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Project Survival Pacific – who, what, how?



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Project Survival Pacific are a 25 person AYCC team based in Australia and the Pacific, working to address the damaging effects of climate change.

Our Story So Far...

COP14 in Poznan in 2008 saw more youth involved in the negotiations than ever before. However, it was also clear that great inequities existed in youth representation, just as was the case in the negotiations. Few young people were there to speak on behalf of the most vulnerable nations.

It was this that triggered the birth of Project Survival: the notion that the youth movement had to work towards becoming truly global. An American Project Survival team emerged to support the Caribbean. A European group emerged to support Africa. Project Survival Media emerged to promote a strong, united message internationally.

And in Australia, Project Survival Pacific was born.

The PSP Team

Our team is made up of vibrant young volunteers, who live and work throughout Australia and the Pacific. We have a wide variety of personal and professional backgrounds, but are united in our

belief that the world needs to listen to the voices of those on the climate frontlines.

For the Copenhagen negotiations, we sent a delegation of 26 passionate youth climate advocates from Australia, Fiji, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, the Cook Islands, the Solomon Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Our Activities

Project Survival is engaged in a number of activities which aim to ensure the survival of all peoples and cultures:

1. We have a number of young Australians working in climate-related positions in Pacific nations such as Vanuatu, Tonga and the Solomon Islands.
2. We are assisting in setting up self-sustaining youth climate networks in Pacific nations.
3. We work to have Pacific climate issues more regularly and comprehensively covered in Australian, Pacific and world media.
4. We attend UN climate negotiations, working to reframe the climate debate around survival.



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Experience at COP15

At COP15 PSP were in attendance with eleven Pacific delegates – the Australian and Pacific team members worked, lived and played together for three weeks.

We made sure Pacific voices were heard on every stage, in each press conference and in the highest forums, culminating in a speech given by Christina Ora to the opening plenary of the UNFCCC.

The COP15 PSP delegation



The PSP Vision

A future in which the survival, prosperity and dignity of the people of the Pacific is ensured and the problems posed by climate change are solved through sustained global cooperation.

Mission

Enabling Australian and Pacific youth to be influential, motivated and engaged in solutions to climate change in the Pacific.

Goals

PSP has three goals that guide each project that the teams work on:

Goal A: Influence international and domestic climate change policy so that it adequately and urgently addresses the needs and interests of Pacific island states.

Goal B: Inform Pacific islanders about climate change and empower them to take action to ensure the long-term survival of their people.

Goal C: Inform Australians about Pacific climate change issues and motivate them to act in the interests of the Pacific.

For more information

<http://youthprojectsurvival.org/>
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