

Event Report



Youth Climate Summit

November
22-27 2021
Bermuda

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The vision of the Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute (BUEI) is to *'Ensure the ocean around Bermuda is widely understood, appreciated and protected'*, and the organization has been committed to developing ocean literacy through its educational programmes since its inception nearly 25 years ago.

With the global attention on the health of the world's oceans, and the direct impact to Bermuda from rising sea levels attributed to global warming, BUEI sought to adopt a holistic approach to further increase ocean literacy and to promote ocean stewardship.

The Youth Climate Summit was created by BUEI to educate, inform, and engage young people on the climate issue. The Summit provided an ideal opportunity to involve multiple generations and stakeholders in discussions and collaboration on the broader environmental issues that ultimately impact ocean ecosystems, locally and globally. It also laid the foundation for a year of youth-led initiatives intended to safeguard those ecosystems.

Educate Inform Engage



The Youth Climate Summit was supported by Bermuda's Ministry of Education who were *"really excited about the opportunity to engage our students in a relevant and authentic initiative, and activities that will present many benefits for them. These include acquiring new knowledge and skills; providing them with access to local and international experts; creating opportunities to engage in a national project; and to address a local and global challenge, all whilst enabling them to develop new partnerships and friendships, to list a few."*

The Ministry's support made it possible for public school students and educators to access the tools and resources required to fully participate in the Summit. Additional support by CITV, the Bermuda Government's public information station, helped to extend pre-Summit outreach into homes across Bermuda.

Educate Inform Engage

PRE-SUMMIT ACTIVITIES & OUTCOMES



- Extensive Social Media campaign
- Focus on representation
- Daily countdown & engagement
- Clear call to action
- 12 school assemblies & faculty sessions
- 4 weeks of topical documentary screening

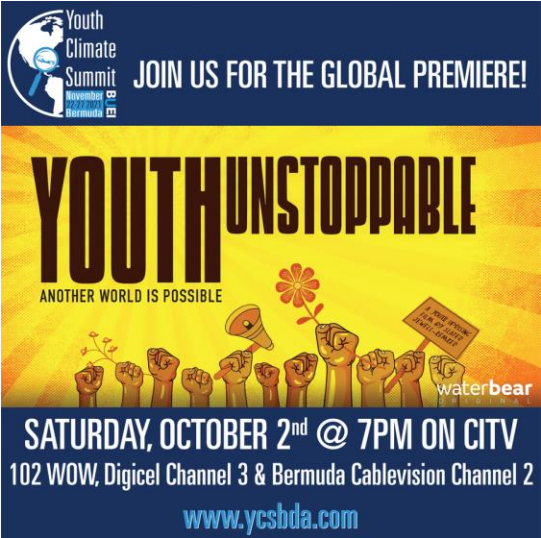


Pre-Summit: Educate & Inform

Youth Climate Cinema

‘Youth Unstoppable’ global premier via CITV/BUEI partnership. Bermuda was the only country authorized to screen the documentary via public access television during its international release.

YOUTH UNSTOPPABLE – BUEI Onsite Screening Feedback Survey	1	2	3	4	5
	1= Not Concerned 5= Very Concerned				
Before you watched Youth Unstoppable, how did you feel before about climate crisis?		2	3	9	14
Now that you have seen Youth Unstoppable, how did you feel before about climate crisis?			1	5	22
	1= Pessimistic 5= Optimistic				
Before you watched Youth Unstoppable, how did you feel about our power to change the future?	1	6	15	4	2
Now that you have seen Youth Unstoppable, how did you feel about our power to change the future?		1	3	7	17



It's not about saving the planet. Nature is powerful-the earth has survived and will continue to. Climate change is about saving people. That changed my perspective.
14 year old, Homeschooler



One moviegoer, who registered for the Summit after attending one Youth Climate Cinema film block, is now a member of the Youth Climate Advisory Board. (See video clip at left)

Pre-Summit Outcomes

PARTICIPANTS

- **189 total registrations received**
- **153 accepted**

Their reasons for applying.



Schools represented

Berkeley Institute

Dellwood Middle School

Bermuda College

Saltus Grammar School

Bermuda High School (BHS)

Sands Secondary Middle School

Bermuda Homeschool Network

Somersfield Academy

Cedarbridge Academy

Warwick Academy

Chatmore British International School

Whitney Institute Middle School

Clearwater Middle School

Overseas University Students

Pre-Summit Outcomes

VIRTUAL SESSIONS OUTCOMES

Youth
Climate
Summit
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Monday-Thursday 12pm – 1.30pm

Purpose: *Build a common understanding to drive conversations*

- ☐ International Subject Matter Experts provide background & context
- ☐ Global overview, local impact
- ☐ Youth Advocates share their stories, challenges & successes
- ☐ Facilitated Q&A, daily surveys and polls to maintain engagement

Virtual Sessions: Educate, Inform & Engage

Monday, November 22nd

Climate 101 What's All The Buzz About

What is climate? How does climate change? Why should it matter? What can we be sure of? What is still to be discovered?



