

Newsletter

Dear Youth Climate Courts Community,

The little *Youth Climate Courts* book is now out and available for purchase just as the COP26 climate meetings are finishing up. The book is short, about 100 pages if you skip all the footnotes, and easily readable. It tells you all you need to know to organize your own Youth Climate Court. It is published by Routledge, the highly respected multinational publisher headquartered in the UK, and is available for purchase from the [Routledge website](#), from [amazon](#) and from numerous other book sellers, both store-based and online. Per the flyer below, Routledge offers a 25% discount if the book is purchased directly from its website and buyers enter the code YCC230. Please [click here](#) for an audio clip of the book's "Dear Reader" preface.

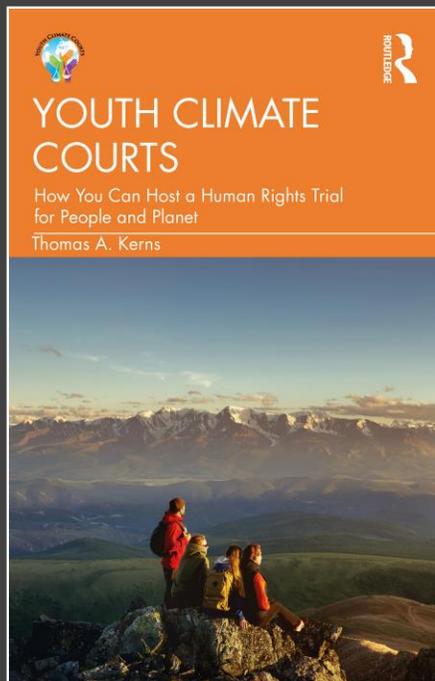
- "This little book is an empowering guide. It sets out a clear way for young people (and others) to hold governments and corporations to account for failures to take the climate crisis seriously. This powerful little book breaks new ground, offering a cost-free, barrier-free tool for activism. I highly recommend it! Go, set up a youth climate court, call power to account using this unique way of taking action. Do it everywhere."
– Anna Grear, *Founder and first Director of the Global Network for the Study of Human Rights and the Environment, and Professor of Law at Cardiff University, UK*
- "This small book describes an important and original tool for present and future generations. In other very different but equally challenging times, the Permanent Peoples Tribunal was born with the same vision and commitment, i.e., to imagine new frameworks for field testing, as widely as needed, bottom-up strategies that aim to make the culture of human rights a universally accessible reality."
– Dr Gianni Tognoni, Secretary General, Permanent Peoples Tribunal, Rome, Italy

Meanwhile, to learn more about Youth Climate Courts and how to organize your own independent Youth Climate Court, visit: <https://www.youthclimatecourts.org/>

Many thanks to all you for your climate activism and your care for our common home. Let's hope that more than just promising words came out of COP26.

– The Youth Climate Courts team

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Youth Climate Courts

How You Can Host a Human Rights Trial for People and Planet

Thomas A. Kerns

This book focuses on Youth Climate Courts, a bold new tool that young people in their teens to mid-twenties can use to compel their local city or county government to live up to its human rights obligations, formally acknowledge the climate crisis, and take major steps to address it. It describes how a Youth Climate Court works, how to start one, what human rights are, what they require of local governments, and what governmental changes a Youth Climate Court can realistically hope to accomplish. This book offers a unique new tool to young climate activists desperate for genuinely effective ways to directly move governments to aggressively address the climate crisis.

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