

## **FAQs for ICC/EVS Projects (2010-2011)**

***What is ICC?*** ICC stands for International Climate Challenge. This is a project for the youth aged 14 – 20 to encourage them to take action to combat Climate Change. This is a tri-nation project that is taking place in schools and colleges in Kenya, the United Kingdom and India. For registered colleges – the ICC project can be taken up as the EVS project that is mandatory for every student of Std IX, XI, XII and SYBSc/Com/Arts. This project is managed by in India by the Centre for Development Education and globally by InterClimate Network Ltd, UK. The project is sponsored by Barclays Bank International.

***What is CDE?*** CDE stands for Centre for Development Education. It is an organisation that works in partnership with NGOs, charities, schools, colleges and communities to encourage students to take charge of their own lives and take action to bring about change. ICC is a project that is managed by CDE in India. CDE also manages several other international projects on development education like Gardens for Life, Rights Bytes, etc. Please visit the website [www.cdeindia.in](http://www.cdeindia.in) for more details.

***What are the criteria for participating in this project?*** You have to be age 14 – 20 to be able to participate in this project. Your college/institution needs to be registered with us. You can also do it individually as a part of your EVS project or can just volunteer to do the ICC project.

***How can I participate in the project?*** Go to [www.cdeindia.in/icc](http://www.cdeindia.in/icc). Register for the ICC project. If your college is registered with us, you will see the name of your college/institution in the drop-down box in the form.

***What if the name of my college/institution is not on the drop-down list?*** If it is not there then you cannot register. You may need to contact your college to sign up for the same. The form is available on the same page. But it has to be downloaded and filled in by hand, signed by the principal/head and submitted by post or courier.

***How is it possible for my college to register?*** If there are at least 10 students willing to participate in the project then your college can certainly register. Just go to [www.cdeindia.in/icc](http://www.cdeindia.in/icc) and click on ‘for colleges’. You will get an application in pdf format that can be downloaded. This has to be filled in hand by a teacher or principal and duly signed and sealed by the head and couriered to the Pune or Mumbai address given on it. Our team from Mumbai or Pune will contact your principal thereafter. Alternatively you may contact [iccpune@cdeindia.in](mailto:iccpune@cdeindia.in) or [iccmumbai@cdeindia.in](mailto:iccmumbai@cdeindia.in) for detailed instructions for the same.

***Is there a specific number of team members (minimum/maximum) required for the project?*** Yes 2 min 10 max per group.. There can be unlimited number of groups per college

***Can I do an individual project?*** No. But you can do it with a friend. Minimum two students. Maximum 10 students in a group. But if you have something really exciting and would like to work on it alone then you can talk to your EVS teacher and we could take a decision on a case-to-case basis.

***Will the submissions be one project report per group or per person?*** Each person will have to submit a report individually. The project report formats can be downloaded free from the website. The proposals and synopsis of the projects will be one per group though.

**How many students can register from a college?** There can be as less as 10 students or more than 1000 students registered from the same college. Even your friends from other colleges can register. But their colleges will have to give the green signal so that we can include their name on the registration form

**What is the 'International' element in this project?** This project is active in three countries viz. India, Kenya and the UK. Students in the age group 14 – 20 are all working on finding local relevant solutions to this global climate challenge. There will be opportunities through the internet to interact with these students and get a much wider perspective on the issues that we are dealing with locally. A facebook page [www.facebook.com/CDE.ICC](http://www.facebook.com/CDE.ICC) has already been created to encourage students locally to discuss and upload stuff related to their own projects. This can also be a global initiative where students from all three participating countries use it as a platform to interact and discuss global issues.

**What are the benefits for me if I join this project?** There are several benefits if you join this project:

- Firstly you will get guidelines and action project formats in the form of free downloads that you can use to make your EVS project action-oriented and meaningful.
- Secondly since it is embedded in your curriculum you are not spending any extra time or energy to do this project. It is a part of your Std IX XI XII SYBA/Com/Sc curriculum.
- Thirdly, you will also get trained in certain skills like presentation skills, negotiating skills, report writing skills etc with the help of the tool-kits that will be made available shortly.
- Lastly you will get opportunities to interact with students in Kenya and UK who are working on similar projects as yours through the internet medium and video-conferencing and even face-to-face if funds permit and your project is worthwhile to be chosen to be presented for the same.
- Students participating in '1000 Voices for Copenhagen' in Mumbai and Pune had the chance to be quoted in the 15 pages booklet 'Hear our Voices' that was released in Copenhagen in December 2009.
- Students from Thakur College Mumbai who worked on a project on reducing emissions from vehicles, got an opportunity to send the film that they made about their project to London. This film was shown at a meeting in the House of Lords, London!

**Will I be able to join now?** Yes - August September is the best time to join. This project has four stages and will complete latest by February 2011 – after you submit your project report to the college.

**Apart from the information on the website; is there anything of significance regarding the ICC that I need to know to do the project?** Not much. The notes in the ICC page Facebook and the CDE website give you details about sample projects. Soon the website will have a project reporting format that can be downloaded by registered verified members. For that you might have to re-register as the website has some issues in converting the old registrants automatically to the new list.

**For more information on ICC whom do I contact?** You can send an email to [iccpune@cdeindia.in](mailto:iccpune@cdeindia.in) or [iccmumbai@cdeindia.in](mailto:iccmumbai@cdeindia.in) depending on whether you are in Pune or Mumbai respectively. If you are a group of say 25 students or more, one of the ICC team members will visit you in your college and explain all this in detail.

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