
- Young people's chance to have their say in advance of climate hustings by submitting their questions to party leaders on the environmental issues that matter to them most.
- A chance for young people to gain valuable information and insight on climate policy in Scotland in advance of casting their vote.

Text for Newsletters / Website

Young climate activists from across Scotland have joined together to host a youth climate hustings in advance of the Scottish Parliament elections in May 2021.

'The Climate Hot Seat' has been organised by young people aged 13-32 representing seven youth organisations in Scotland. The event is specifically for young people to hold Scotland's party leaders accountable for their climate action and to give other young people valuable information in advance of casting their vote. In the invitation to party leaders, the group said:

"Addressing climate change has never been more important than now. We only have a few years to keep warming below catastrophic levels and if elected to government, this will be something you will have to face during your term in office."

The Climate Hot Seat event will take place on **Friday 9th April** via video conferencing. It is open to young people aged 11 – 25.

Young people can sign up to attend [here](#).

As well as attending the event, young people aged 11 – 25 across Scotland have the opportunity to put their climate and environmental questions to party leaders through an open call for questions that is **OPEN NOW!**

All questions submitted will be reviewed by the organising group of young people before the event and young people whose questions are chosen to be asked at the event will be contacted in advance. If young people are under 16, they will need parental/carer permission to submit a question.

The deadline for submitting questions is **9am on Friday 26th March 2021**.

[Young people can submit their climate change questions through this form.](#)

There will also be an opportunity for young people to join young climate activists and expert speakers to learn more about five key environmental areas with experts on **Friday March 12th**, at our **The Climate Hot Seat – The Warm-Up** event.

Transport, wildlife and biodiversity, fossil fuels and energy, climate targets, and agriculture are some of the most important issues Scotland faces in the fight against climate change. What do Scotland's elected decision-makers have to do to keep warming below catastrophic levels? Young People can ask the experts and have their say in this interactive session. We will also be supporting you to register to vote in the upcoming Scottish Parliamentary elections in May 2021.

This event will be hosted on Zoom and is open to young people aged 11-25.

Young people can sign up here - <https://the-climate-hot-seat-the-warm-up.eventbrite.co.uk>

Social Media

Find a selection of accompanying social media graphics & banners [here](#).

Twitter

 Introducing 'The Climate Hot Seat' - a climate hustings event, planned & led by young climate activists in Scotland, in the lead up to the [@Scotparl](#) elections in May!  
<https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/news/february-2021/party-leaders-to-feature-in-young-peoples-climate-hot-seat-event/>

How can young people across Scotland get involved in #ScotHotSeat? 

-  Sign up to the hustings on 9th April
-  Submit their climate questions
-  Join the Warm-Up event in March

More info on how to get involved ↓

<https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/news/february-2021/party-leaders-to-feature-in-young-peoples-climate-hot-seat-event/>

  Join 'The Climate Hot Seat' event to hear Scotland's party leaders answer young people's questions on climate change issues in Scotland & what they plan to do to combat them.

 9th April

Sign up here - <https://the-climate-hot-seat.eventbrite.co.uk>

  Join young climate activists & expert speakers at our 'The Climate Hot Seat - The Warm-Up' event to discuss key environmental issues in advance of the #ScotHotSeat Hustings on 9th April.

 12th March

 5pm - 6.30pm

Sign up here - <https://the-climate-hot-seat-the-warm-up.eventbrite.co.uk>

📣 Calling all young people in Scotland!

We need your climate questions to put to Party Leaders at #ScotHotSeat Hustings event on 9th April. Got a question? ? 🌐

Fill in our form before 9am - 26th March!

✍️ <https://bit.ly/2ZtaWeU>

Instagram

📣 Introducing 'The Climate Hot Seat' - a climate hustings event, planned & led by young climate activists in Scotland, in the lead up to the @Scotparl elections in May!

Young people can get involved by signing up to the #ScotHotSeat event on 9th April, submitting their climate questions ahead of the event and joining us at the warm-up event on 12th March to hear from climate experts!

More info on how to get involved through the link in our bio.

<https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/news/february-2021/party-leaders-to-feature-in-young-peoples-climate-hot-seat-event/>

📣 Calling all young people in Scotland. We need your help!

We are looking for your climate change questions to put to Scotland's Party Leaders at #ScotHotSeat hustings event on 9th April. Got a question on an environmental issue that you would like answered? Head to the link in our bio and fill in the submission form before 9am on 26th March!

Add Link to Bio - <https://bit.ly/2ZtaWeU>

In advance of our #ScotHotSeat hustings on 9th April there's 'The Climate Hot Seat - The Warm Up' event to help you get ready! Join climate activists and experts to discuss key environmental issues such as transport, wildlife and biodiversity, fossil fuels and energy, climate targets, and agriculture. The event is on the 12th March from 5pm - 6.30pm and you can sign up through the link in our bio.

<add link to bio> <https://the-climate-hot-seat-the-warm-up.eventbrite.co.uk>