

Ocean Stewards Submission to the Durban Youth Climate Council

Message of support

The Ocean Stewards strongly support the establishment of the Durban Youth Climate Council. Providing youth with an opportunity to discuss climate change and put together ideas, is essential in ensuring a greener future. All over the world, there is a growing wave of young people who are taking action against climate change. The school strikes for climate action is one of the examples of how unity in youth can bring change. The OS and the DYCC are both fighting for climate justice. Although our research in the ocean space might seem not related in the greener future. The ocean and land are interconnected, we should promote the sustainable use of our environments. South African history has proven that if the youth is united with a similar vision a lot can be achieved.

What can the Ocean Stewards do to support the council?

The work of the Ocean Stewards is not exclusive to marine research, we also engage with a lot of public outreach activities, beach cleanups and marches to promote nature conservation. As the DYCC in emerging organization partnerships with other environmental organizations is important for its capacity building. The OS will support the DYCC by getting involved in its future activities and provide partisanship with other organizations that are affiliated with the OS.

What can the DYCC do support the OS

The establishment of the DYCC is the first step towards getting the youth of Durban to be involved in taking action toward climate justice. A lot has been done in raising awareness about climate change and people are aware of its impacts. As the DYCC will be working closely with the Durban Municipality we are hoping that it will bring together environmental youth groups in the Durban area. The DYCC can support the OS by getting involved in OS activities and help create awareness about the conservation of our oceans.

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