

FAQs for ICC/EVS projects

What is ICC?

ICC stands for International Climate Challenge. This is a project for the youth aged 16 – 20 to encourage them to take up action projects in 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 XI XII to do.

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. Please visit the website www.cdeindia.in for more details.

What are the criteria for participating in this project?

You have to be age 16 – 19 to be able to participate in this project. Your college/institution needs to be registered with us to be able to register. You can do it as a part of your EVS project or can just volunteer to do the project.

How can I participate in the project?

Go to 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 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 25 students willing to participate in the project then your college can certainly register. Just go to 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.

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

Are there multiple groups representing the same college; or will it culminate in a joint effort (for say Fergusson College?)

No - Each project is an ICC project. Each project is an EVS project. There can be 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 I can include their name on the registration form

What are the benefits for me if I join this project?

There are several benefits if you join this project.

- Firstly you will get free downloads of guidelines and action project formats 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 XI XII 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' had the chance to be quoted in the 15 pages booklet that was released in Copenhagen called 'Hear our Voices' that will be released in India on 26th January 2010 at Sayaji Hotel during the inauguration of the Conference on – Climate Challenge – Voices of the Future..

Will I be able to join now? Or is it too late? No – You can start work now for two months and complete the project within that. So, let us say you take up a project on 'Spreading awareness about climate change and generating action re: water conservation amongst residents of ABC Coop Hsg Society' then you can start now and work in January and finish by early March!!

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 icc@cdeindia.in or iccmumbai@cdeindia.in. 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.
