

CONCERN YOUTH CLIMATE AMBASSADOR

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“ I’m by no means a climate expert, I’m not an environmental specialist and I’m not climate perfect. But I think if anything, that’s why it’s so important to have taken on this role, because it’s important to see that you don’t have to know everything there is to know about climate change if you want to make a difference.

It gave me the skills and confidence to speak publicly and loudly on climate justice, and to champion those voices which are harder to hear, but are most impacted by climate change. ”

Jenny Salmon

Jenny Salmon
2023 Concern Youth
Climate Ambassador





Photo: Jane Allen /Concern Worldwide

Concern Worldwide

Youth Climate Ambassador

Concern Worldwide Stands for

Our vision, our mission and our work are all defined by one goal – ending extreme poverty, whatever it takes. We believe that no-one should have to live in fear that they won't have a home to sleep in or enough food to feed their children.

Our vision is of a world free from poverty, fear and oppression. A world where everyone has access to the opportunities, they need to live a long, healthy and creative life. A world where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

Our mission is to help people living in extreme poverty achieve major improvements in their lives which last and spread without ongoing support from Concern.

To achieve this mission, we engage in long term development work, build resilience, respond to emergency situations, and seek to address the root causes of poverty through our development education and advocacy work.

ADVOCATE FOR A BETTER FUTURE!

What it means to be a Concern Worldwide Youth Climate Ambassador

Do you want to make a difference? Do you want to do more to fight against climate change? Are you interested in finding new ways to live a more sustainable life? Then the Youth Climate Ambassador is for you!

Our ambassadors engage with climate and environmental policy and decision makers, connect with other climate activists globally, help promote the voices of those most impacted by climate change, and inspire other young people to take climate action in their local communities.

Addressing climate change is one of the biggest global and local challenges facing our planet. Concern has been working in humanitarian situations for over 50 years. The impact of climate change can be seen everywhere. Not only is the scale at which we are seeing extreme weather patterns increase poverty and hunger globally is alarming. It is increasing inequalities, driving conflict, and limiting the potential of future generations.

The Youth Climate Ambassador Programme will help you to

- Develop the skills and knowledge to play a leadership role in taking climate action and addressing climate injustice.
- Inspire other young people to take climate action in their local communities and participate in Concern's Active Citizenship programmes.
- Connect with other climate activists globally, share networks and experiences and help promote the voices of those most impacted by climate change.
- Engage with climate and environmental policy and decision makers.



Kosimasi Salijeni (37) at the pond in Samu Village. Kosimasi is a farmer, married to Jenipher and father to 3 girls. Maguwero dam, Neno District. Photo: Chris Gagnon/Concern Worldwide

Individuals applying as a Youth Climate Ambassador

- Should agree with the broader aims, values and purpose of Concern Worldwide.
- Should be available to travel to a Concern Country programme & Concern events within Ireland when necessary.
- Should be available to take part in activities organised by the campaign team, a schedule will be provided.
- Should accept that the Youth Climate Ambassador is a volunteer and as such will not receive a payment for their service.
 - Must be fluent in the English language
- Must comply with Concern's Child Safeguarding policy -- including being Garda Vetted (ROI) or Access NI (NI)

Training

Concern provides a selection of training for the Youth Climate Ambassador. A schedule of training dates will be provided. Concern's campaign staff are available to speak with any Ambassador looking for clarification, advice or information.

Application for the Concern Climate Ambassador Programme can be found [here](#)



A workshop at the Malawi Concern Office in 2022 with some of the Dublin Concern Staff and members of the Malawi National Youth Network on Climate Change . Photo: Chris Gagnon/ Concern Worldwide



Sinéad Morgan - Campaign Officer doing a Climate Justice workshop with students at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Photo: Emma Kelly Concern Worldwide



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