Subject Matter Expert



Dr. Mark Guishard
Director, Bermuda Weather Service



Aaron Crichlow
Bermuda

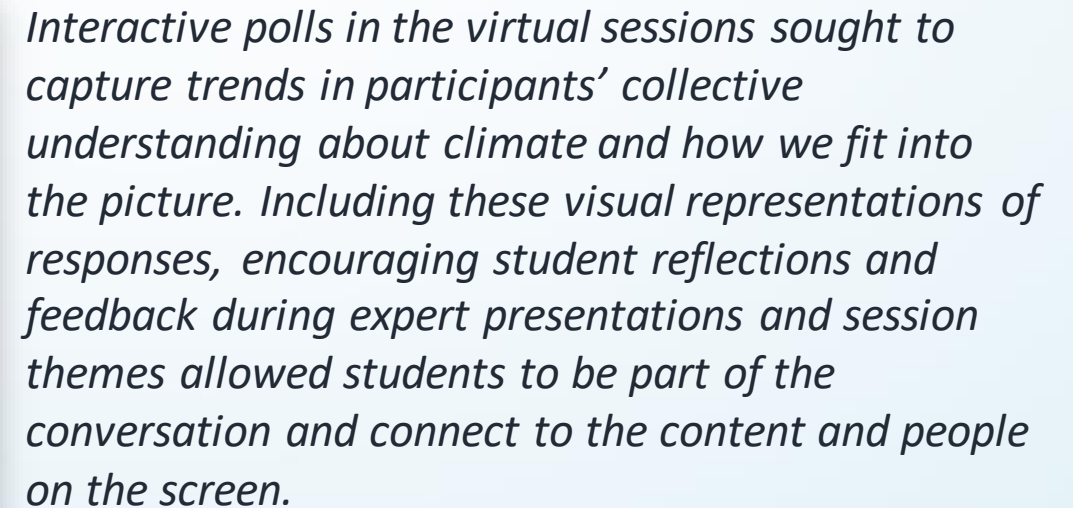


Sonika Poudel
Kathmandu, Nepal



Andrew Fagerheim
New York, USA

Monday Virtual Session



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Tuesday, November 23rd

Climate Impacts – Why Should I Care?

How does climate impact the environment around us? Who is impacted the most? Why?



Subject Matter Expert



Dr. Isabel Rivera-Collazo
Assistant Professor
University of California

Youth Advocates



Sumnima Ghimire
Kathmandu, Nepal



Jerome Foster II
Washington, DC. USA

Tuesday Virtual Session

Post-presentation with Dr. Isabel Rivera-Collazo, regarding the most interesting connection between climate and impact:

- *I had never really thought of non tangible aspects of our lives and not just the planet itself. Virtual participant*
- *Climate can connect all the way back to 4000 years ago. I didn't think that was possible. To know that our history can determine our lifestyle and we can affect the future. Virtual participant*

What is more important for your identity?



Tuesday Session Outcome

Wednesday, November 24th

Climate Action - What Can I Do?

What's the difference between Advocacy and Activism? What is Climate Justice? What's the difference between Sustainability and Conservation? How can I make a difference.



Subject Matter Expert



Kyle Gracey
Board Chair, SustainUS

Youth Advocate



Mari "Little Miss Flint" Copney
Flint, Michigan USA

Time to Choose Your Track!*

- Conservation
- Sustainability
- Climate Justice

Participants will prioritize their area of focus for Saturday's onsite sessions and the initiatives that will follow!

*Determines Saturday onsite arrival/registration time.

Wednesday Virtual Session



Sustainability is the regenerative use of resources that sustains our needs today without compromising the needs of future generations.

Example: The Bermuda stepped roof water system and growing produce locally.



Students spent time together in virtual break-out groups prior to selecting their area of focus.

Conservation is the act of safekeeping existing resources for present and future generations.

Example: Protecting water quality; preserving green belts and nature reserves, i.e. the Railway trail, Spittal Pond, and seagrass beds.



Climate Justice: Giving a voice to those most vulnerable to the negative impacts of climate change and a say in climate action.

Example: Ensuring Bermuda's climate legislation receives full input and approval from the communities most affected, and that the costs of action are fairly shared.

"You messed it up, you fix it!"

Wednesday Track Selection

Wednesday Participant Reflection

“One important thing I learned from today is _____”

- ***My voice matters!***
- There are many paths that I can take in order to help save the environment.
- ***Plastics have vast effects on both human and environmental health.***
- I don't have to be scientific to have a job that helps our environment.
- ***We all have important skills that are needed for climate action.***
- Young people can be leaders too.

Wednesday Session Outcome

Thursday, November 25th

Climate & Me – How Does My Future Look?

What's in my control here and now? How can I plan for future?



