

Names and Profiles of Panelists at the Green Hydrogen for Youth session

Ms. Shriya Rai



Shriya Rai is a youth sustainability leader and a National Geographic Young Explorer. As the founder of the Sashakt Bharat Initiative, Shriya raised 35,000\$ and mobilized 40+ local partners to organize sustainability education workshops, reaching out to 3000 youth leaders nationwide. She has led global communication trainings and capacity-building programs as an EE trainer through her association with WWF, GEEP, and the US State Department. She is driven by her vision of making sustainability education crucial to climate action efforts through programs that integrate traditional knowledge, linguistic expression, and regional contextualities. Shriya recently graduated as an Erasmus Mundus scholar from the Universities of Leipzig and Ghent and continues to be involved as a youth trainer with AICAPD and NAAEE.

Mr. Sailesh Singhal



Sailesh is the Co-Founder of Youth For Green Hydrogen, an initiative of Youth of India Foundation (www.youthofindia.org.in) which brought together a network of young people from 78 countries bringing together 135 institutions with 0.5 Million registered participants, with a reach of 24.35 Million. He has been invited as a Featured Youth Speaker along with UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP27, Hon. Minister of Republic of Indonesia for the Green Hydrogen Assembly co-hosted by Government of Spain.

Sailesh chaired the world's first youth declaration on Green Hydrogen and presented it among the world leaders in the Assembly which was adapted by an absolute resolution.

Mr. Abhiir Bhalla



Identified by BBC World News as amongst the foremost youth environmentalists globally in 2020, Abhiir has been working in the field of environmental conservation for 11+ years. As an independent sustainability consultant and policy advocate, he has led 250+ workshops and speaking engagements at various fora such as IIT Delhi, British & Canadian High Commissions - India, Italian Embassy - India, Delhi University, House of the Lords - UK National Liberals Club (London) & World Bank. Abhiir was a part of key policy negotiations and discussions at COP28 in Dubai and was also part of the Youth COP in Sharm el-Sheikh (Egypt) in 2022.

Ms. Viveka Jani



Viveka Jani is an environmentalist with almost 10 years of experience in the fields of education, capacity building, research, and policy advocacy for climate change and sustainable development. She leads the climate education and training programmes at the ClimAct Initiative (TCI), a not-for-profit organisation based in India that works towards creating holistic and intersectional climate education through solutions-driven and action-oriented approaches. Aside from her work with TCI, she also works independently as an educator, trainer, and knowledge consultant for sustainable development and climate change. Additionally, she works as a science communicator to distil complex scientific research into more comprehensible narratives. Throughout her experience, Viveka has engaged with different stakeholders and organisations from India and internationally, with a particular focus on engaging and empowering youth to become agents of change in the fight against climate change.

Mr. Ashley Wilkinson



Ashley is a youth empowerment professional blending education and advocacy for effective climate action. With experience leading education initiatives for WWF and UNEP, he aims to turn youth's innovative ideas into sustainable actions. Passionate about spreading environment education among India's diverse youth, Ashley believes equipping young people with tools of education, can ensure a better future for our planet. When he's not educating, you'll often find Ashley outdoors exploring nature.

Ms. Sneha Shahi



Sneha is a PhD student working with Dr. Shrinivas Badiger. She is articulate and an impressive orator and seems to capture attention of all. She has completed her master's in environmental science from Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Gujarat. Sneha is Plastic campaign advocate for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), New Delhi. Sneha worked to clean the section of the Bukhi River on her University campus in Gujarat which led to the return of crocodiles and flapjack turtles.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPFXuKo06pA>



Priyanka Sahasrabudhe, a leader in the new energy frontier, blends policy expertise and business acumen. With a background in economic policy and a Masters in Public Policy, she drives strategy at Yonder, Ador's hydrogen division. Beyond work, her passions include travel, music festivals, podcasts, and scuba diving. Her dynamic and visionary approach makes her a key figure in shaping the sustainable future of the energy sector.