

Stories of Change



The Climate Initiative

Thank you for your interest in submitting your Story of Change with The Climate Initiative!

Below is a **checklist questions tool** for you to consider answering when summarizing your Story of Change and submitting the supporting materials that bring your Story to life in either written, verbal, or visual formats. This checklist directly relates to three important impact “buckets”: Awareness, Agency and Community Building, that help to inspire and grow our organization’s mission of empowering youth for climate action.

Each Story of Change submission will be celebrated and receive an eco-swig TCI pack! Additionally, **all Story of Change submissions will be entered into our annual Changemaker Awards** at the end of the 2022 calendar year (for individual submissions) and the Spring of 2023 (for group submissions). Learn more about our inaugural Changemaker Awards [here](#).

For the **Changemaker Awards**, your climate action story will be scored on how well it represents our three buckets of impact. Please see the full criteria at the end of this document.

Consider these checklist questions a guide and not a must-have list. We hope they help you organize your thoughts during the Story of Change Submission process!



Bucket 1: Awareness

(What it means to TCI: Youth understand local links to global issues and the interconnections between nature and community. See our [Three Lenses Model here.](#))

- How does your story of change clearly articulate a global climate issue in your local community?
- How did your action project demonstrate the interconnectedness of Ecological, Socio-Cultural and Economic concerns of your community?

Bucket 2: Agency

(What it means to TCI: Youth know how to effectively identify & champion solutions, they feel confident and competent as climate leaders and feel like their voices are HEARD)

- What is the evidence that the action taken will lead to mitigation or adaptation to climate change?
- How did your solution/story build hope?
- How did your voice (collective or individual) inspire community engagement?
- How did your perspective of yourself as a leader change throughout this project?



Bucket 3: Community Building

(What it means to TCI: Youth seek out and bring divergent perspectives on climate issues, including inter-generational, multicultural, and/or indigenous to the discussion and solution finding. Youth have effective working relationships with community individuals and groups and inspire positive climate action in their communities)

- In what ways were multiple perspectives engaged and represented in creation of solutions?
- Which local stakeholders did you engage with on the project?
- How did each of the community and individual stakeholders respond throughout the project?

Stories of Change Judging Criteria for Annual Changemaker Awards

Impact Bucket: Awareness	20 possible points
Impact Bucket: Agency	20 possible points
Impact Bucket: Community Building	20 possible points
Creativity in Storytelling Format	20 possible points
Replicability of Climate Action Project for other youth/communities	20 possible points