Subject Matter Expert



Angela A'Zary
Senior Vice President
RenaissanceRe, Bermuda

Youth Advocates



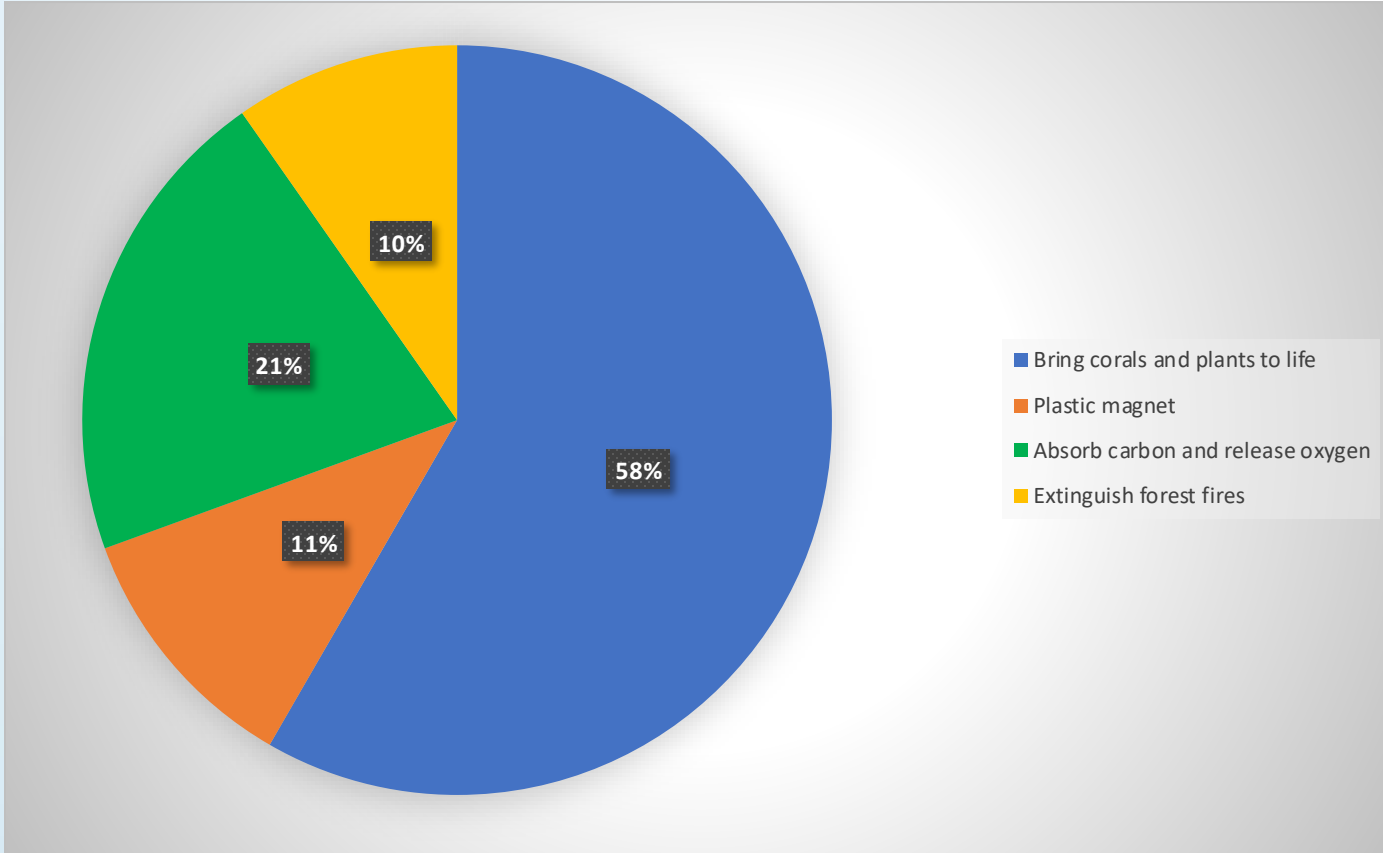
Fae Sapsford
Bermuda



Forbi Perise
'The Plastics Man'
Cameroon

Thursday Virtual Session

Which climate action superpower would you want most?



Thursday Session Outcome

BUEI ONSITE ACTIVITIES & OUTCOMES

Friday ENVIRONMENTAL SHOWCASE 2.5 hours

Purpose: *Identify local resources and collaboration opportunities to inform your own action plans.*

- ☐ Summit partner introductions
- ☐ Video presentations by local environmental NGOs
- ☐ Face-to-face engagement with international & local organizations
- ☐ Interactive and informative booths

- **127 Student attendees**
- **20 Faculty in attendance**



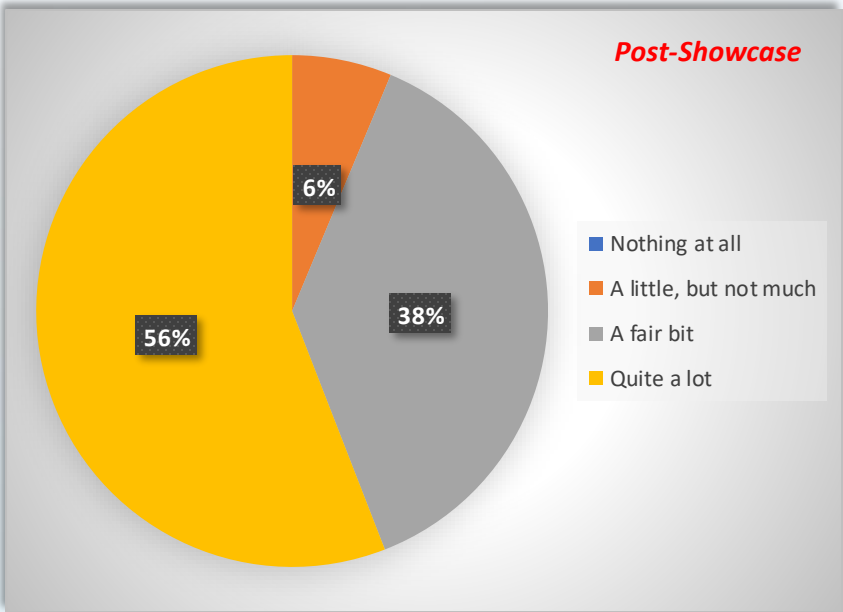
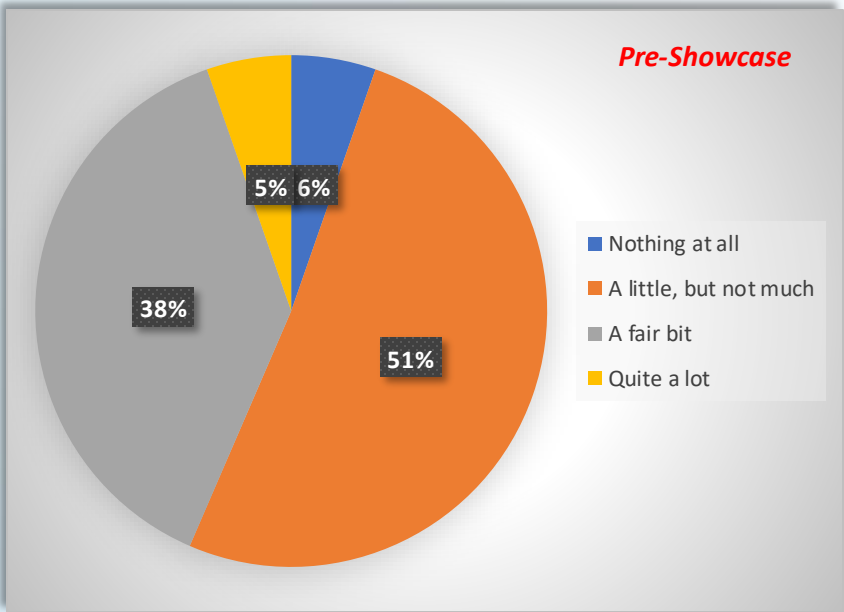
Environmental Showcase: Inform & Engage

Pre and Post-Showcase survey results measured the impact of the visit with NGO's and partners.



