



Art for Climate Action Lab

12 session Course

Course Materials: Computer or tablet for digital tool access, poster paper and art supplies for Action Poster Project

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Course Description

Climate change requires global action and local solutions. In this lab, students will learn critical aspects of climate change through the work of environmental climate action movements, with a spotlight on current youth activists. We will explore the impact of the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals to frame each student's climate issue interest in a global context. Climate action experts will visit the Lab and advise students on their collaborative and individual student projects. Inspired by youth-led movements, students will use digital tools to develop a two-sided Action Poster; one side featuring research on a climate issue of their choice, and the other side being a call-to-action art poster perfect for a climate rally. Synthesizing research and art, all Climate Action Lab projects will push for measurable change in local communities.



Course Goals

1. **Collaboration:** Collaborate with peers to understand their perspectives and strengthen our project.
2. **Skill development:** Develop research skills by gathering information from various sources (such as the UN SDGs) to inform my work as a climate activist.
3. **Presentation & digital archiving:** Plan, organize, and research & workshop time wisely to create an engaging two-sided Call to Action poster and a digital portfolio that showcases project development.
4. **Presenting work:** Prepare and present a digital version of my project that is ready to share with my community — and to upload to high school or college applications.
5. **Career- & college-readiness:** Learn from experts, artists, and college students about career and college opportunities connected to project work in this course.

Final Portfolio Project

By the end of the course, students will have created a two-sided climate action poster project. One side features a personal interest research question about climate change, that shows off the student's research findings and conclusions. The other side is a climate rally poster that features a slogan about climate change and features eye-catching images or designs. All projects will be digitally archived in a format compatible with leading online high school and college applications.