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ABOUT RIO+20 CONFERENCE

Twenty years after the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), in Rio de Janeiro where countries adopted Agenda 21, and ten years the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg, The Future We Want will be discussed again at the upcoming United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (known as Rio+20) taking place from June 20-22 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It will be an historic opportunity to define pathways to a safer, more equitable, cleaner, greener and more prosperous world for all; an opportunity to evaluate the implementation of what has been agreed before, and a blueprint to rethink economic growth, advance social equity and ensure environmental protection. Governments, international institutions and civil society major groups will come together to agree on a range of smart measures that can reduce poverty while promoting decent jobs, clean energy and a more sustainable and fair use of resources. The conference also aims to move away from business-as-usual and to act to end poverty, address environmental destruction and build a bridge to the future. It will focus on two main topics: ***How to build a green economy to achieve sustainable development*** and lift people out of poverty, including support for developing countries; and ***how to improve international coordination for sustainable development***.

WHAT IS LONDON+20

Because they are concerned about how their future will look and design it to fit with their dreams, youth from all around the world actively engaged themselves with the preparations of Rio+20. They are in a unique position to inspire their countries and ensure a common agreement is made towards a better world for all. Global youth have already started to mobilize themselves to discuss about the process that will lead to a successful conference. They do trainings, online webcasts, e-discussions, workshops, projects and also simulations of the conference. That's how **MyCity+20** (<http://mycityplus20.blogspot.com/>) has been started by a group of students from France's universities. The simulations taking place around the world aim at mobilizing the worldwide youth, educate them on sustainable development issues and encourage them to involve themselves in the negotiation process of Rio+20. The United Kingdom youth has also joined the global movement. A group of environmental and climate young professionals and leaders came together to engage their peers in the Rio+20 process, and international negotiations for a sustainable world. They will organize London+20 as a perfect opportunity to educate the youth, develop new ideas and methods of collaboration, raise awareness on Rio+20 and inspire a new generation of leaders.

DATE AND LOCATION

London+20 will take place in the city of London, United Kingdom, on **5th June 2012 from 10:00am to 5:00pm**, at the **British Youth Council**, in same day with the the **World Environment Day** coordinated by the United Nations Environment Program. Organized under the slogan "**The UK Youth committed to The Future We Want!**", the event will be a one day program including plenary discussion, working sessions, exhibition and simulation of Rio+20 Conference.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

London+20 is open to **young people aged from 15 to 25 years** old based in any part of the United Kingdom as well as for other countries and who can attend the event. **Eighty (80) participants** will be selected to join the event where they will meet with their peers and a number of trainers, facilitators and young professionals. Selected participants **must be passionate, active or interested by sustainable development and environmental issues**. They will come from schools, universities, youth-led organizations, youth networks, enterprises, and other background.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Young people who meet the eligibility above are encouraged to fill in an **application form** online at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEtJTWtRbkJvcGxrenQ5WnYyNk53M1E6MQ> (please copy and paste the link, don't only click on it) by **Wednesday 30th May 2012**. All applicants are encouraged to check their inbox on the 1st of June to know if they have been selected and start preparing their participation. They are also encouraged to send around this call.

WHAT LONDON+20 BRINGS TO YOUTH

The main themes of Rio+20 are (a) a green economy in the context of sustainable development poverty eradication; and (b) the institutional framework for sustainable development. Therefore, London+20 will focus its discussions on four specific topics related to the main conference:

1. **Informal Education for sustainable development**
2. **Green jobs for Youth**
3. **Global governance for Sustainable development**
4. **Sustainable Cities**

Participants will not only learn what sustainable development is, but will have an opportunity to understand how children and youth contribute to the discussions and outcome of Rio+20. They will live a simulation of the conference and also learn how Rio+20 is organized by a dedicated secretariat responsible for coordinating and facilitating inputs to the preparatory process from all UN bodies and civil society plus governments towards a focused political document including the two themes and highlighting the seven priority areas of the conference (decent jobs, energy, sustainable cities, food security and sustainable agriculture, water, oceans and disaster readiness).

Participants will be broken up into four thematic groups where an expert of the theme will present that topic, discuss with them and answer their questions. They will then move into the conference simulation and will learn how the negotiations happen and how they will look like in Rio. At the end of the day, they will draft their opinions on the topic and will request the assistance from the expert to make sure it fits with the ongoing discussions. The four positions will serve as an outcome document of the London+20 and will be circulated after to the UK government and youth networks. London+20 will also enable participants to present their own work during talks and showcase their projects in an exhibition called "**Arts for The Future We Want**" including photography, painting, drawing, video-making, music and dance. Artwork will be used to share youth NGOs' messages.

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