Overall Results

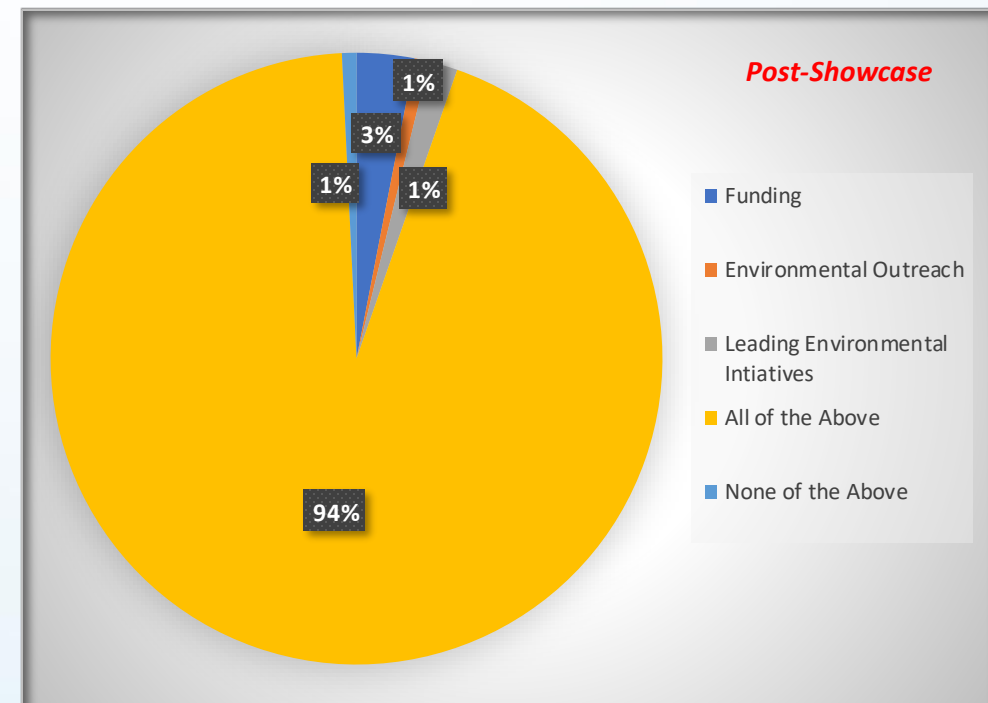
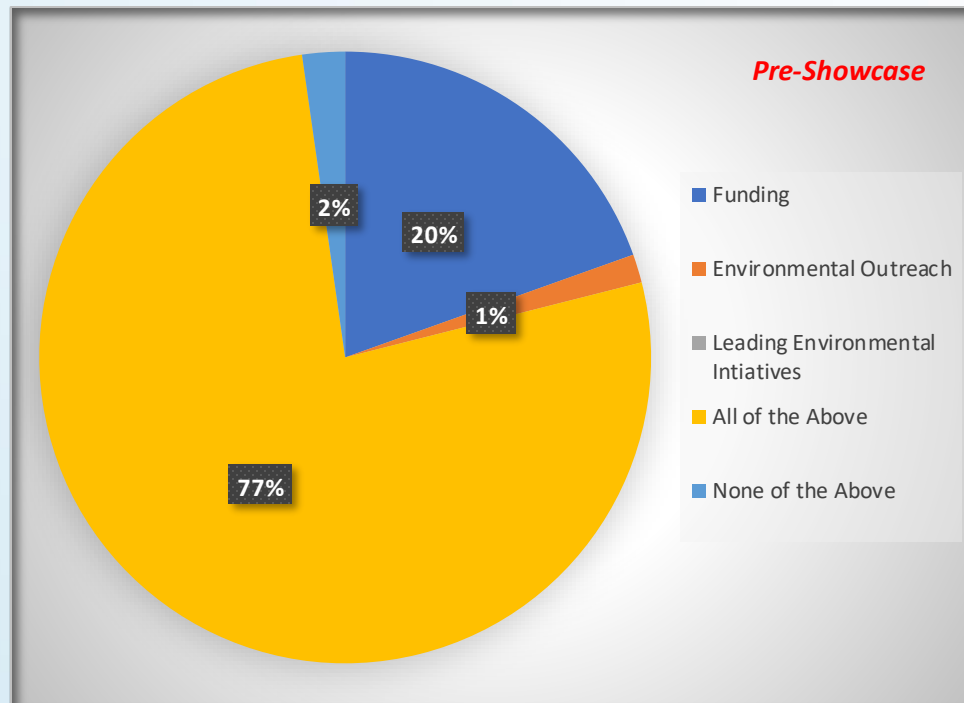
How much do you feel you know about Bermuda's Current Environmental Projects?



Environmental Showcase Outcomes

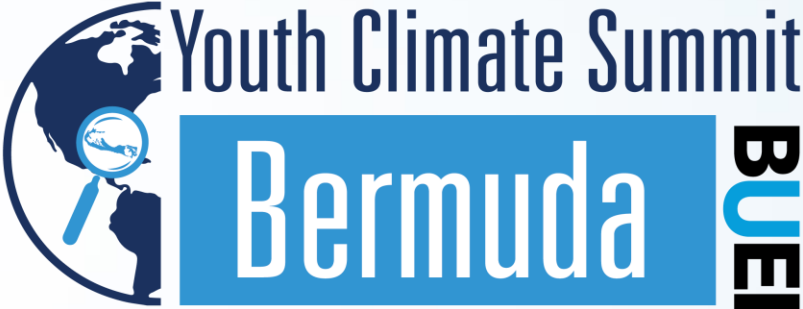
Overall Results

What role do businesses play in tackling environmental issues?

