

The Concern Debates Podcast 2024

Motion One

“School strikes are the only effective way for young people to have a voice on Climate Change”

In episode one of the 2024 ‘Debating Development’ podcast series, Olga chats to Victoria Ivory (Campaigns Officer at Concern Worldwide, Dublin), Sohanur Rahman (a youth climate activist from Bangladesh) and Abdulkadir Ibrahim (Resilience Programme Manager at Concern Worldwide in Somalia) about the impact of youth-led movements such as school strikes on the fight against climate change.

Listen to the podcast and answer the following questions:

- What is climate change?
- List three effects of climate change. Consider its impact on the planet and on people.
- Give an example of how youth-led movements are taking action on climate change.
- Give an example of how climate change is affecting Somalia.
- In response to these changes, how are communities in Somalia adapting to the effects of climate change?

- What does Sohanur think is one of the most powerful tools we have to combat the climate crisis?
- List three arguments that **support** the motion based on Victoria, Sohanur, Abdulkadir and Olga’s discussion.
- List three arguments that **oppose** the motion based on the interview.
- How do the topics discussed in the podcast connect to your life, either personally, at school or in your community?

What are your initial thoughts and opinions on the motion based on your listening to the podcast?