



# End of Year Engagement Report

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# Goal

The Youth Climate Summit (YCS), within the framework of BUEI's educational programming, is an initiative that instils confidence in young individuals to actively participate in discussions surrounding climate topics and, more importantly, to become integral contributors to addressing climate challenges.

Post-Summit, high school and college YCS attendees can participate in a year-long structured programme. This report highlights participant learning and engagement during the year between the 2022 and 2023 Youth Climate Summits.



# Program Structure

The YCS programme begins with a one-week event that includes interactive virtual sessions, and onsite activities which provide participants the opportunity to engage directly with local environmental and partner organizations, their peers and visiting youth activists.

In the year between each event, a new cohort of students join alumni from past years in educational sessions and on field trips, in preparation for a student-led climate action project.







# YCS Post-Summit Coaching & Skill Building

Participants receive coaching and development opportunities in the areas of:

- Leadership
- Project Management
- Budgeting & Finance
- Stakeholder and Volunteer Engagement
- Communication & Public Relations
- Career Considerations



# YCS Post Summit Field Trips & Activities

- Students travel across the island for direct engagement with partners and stakeholders.
- Activities focus on locally led sustainability projects, as energy.
- Interactive partner sessions cover corporate social responsibility (CSR), and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues.







## Example: Presentation Skill Building

Each year, Alumni receive professional training for delivering peer-to-peer presentations, both virtual and in-person, focusing on their local activism efforts.



# YCS Summit Alumni Sessions & Events

- Alumni Ambassador Awards recognizing student commitment and involvement.
- Comprehensive recap sessions to capture and share program and project insights.
- New cohort knowledge transfer presentations via a facilitated panel discussions.
- Working sessions focused on environmental policy.
- Alumni-led Summit action project.



# 2022/2023 Schedule of Activities



8 Education Meetings  
16 Project Meetings  
13 Fact-Finding Trips  
1 Award Ceremony  
3 Online Sessions  
2 Alumni Sessions

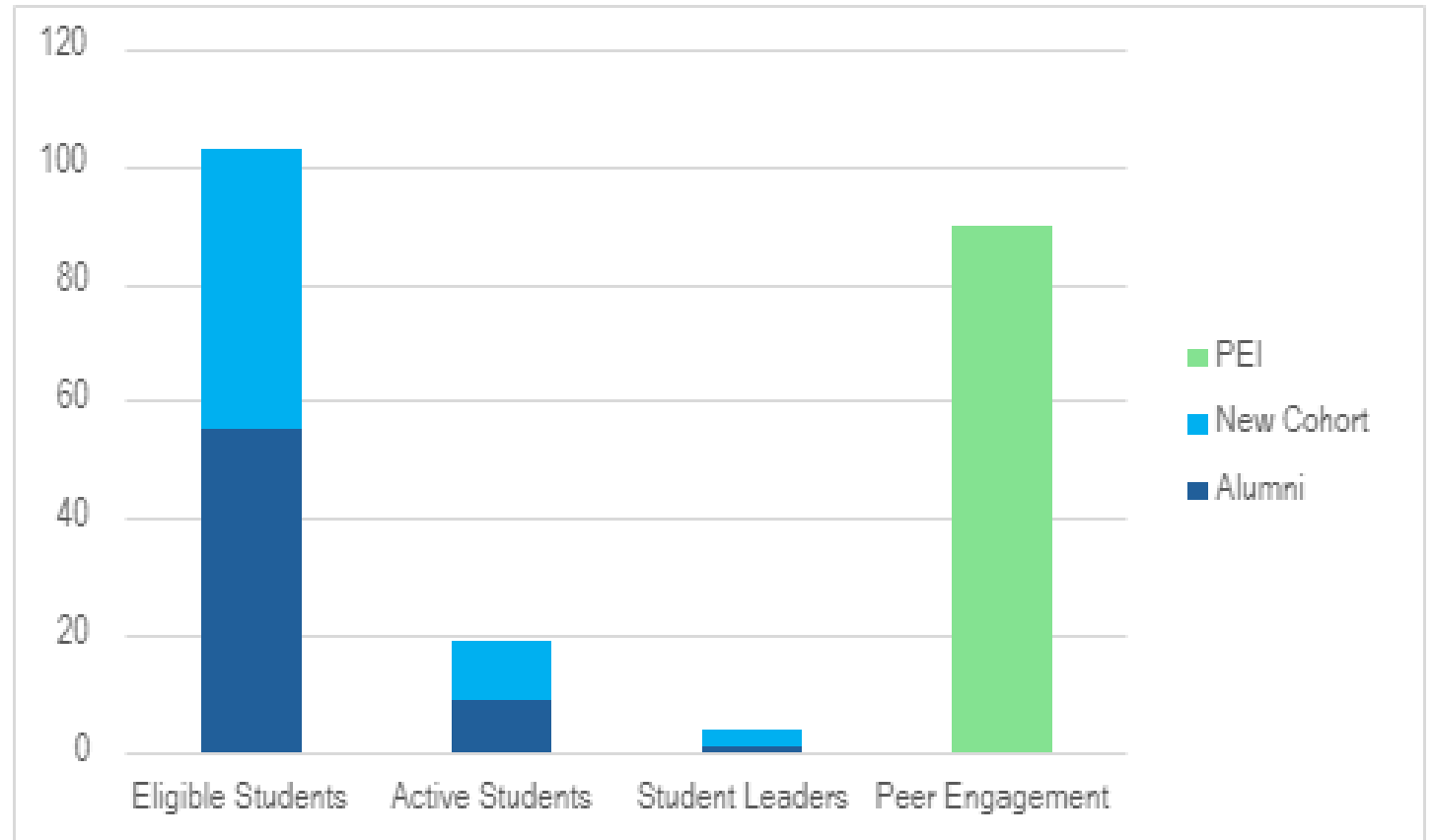
**Totaling 43 post summit  
activities 2022/23**