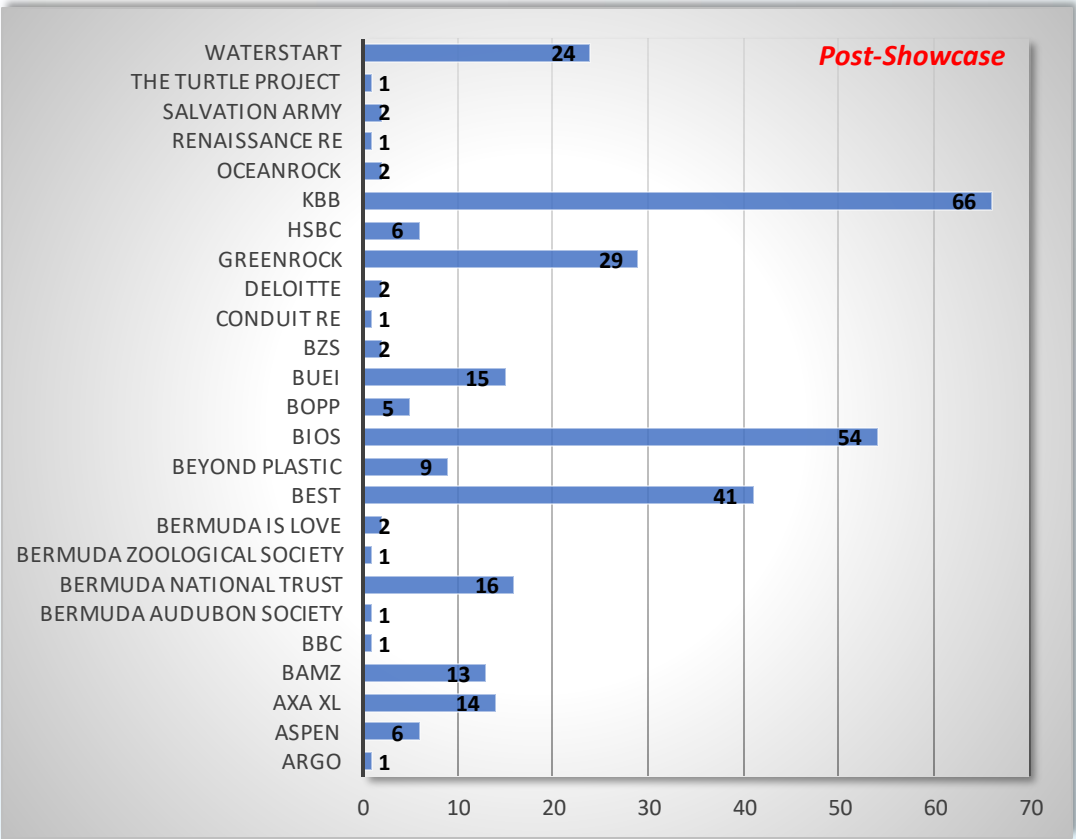
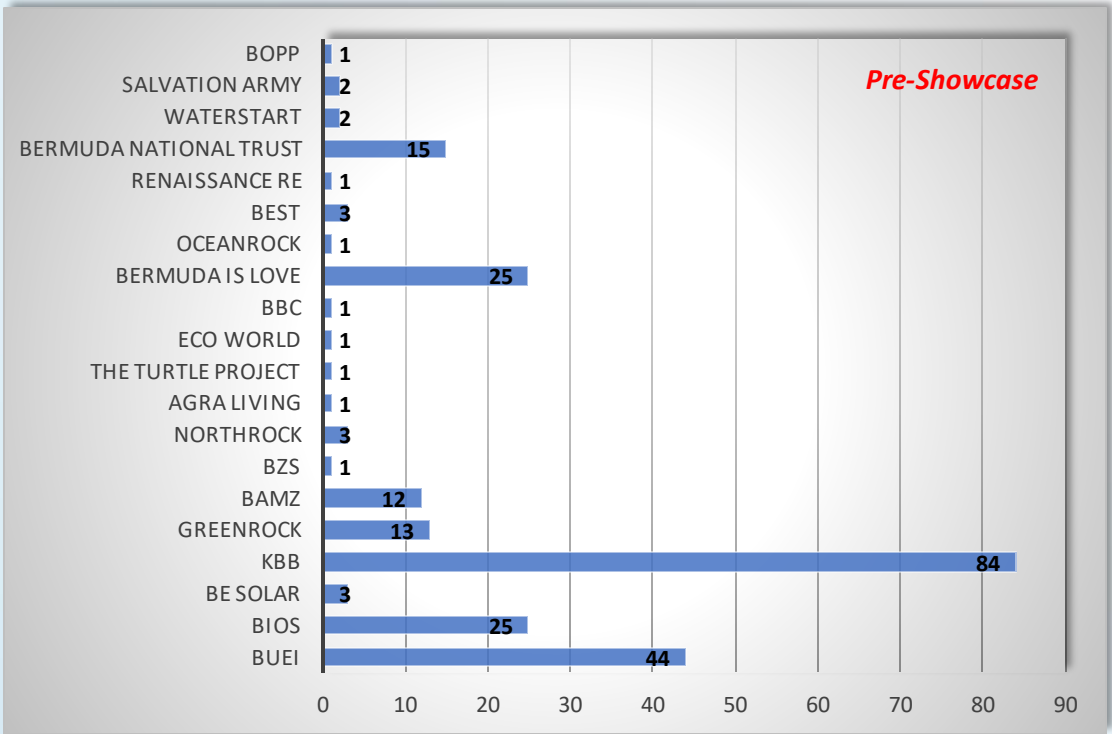


Environmental Showcase Outcomes

Overall Results



What are some local Environmental Organisations that you know of?



Post-Summit Survey Responses

What did you most enjoy about the Environmental Showcase on Friday?

I really liked meeting all the local activists and organizations so i am aware of what people in Bermuda are doing as well as being able to get involved with them.

I enjoyed talking to the people there and learning about what is currently being done in Bermuda and different organization's plans for the future.

I enjoyed that I was able to talk to the sponsors and hear the changes they are pushing in their workplace environment. I was also able to register for some things.

Talking to organisations about what they are doing be become more sustainable and how they aim to reach net zero.

I enjoyed the way we were able to collaborate with the partners, some made a game and we won prizes.

How we were given little things to help reduce our carbon footprint in Bermuda.

I liked seeing the different companies and what they had to offer in innovation.

Everyone was super nice, and they were all curious about what i had to say.

I enjoyed learning about the different organizations in Bermuda that are making an effort to change Bermuda positively.

I like the mini stalls of the organizations and how they explained their cause and how they're going on about it.

Meeting with vendors, establishing what opportunities were available for students, schools etc; free giveaways; any body always likes a free gift!



