



Get Reel on Climate Competition Frequently Asked Questions

I'm a young person; is the Get Reel on Climate Competition really relevant to me?

Yes! You are a global citizen and therefore the issues being discussed at the Conference of the Parties No. 15 and the Children's Climate Forum Copenhagen (CCFC) affect you. If your team wins, you will have the opportunity to influence important decisions being made about the future of your generation!

How can I enter the Get Reel on Climate Competition?

You can enter the Get Reel on Climate Competition by getting together four students at your school to form a team and follow the guidelines in the Get Reel on Climate Competition Entry Form and the Terms and Conditions to prepare and submit an entry by the due date, **Thursday, 8 October 2009 at 4 p.m.** (in the Eastern time zone).

You can submit your entry directly on the UNICEF Web site at www.unicef.ca/getreelonclimate.

What age do I need to be to enter the Get Reel on Climate Competition?

You must be between the ages of 14 and 17 inclusive, on the date of 29 November 2009. We set this age limit in concert with the host government of the Forum, consistent with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which applies to those aged 17 and under. We regret any disappointment this requirement may cause, but no exceptions can be made.

How many groups can take part from each school?

As many as you like, provided each one fits the entry criteria, each individual entering the Competition belongs only to one group, and each group submits only one entry.

Can a team be formed with students from different schools and youth organizations?

We depend on the school to support its winning team, which includes securing an adult chaperone, making connections to classroom learning and helping manage the communications with students' parents and guardians. Therefore, the team should be comprised of students from the same school.

Does my team have to include both boys and girls?

Teams that go to the Children's Climate Forum in Copenhagen must be comprised of four students. All teams must include a combination of both boys and girls. If you attend a single-sex school, to be able to take part you should team up with another local school to make sure that there are both boys and girls on your team. This needs to be a local school so that you can work together on your entry and get to know one another. Both schools will need to agree on which teacher (only one) will accompany the group to the Children's Climate Forum.

Do I have to pay for anything?

No! The Get Reel on Climate Competition is free to enter, and the winning team's organized travel, accommodation and meal expenses for participation in the Children's Climate Forum Copenhagen will be paid for entirely by the organizers and sponsors according to our conditions. However, expenses for souvenirs and items not defined as part of the CCFC will not be covered.

What support will schools have for their Competition entry?

You can find links to information on climate change, lesson plans and resources for teachers on the UNICEF Canada Web site at www.unicef.ca/getreelonclimate. Part of the process of creating an entry is the expectation that teams will use a variety of creative sources for their research. You can contact the organizers at UNICEF Canada directly by emailing: pgallo@unicef.ca with any questions about the Get Reel on Climate Competition or the Children's Climate Forum, but we cannot assist with research.

What language are the Competition and the Forum in?

Competition entries can be submitted in either English or French, but at the Forum it's important that you can speak some English to converse with young people from other countries. Some speeches and main meetings will be translated into other languages, but the main language of the Children's Climate Forum will be English.

Do teachers go to the Children’s Climate Forum Copenhagen too?

A teacher who has been facilitating the winning team will be invited to accompany his/her team to the Forum, if the school agrees, paid for by the organizers.

My team wants to include more information than the word limit provided on the entry form – can we do that, for example, in an additional document?

No, sorry. We commend your team for wanting to go further than what we ask for, but we ask you to demonstrate your communication skills and state your ideas concisely and clearly within the word maximum limits.

I’m a teacher; is the Children’s Climate Forum Copenhagen really relevant to me and to my students?

Yes! Because global citizenship issues are cross-curricular, the teaching materials provided on the Get Reel on Climate Competition website can be used by teachers of many different subjects. There are opportunities to find out about the governance, culture and global interests of Denmark (Forum host), about other visiting countries and about Canada’s positions on climate change.