



# THE 11th CONFERENCE OF YOUTH

The 11th Conference Of Youth (COY11) will not only be one of the biggest youth gatherings in France but also one of the biggest mobilizations organized in the frame of the international climate negotiations.

A few days ahead of COP21, from the 26th to the 28th of November 2015, WARN will gather 10, 000 young people from all around the world at the *Palais des Congrès of Villepinte* (Hall 8). This event of an unprecedented scale will be an opportunity to show a youth massively mobilized, inclusive, capable and responsible.

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## >> PARTICIPANTS

This event will gather 10,000 French, European and international young people with the ambition to facilitate the meetings, exchanges and cooperation between them.

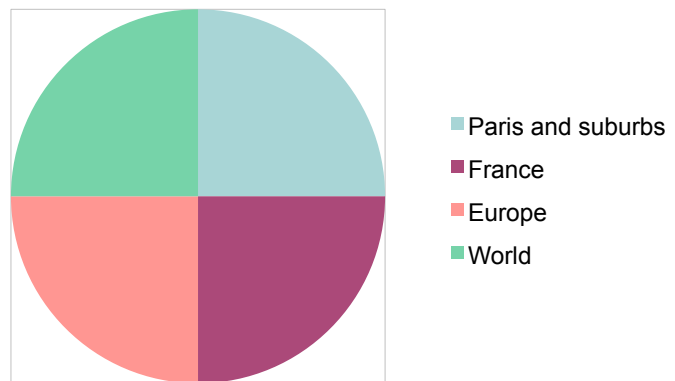
To do so, WARN can rely on several levers:

- ↳ Mobilization capacity of its member organizations active at a national level but also involved in European and international networks.

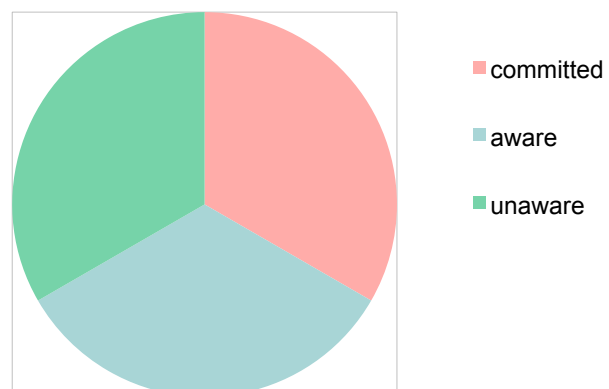
- ↳ Its network of “WARNers”, individuals involved at the local level in more than 20 French cities;

- ↳ Partners involved in COY preparation, including a great number of non-governmental organizations and institutions at the local, national and international levels and more specifically the IYCN (International Youth Climate Network).

Geographical origin of participants



Awareness degrees of participants to climate change



More than the scale of this mobilization, it is the diversity of participants that we care about. We want to gather and facilitate the meeting of committed young people, drivers of local solutions but also young people who are not much concerned by climate issues (yet).

## >> LOGISTICS AND FINANCE

The event will take place in Villepinte's "Palais des Congrès" (Hall 8) in the northern part of Paris from Thursday, November 26th to Saturday, November 28th, 2015. International participants will be taken care of from the evening before the opening (i.e. November 25th).

Besides the necessary logistics for this event (space layout, catering on site...), we are also working to provide housing and transportation in Ile-de-France for 5,000 participants. We are also organizing a concert of youth for climate in parallel of COY11.

The organizing team consists of volunteers, permanent staff and the member organizations of WARN! The organizers can rely on a consultative committee gathering professional associative event organizers as well as a committee of professional's fundraisers.

WARN's provisional budget for 2015 is of 2,250,200€ and our funding strategy relies on five levers:

- ∩ Participation fees for participants (modulated depending on the participants incomes),
- ∩ Public funding: local governments, French State, EU funds,
- ∩ Private funding: Companies and corporate foundations,
- ∩ Crowdfunding campaign,
- ∩ In-kind donations: transport tickets, material...