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I thought it was cool because I was able to meet the different sponsors. It was good to know so many people cared about the climate.
14 year-old Berkeley Institute

I enjoyed that we where able to go around and learn what organizations are out there and I liked the fact that we were actually able to sign up and "BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER" and help contribute to help save our planet.
17 year-old, Cedarbridge Academy

I attended the NGO/Corporate fair on the Friday with my students and it was very professionally presented. I was super impressed with the videos from the NGOs and the opportunities for interactions with key stakeholders was invaluable for students.
Bermuda College Instructor

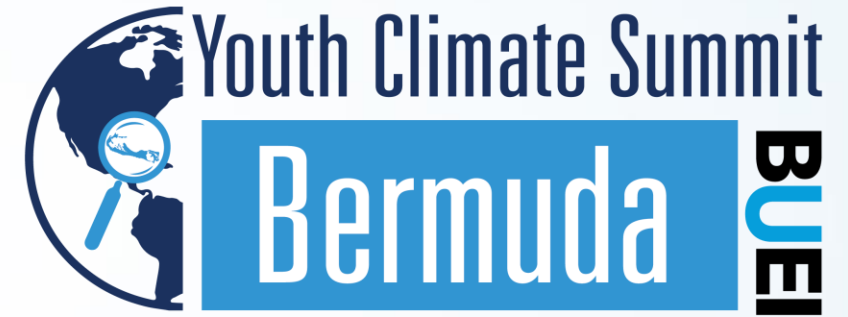
Environmental Showcase Outcomes

Saturday, November 27th

Purpose: *Propose your own solutions*

- Summit Participants join their fellow track-members
- Review what they've heard throughout the week
- Voice their vision for their future
- Identify climate actions and initiatives they can undertake to help secure their vision.
- Establish Youth Climate Advisory Board

➤ ***90 Participants in attendance***



Saturday Session: Engage

What Climate
Action do you
want Bermuda to
undertake?

What climate
initiative would
you carry out with
your peers?

What would this
accomplish?

YOUR TURN YOUR VOICE



- Small Working Groups
- Thoughtful Presentations

YOUR TURN YOUR VOICE

SIGN UP FOR YOUTH CLIMATE ADVISORY BOARD

Place a post-it with your full
name on it in the space below:

Youth Climate Advisory Board

Each track appointed 3 delegates to serve as active advocates and ambassadors for the Youth Climate Projects.

- Keep other Board members informed on their respective project group activities
- Share information from the Board with their project group
- Communicate your project group's needs, issues, or concerns to the Board

A YEAR OF ACTION

Youth Climate Advisory Board members



Climate Justice



Conservation

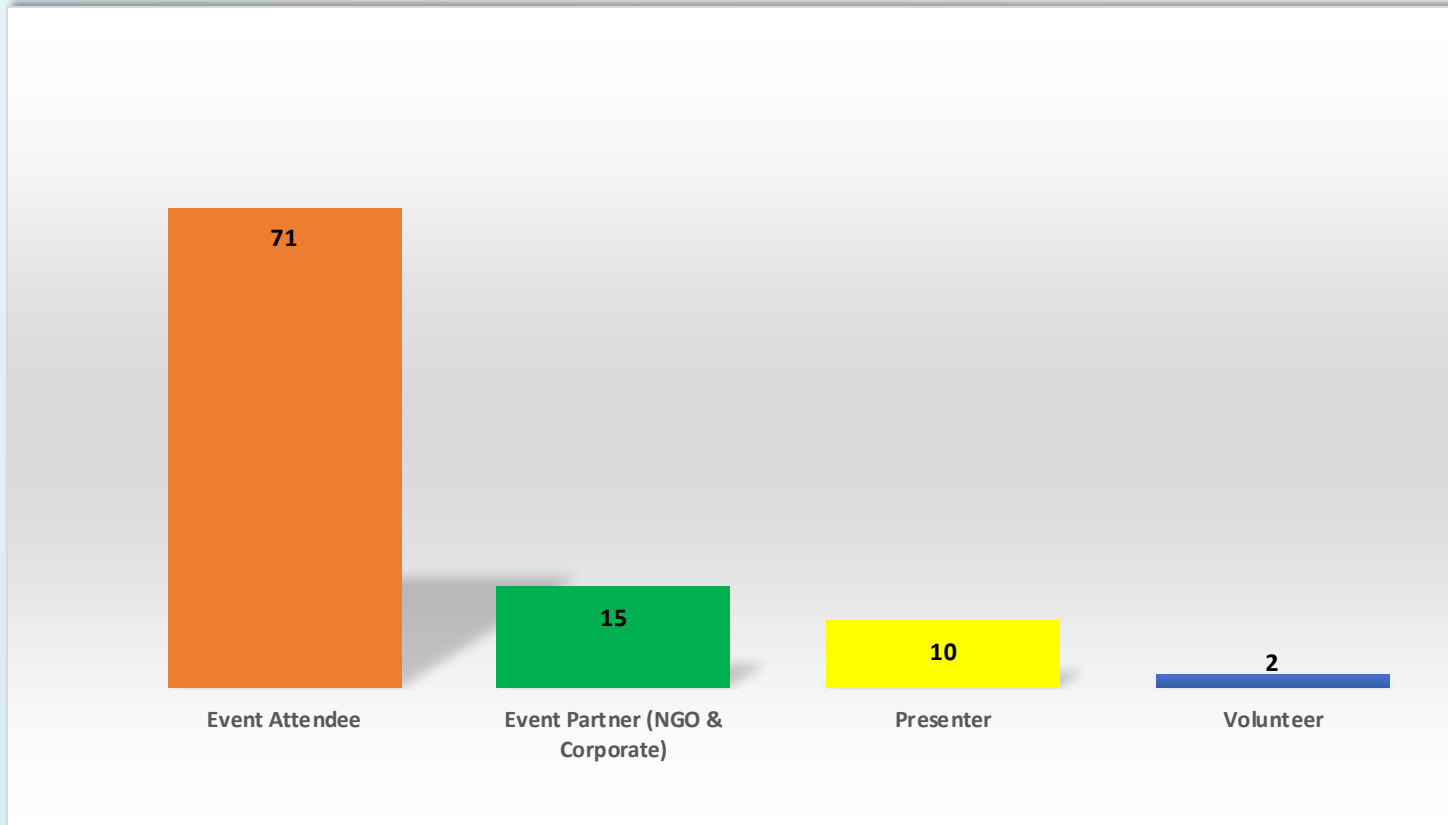


Sustainability

Youth Leadership

Post-Summit Feedback

How did you participate in the Youth Climate Summit?



