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Ireland's First National Youth Climate Justice Assembly to Take Place at the Rotunda Hospital

Youth Work Ireland will host the first National Youth Climate Justice Assembly on Tuesday, 17 February 2026, in the Pillar Room of the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin. The Assembly will bring together young people from across Ireland to learn, connect, and take action on climate and environmental issues affecting their communities.

The event is supported through the Department of Education and Youth's Climate Justice Fund and is designed to advance the fund's objectives. It will support increased youth agency, encourage accountability from policymakers, and help integrate climate justice across youth services and wider community initiatives.

Young people involved in projects supported by the Climate Justice Fund have been developing skills, boosting awareness, and delivering community-led initiatives that address climate injustices. Their work has focused on practical local change, policy influence, and linking environmental action with social equity to help build a more just and sustainable future.

The National Youth Climate Justice Assembly will provide a platform for participants to explore key topics with experts from academia, local authorities, and community organisations, while also sharing ideas with peers from around the country. The Assembly aims to amplify youth voices in climate justice action and ensure young people's perspectives inform local and regional policy. It builds on the success of three regional Youth Climate Assemblies held in Connaught, Munster and Ulster.

The event is organised by young people in Youth Work Ireland, with expertise from the SAUTI-Youth Project at Youth Work Ireland Galway, and with support from the Department of Education and Youth's Climate Justice Fund and Erasmus+ through Léargas. A draft programme is available outlining the agenda and timings.

Event Details

Who: Young people from secondary schools and youth services across Connacht, supported by local authorities, universities, and community organisations.



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Funding: Department of Education and Youth (Climate Justice Fund), Léargas (European Union), University of Galway

Notes to Editors

This is the first national gathering of youth groups supported under the Department of Education and Youth's Climate Justice Fund, building on three regional Youth Climate Assemblies held in Connaught, Munster and Ulster.

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