## >> PROGRAM

COY11 will be the biggest gathering of young people for the climate ever organized. It will also be the widest in terms of participants' diversity. That's why we will propose a diversified program allowing all participants to get informed, formed, to meet each other, to enjoy the event and to participate to the youth mobilization for COP21 and also - and foremost - for after COP21. COY11 is coherent with WARN's will to federate different kinds of young people around climate and societal issues.

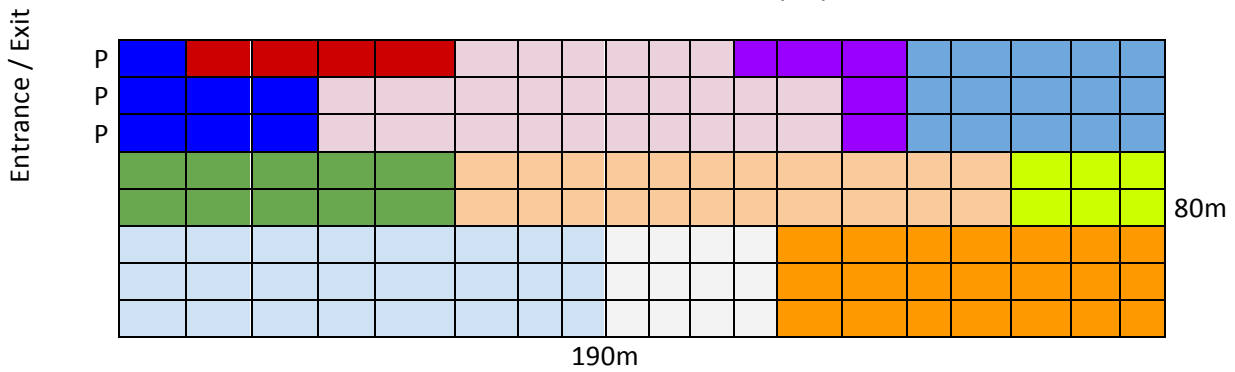
For this purpose program must allow every participant to feel comfortable:

- ∩ Keynotes, discussions and debates (opening and closing plenary, panel discussions...), climate negotiations simulations;
- ∩ Trainings, DIY workshops, fablab, hackathon;
- ∩ Meetings with change makers: "on the ground" actors, visits;
- ∩ Fun activities: sport, arts and culture programs;

Spatial arrangement of the event must cope with the event's challenges: exhibition of solutions; interactions between participants; training, information and awareness rising; fun...

The diagram below represents spatial arrangement as we consider it in order to implement diversified and complementary activities and to receive all participants at best >>>

## SPACE ORGANISATION (V1)



### LEGEND

#### MISCELLANEOUS

1 square=  
10x10m

P = Door

#### ESPACES



**Reception #1** [700m<sup>2</sup>]

Entrance and exit management



**Reception # 2** [1000m<sup>2</sup>]

More personalized reception of participants  
*Ex: Presentation of the space, group reception...*



**Relaxation** [1500m<sup>2</sup>]

Relaxation, rest and recreational space

*Ex: reading room, climbing wall...*



**Inspiration** [2400m<sup>2</sup>]

Presentation and meetings around solutions and solutions bearer

*Ex: stands, workshops, Tedx...*



**(In)Formation** [2100m<sup>2</sup>]

Form et inform the participants on COP21 related themes

*Ex: Workshops, simulations, debates, projections...*



**Staff / VIP** [400m<sup>2</sup>]

Organizers space & VIP reception



**Opening** [2200m<sup>2</sup>]

Meetings and exchanges spaces

*Ex: open forum, role-plays, food...*



**Production** [2600m<sup>2</sup>]

Common production space

*Ex: DIY spaces, fab lab, preparation of outdoor happenings*



**Medias & IT** [500m<sup>2</sup>]

Media and IT center

*Ex: Media space, hackathon...*



**Great hall** [1200m<sup>2</sup>]

Space dedicated to exchanges / debates and interventions « big format »

*Ex: opening plenary, etc.*



**Sports etc.** [600m<sup>2</sup>]

Space dedicated to international sport competition

*Sports field*

# WHO ARE WE?



We are young people who want to give concrete solutions to the challenges of today: employment, health, environment... We are more and more, willing to do so. The solutions exist, we are ready to apply and disseminate them. Our movement, WARN! (We Are Ready Now !), connects every young people who want a change to relevant solutions. Because we are ready. Now!