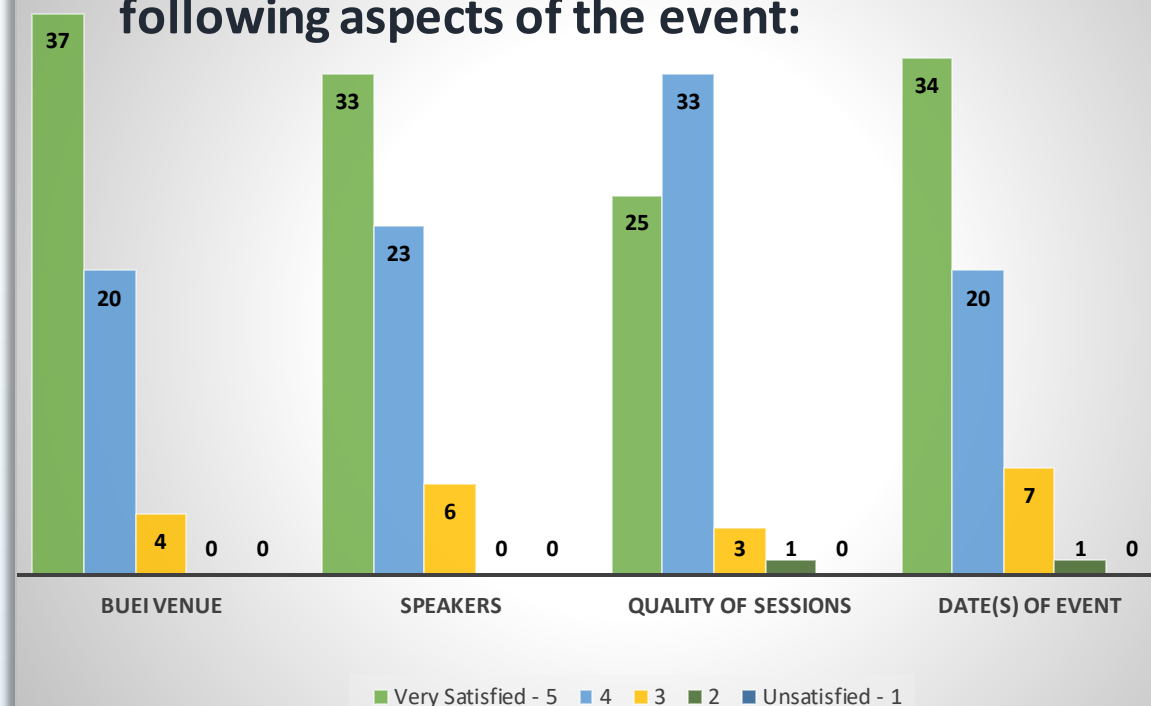
Post Summit Feedback – Respondents



Student

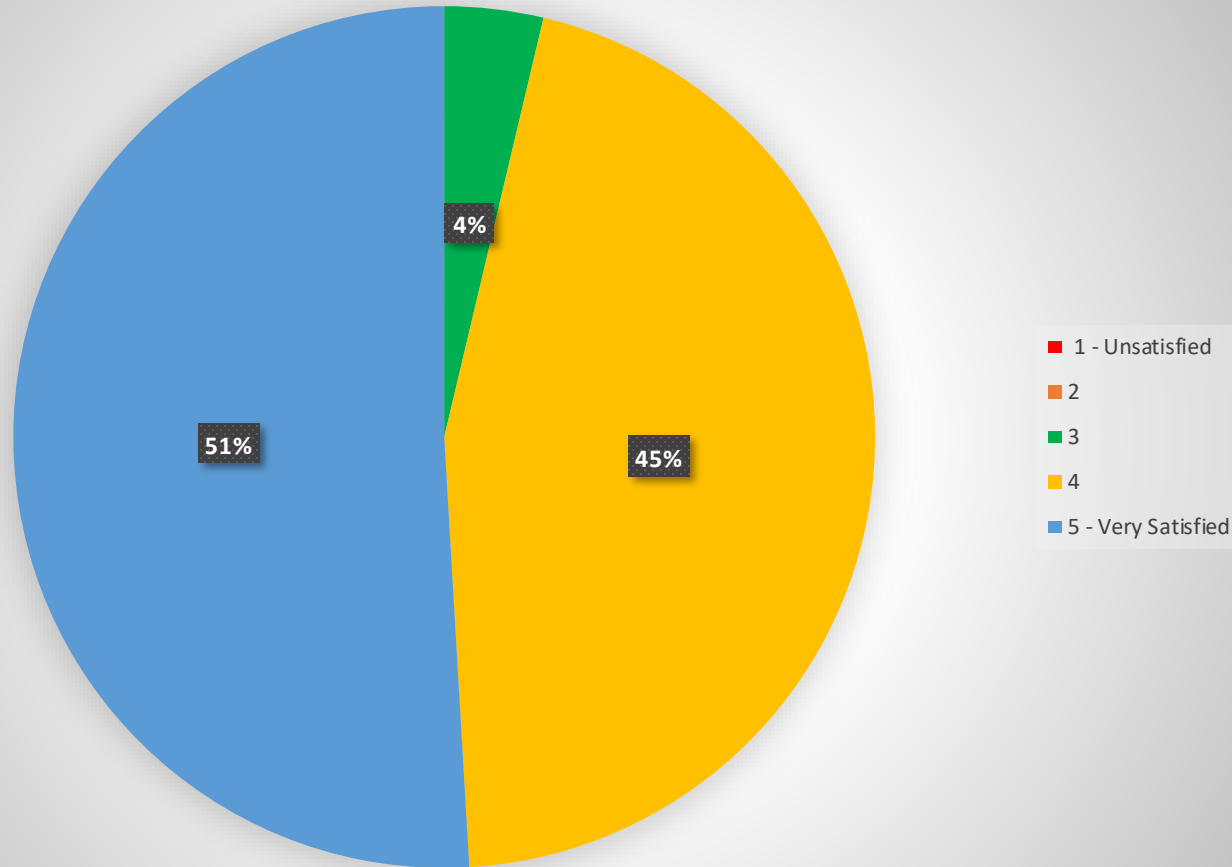
Faculty Member

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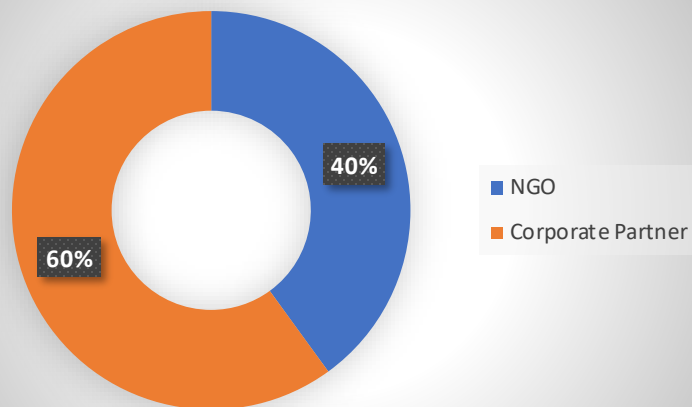


Post Summit Feedback - Attendees

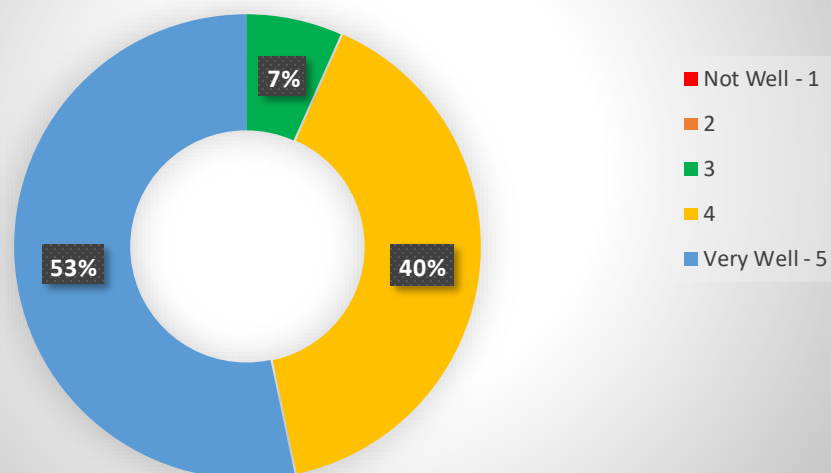
What is your level of satisfaction for the Youth Climate Summit?



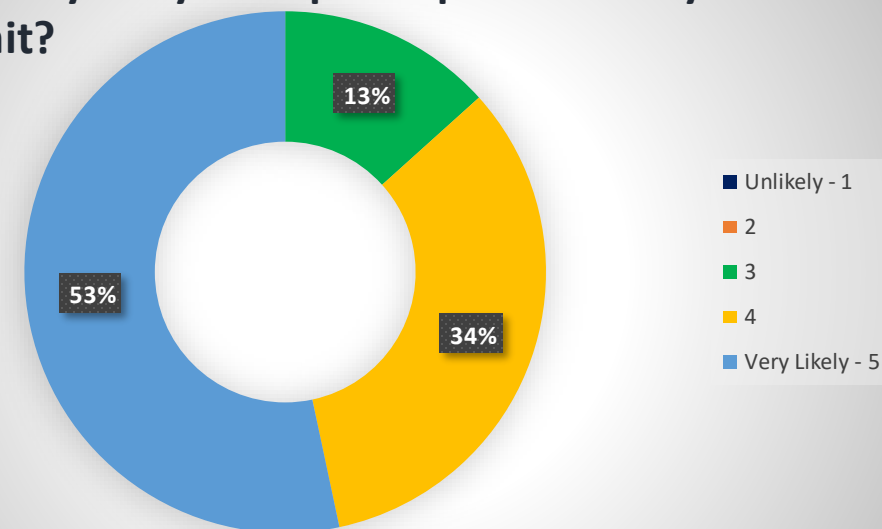
Post Summit Feedback - Overall



How well did the Youth Climate Summit meet your expectations?



How likely are you to participate in next year's summit?



Post Summit Feedback - NGOs & Partners

Partner Overview

BUEI sought to partner with organizations who share a similar vision for Bermuda – where the Island’s youth and young adults have a strong connection to the environment and imagine themselves as future business owners, community leaders and environmental advocates.

Partner Selection

We extend our sincere thanks to all Summit Partners for providing the necessary funding to underpin the Summit's success, for their thoughtful input throughout the event's development stages, and for their generous sharing of time and resources to engage with participants.

Thank You

Transformational Founding Partners

Our Transformational Founding Partners are committed to realizing the vision of the Youth Climate Summit and the Youth Climate Advisory Board.



They are interested in supporting young people pursuing transformative solutions to systemic problems.

They want to build trust, equity and diversity by equally contributing a range of resources beyond financial contributions, including knowledge, expertise, connections, credibility, and people.



Transformational Founding Partners

Visionary Partners

: having or marked by foresight and imagination

Visionary Partners support endeavors that promote thinking about the future in a creative and imaginative way.



Inspire Partners

: to make someone feel that they want to do something and can do it

Inspired Partners recognize the need to excite and encourage to build confidence that leads to action.



Visionary & Inspire Partners

Motivate Partners

: to make someone want to do something well

KPMG

PACT

Neuberger Berman

Bermuda Tourism Authority

Advocate Partners

*: a person or organization who publicly supports or recommends
a particular cause or policy.*

ABIR

BeSolar

Bermuda Development
Agency

Bermuda Stock Exchange

Lindo's Family Foods

Hamilton Princess Hotel

Belco

WaterBear

Motivate & Advocate Partners



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