



The Christian-Muslim Youth Forum on Climate Change (CMYF)

The CMYF was created by MADE in Europe and the Christian-Muslim Forum to give young Christians and Muslims a voice in the climate change debate.

On 15 October 2009, hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, thirty young people met at Lambeth Palace with scientists and religious scholars to discuss the four main issues on the table at Copenhagen in December 2009: how we can mitigate climate change, adapt to climate change, questions of funding the response to climate change, and the ways in which technology can be effectively transferred.



"I am delighted that the Christian-Muslim Forum and MADE in Europe are playing such a creative role in enabling young Christian and Muslim voices to be heard on the issue of climate change. It will be their generation that will have to face the consequences of our inaction and I very much hope that their voice can be influential at the Copenhagen Conference and beyond."

Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury

"Climate Change is an issue that is important to me as a young person, because it is young people who will feel the effects of climate change. Today's world leaders will be gone long before the full effects of our destruction of the planet are felt. It is essential that our voices are heard, and I want to be part of making change"

Michael Tweed, age 21

The CMYF

The young people participated in workshops facilitated by campaigners and scientists from a range of NGOs including Christian Aid, Friends of the Earth, WasteWatch, Islamic Relief and the Islamic Foundation for Ecology and the Environmental Sciences. Keynote speakers also included Mark Dowd (Operation Noah) and Sheikh Ibrahim Mogra. The participants explored the four key areas of climate change and discussed the contribution that they as young people of faith can make to the debate.



The Statement

The young people attending the forum came up with a statement of their aspirations and demands for the UN Summit in Copenhagen which also featured the comments left on the online forum www.cmyf.org. The statement will be delivered to the UK Negotiators for the UN Climate Change Summit which will take place in December 2009.

We are encouraging as many young people across the UK to sign up their names in support of this statement.

"This is a statement within a statement; we are a religiously and ethnically mixed group of people who have come together and put a statement together in one day. Interfaith work is not about dialogue anymore but joint action to make the world a better place." Nadeem Javaid, age 24

For more information or to sign up to the statement go to: www.cmyf.org

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