



2022 United Nations Ocean Conference Side Event

Ocean Literate Society - Youth Engagement and Intergenerational Collaboration

Monday 27th of June 15:30-18:00

FIL - Lisbon Exhibition and Congress Centre Auditorium I

Organized by: Marine Education Centre in Malmö, Centre for Sea and Society, University of Gothenburg, EarthEcho International, High Seas Alliance, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment

Background on the event

Young people around the world are leading initiatives to tackle large-scale challenges first-hand, with apparent positive impacts. Few people have missed the communicative power and impact of international movements such as Fridays For Future, initiated and driven by children and youth. In all parts of the world, young people are taking the lead in demanding change from those in power while using their own voices and tools to act for a better world and healthier ocean.

Key Issues discussed:

- **How to unite youth activist, leaders, and policy makers**
- **Building a global youth movement to protect and restore our ocean planet**
- **Citizen science project**
- **Youth engagement and intergenerational collaboration**
- **Empowering students and young scientist**

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)

- **Gather youth organizations.**
- **Political decisions that we make today will be for the benefit of future generations.**
- **Invite young people to the negotiating table**
- **Give young people a voice**
- **Create common Ocean Literacy networks**

Voluntary Commitments: Inviting leaders from youth organisations to a Ocean Literacy Youth Summit in Malmö, Sweden 2024.

Organizers: City of Malmö, World Maritime University, Marine Education Centre in Malmö and Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management.