At the beginning of this movement, there are youth associations from different universe: Animafac, Avenir Climatique, CliMates, Etudiants et Développement, Générations Cobayes, le Réseau Français des Étudiants pour le Développement Durable (REFEDD), les Scouts et Guides de France (SGDF)... Since the launch of the movement, we work in close link with diverse organization of civil society or/and public institutions with which we share common value and objectives.

Since the spring of 2014, we work to make of WARN the movement of a generation who wants to show we are ready to face the challenges of today (employment, health, environment, food, etc.) with concrete answers.

## OUR GOALS

### >> TALK ABOUT CLIMATE DIFFERENTLY

After deeply reshaping its environment, it is a new society that we need to invent. Climate change is not only an environmental issue but an opportunity to change society. Aware of the changes that need to be made, young people are also drivers of the solutions which will facilitate those changes.

**First step?** Raising awareness. The highly-anticipated climate conference of Paris (COP21) will be the first opportunity for the WARN movement to show that its generation hasn't given up and is ready to shake things up.

**What about after COP21?** WARN doesn't intend to stop at the end of 2015. No matter what the outcomes of COP21 are, it is crucial that youth stay mobilised. WARN will reflect aspiration of our youth and keep on acting in order to >>

### >> REACH ALL YOUTH

Acknowledging that climate and environmental issues are still - too often - tackled by convinced young people and that different youth groups rarely meet, WARN wants to challenge those habits.

**Our challenge?** Show that young people are able to mobilize once you listen to them and you take them seriously for what they are: actors of change and drivers of concrete solutions.

**How will we do that?** Everywhere in the world, young people face similar challenges: How to find a job? How to travel? How to create a home? How to have access to suitable medical care and education? Although those issues are experienced at a local scale, they are related to global issues. Global dynamics have indeed impacts on our everyday life although it doesn't always obvious to us. By creating a link between frustrations and solutions and by putting young people in the position of being actors of change, we wish to >>

## >> SEND A **POSITIVE** MESSAGE

Whether it is about climate or youth, the current discourse mostly falls within defeatism. Considering that a change of model is necessary, we believe in the necessity to establish a positive dynamic to achieve the inclusion of anyone who shares our vision.

**Why?** As young people, we refuse to be considered as subjects to be taken care of. We want to be actors of our societies. By showing youth's power of imagination, cohesion and mobilization, we send a clear message: whatever the outcome of COP21, the youth is ready to take a stand and act against climate change.

**How?** Our actions aim at raising awareness among young people about climate change and the necessities of a change of model of society. We also intend to mobilize the youth through a dynamic starting from everyday life frustrations and going towards concrete solutions.

### **#ByTheWay**

A **COP** (or "Conference Of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change") is an annual meeting of heads of States or governments, representatives of international organization, lobbyists and civil society, aiming at evaluating the global climate situation and making decisions on international regulations accordingly. In December 2015, Paris will host the 21st COP. It will be a major meeting that should confirm crucial measures for the decades to come.

**More information on COP21: [www.cop21.gouv.fr](http://www.cop21.gouv.fr)**

A **COY** (or "Conference of Youth") is a preparatory conference to COP, traditionally organized a few days before it in its host country, by a youth organization affiliated to YOUNGO (major group representing youth organizations at the United Nations). This year, the movement WARN is the organizer of the 11th Conference of Youth to take place in Ile-de-France the week before COP21. This COY intends to gather young people who are not directly involved in the COP nor yet aware of climatic issues.

**More information on YOUNGO: [youthclimate.org](http://youthclimate.org)**

WE ARE READY. NOW.  
ARE YOU?

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