

The Pillars of the Youth Climate Action Program

Humble

Holistic

Inclusive

Agency

Mission

Our mission is to foster a sustainable future by developing a culture where adults act with humility, embrace holistic perspectives, champion inclusivity, and foster youth agency. Together, we commit to learning from each other while co-creating a more livable Tempe.

Humble

Prioritize working with young people from a place of humility and transparency. Respect youth's lived experiences and diverse backgrounds. Be trustworthy in order to foster collaboration.

Holistic

Young peoples' intersectional identities are recognized and utilized as we co-create projects that blend sustainability with issues that are important for young people.

Inclusive

Value is placed on spaces that feel welcoming. We center the voices and experiences of youth who may not have traditionally been included in civic discussions. We hold the tenant that everyone has something to learn and something to teach.

Agency

We engage in forward-thinking and solutions-focused collaborative work with young people. Spaces where youth voices need to be heard are sought out, created, and shared; especially when engaging in civic processes that affect their communities. Our work is grounded in providing a sense of empowerment and agency to the young people we interact with.