# 2022/23 Post-Summit Engagement

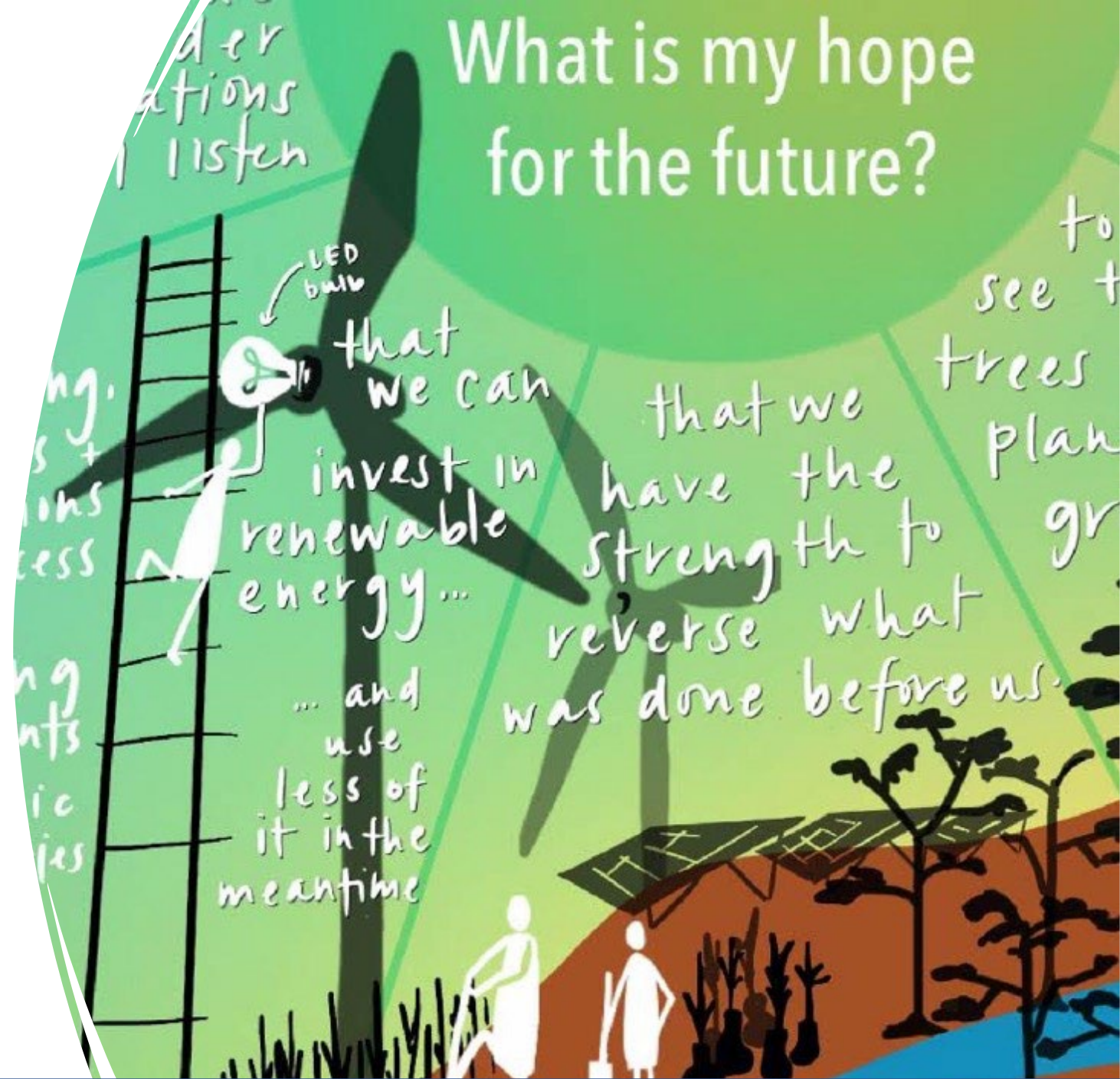
- **Eligible Students:** YCS attendees eligible to participate in post-Summit activities. (Excludes middle-school students)
- **Active:** Attended at least one activity
- **Student leaders:** attended five or more activities.
- **Peer Engagement:** Non-registered programme peers actively engaging in one-off projects (e.g. trash audits)

**Alumni** Students who attended a previous Summit.



# What can be improved?

- Explore strategies to increase student participation.
- Foster student ownership of climate action projects.
- Clarify to students that this is a year-long initiative.
- Communication efforts should focus on increasing student engagement.







## What has worked?

- Facilitate team-building exercises during YCS Fact Finding Trips
- Project coaching, utilizing local expertise
- Organize alumni activities at the Summit
- Emphasizing topics such as energy, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues

# List of Youth Projects



- 2024 Waste Awareness Project*
- 2023 Beach Clean-Up*
- 2022 Single use plastic substitution*



- 2024 Ocean Benefits Project*
- 2023 LED Energy Project*
- 2022 Good Growing Project*



- 2024 Tree Planting Initiative*
- 2023 Bermuda Reef Education*
- 2022 Marine Protection & Outreach*



# YCS Awards

🏆 The Bermuda National Trust's top  
Heritage Education Impact Award



🏆 2023 Best of Bermuda Awards (2) Best  
Environmental Education Programme  
Best Community Charity Project

