

U7+ Worldwide Student Forum 2021:

Climate Change: Intergenerational Conflict or Intergenerational Alliance?

The U7+ Worldwide Student Forum 2021 offers students an exciting opportunity to connect with students globally, learn lifelong skills and make a positive impact on global challenges through this year's programme: *Climate Change: Intergenerational Conflict or Intergenerational Alliance?*

Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges we collectively face, and one that disproportionately impacts the futures and hopes of young people around the world. The significance of inter-generational justice is highlighted by recent legal action in [Germany](#) and the [UK](#) where young people are taking their governments to court over climate inaction.

Alongside this year's G7 summit in June and the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in November, the U7+ Worldwide Student Forum 2021 will bring student voices to the centre of creating solutions in a way that takes the interests and rights of future generations into account. Through peer-to-peer discussions, optional masterclasses and academic roundtables, students will gain experience in global engagement and networking, and learn useful skills to make a positive impact, such as advocacy, resilience, policy making and persuasive writing.

On behalf of the U7+ Alliance, the Forum will be co-presented by UCL, Northwestern University and the U7+ Student Leaders Group.

Commitment:

The U7+ Worldwide Student Forum 2021 will run from 23 June 2021 to November 2021. All events and activities will take place online, and events will be recorded for those who are unable to attend. The minimum time commitment for students is five hours in total. Students participating will be invited to the following:

- *Climate Change: Intergenerational Conflict or Intergenerational Alliance* kick-off event on 23 June 2021, 2-3pm UK time. The event will include a student discussion moderated by UCL Pro-Vice-Provost (Europe) [Dr Uta Staiger](#), audience polling, the allocation of questions/teams across institutions, an outline of intended outputs and next steps – *1 hour*
- Two student-led group meetings in July and October – *approximately 2 hours*
- Closing event in November 2021 (date tbc), which will include keynote speeches and a presentation by student groups – *approximately 2 hours*

In addition, students will have the option to attend the following public academic roundtables and masterclasses with world leading experts. All events are free to attend for students nominated by U7+ universities.

- [Sustainability as Cultural Practice: Verbal and Visual Art, History and the Environmental Humanities](#), a series of four roundtables organised by the [UCL Cities Partnerships Programme](#), in collaboration with the [British School at Rome](#) (BSR) and the [British Embassy in Italy](#) – 2 to 19 July 2021.
- Masterclasses in influencing and advocacy skills, policy making and persuasive writing skills, and resilience for researchers and activists – September to October 2021.

Eligibility:

Both undergraduate and graduate students, from all academic disciplines, are eligible to apply. The only pre-requisite is that students are curious, creative and action-oriented. The organising language will be English.