



Conférence des Jeunes
PARIS 2015

Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative



Global Climate Conference of Youth (COY11) Paris 26-28 Nov'15

Paris hosted the 11th annual global conference of Youth (COY11) for Climate Change which takes place every year before the Conference of Parties (COP). Over 5000 young people from 130 countries united to present the voice of youth to the actual climate change negotiations. COY's aim has always been to give young people a platform to share skills, connect and be part of a movement towards a more sustainable society. Read more about COY on <http://coy11.org/en/>



The Youth delegation - Juan Vazquez (Canada), Laetitia Menville, Christophe Richon (France), Joshita Lutchoomun & Romina Melwani (UK) and Oldoez Moradi (Holland).

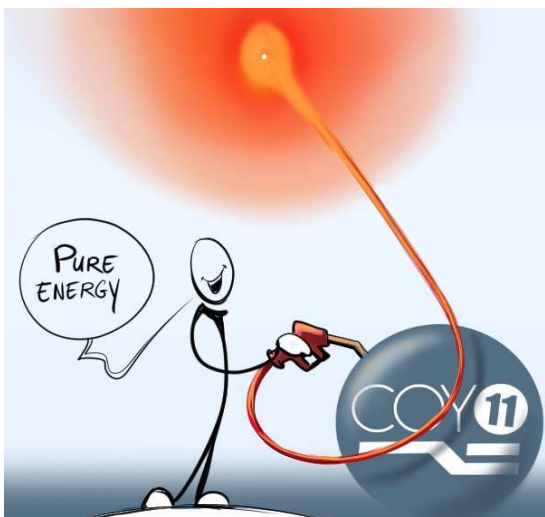
Highlights of COY

- Biggest ever conference in 11 years
- Launch of the introspection area
- Presence of known activists & politicians;
 - **Nicolas Hulot**, special Envoy of French President for the protection of the planet.
 - **Paul Watson**, activist and TV personality
 - **Laurent Fabius**, French Minister Foreign Affairs
 - **Ahmed Alhendawi**, special UN Envoy



Our Contribution

The eye-catching painting of the planet done by Jean Louis attracted many people and organisations and inspired them for further conversation on the topic.

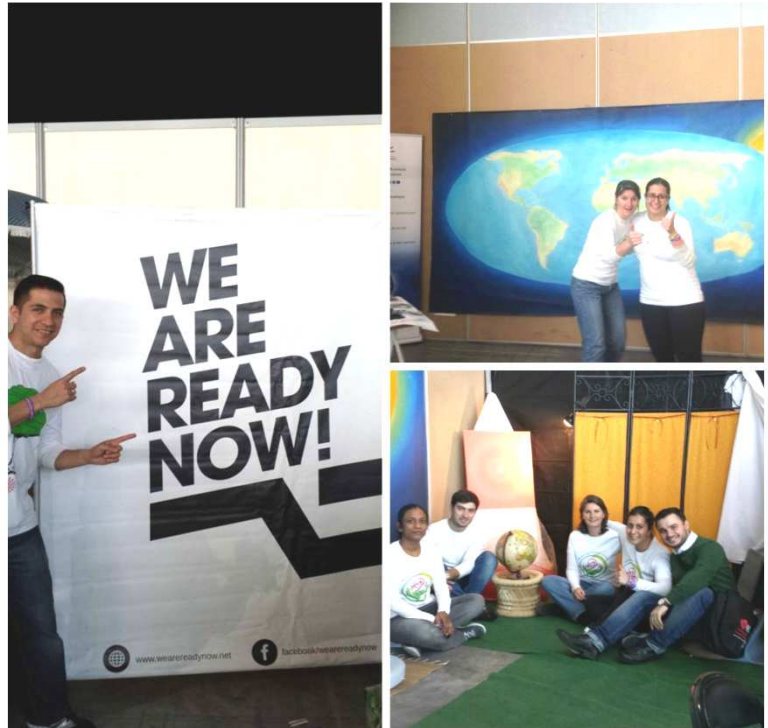


The multinational team dedicated almost a year to clarify the role of consciousness and spirituality in climate change. Our aim was to create unique workshops and events aligning awareness and a sustainable lifestyle.

Cartoon created for COY by Joachim Debarge (France).

Activities of Brahma Kumaris COY11 Team

- Exhibition next to National Geographic Media
- Assisting in the drafting of the Manifesto on Values, which was handed over to the French Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- Conducting 3 key workshops in the 'Introspection area'.
- Hosting the 'Awakening a Time of Hope' event (over 120 participants)
- Organising 6 flash meditations and silence spaces at the stand
- Juan Milling of Brahma Kumaris elected as a member of the advisory committee.



Day 1: Highlights

- The BK Youth was one of the main contributors in writing the Manifesto on Values. A document aimed for the youth to agree upon the values of creativity, open-mindedness and cooperation that they will jointly respect.
- Several members of the team were interviewed by the Earth Guardians, Urban Prod, Climate Change Project and Balancier.

Earth Guardians interview:

<http://www.earthguardians.org/engage/2015/11/27/movement-intersections-stories-and-strategy-coy-day-2->



Day 2: Highlights

- The team organised flash meditations.
- Conducted a workshop entitled 'Self Mastery for Change Leaders'.
- Over 100 people visited us on this day!



Day 3: Highlights

- Our day started with our first workshop 'Creating a Carbon Positive Mindset'. People were intrigued by the title and we received very good feedback.
- French workshop on 'Living in a World of Transition' facilitated by Laetitia, Juan & Christophe.



- 'Awakening a time of Hope' dialogue attracted more than 120 participants.

Juan, Romina and Izhana Zeghni from Etika Mundo



The Youth had the unique idea of including a computer log of all meditation - minutes donated to the planet over the 3 days. In total 35 hours of meditation was accumulated for the planet!

What's next?

The conference was a launch pad for new community service by the Brahma Kumaris Youth group. They have already scheduled a follow up event inviting our new friends met at the Conference.

BK Oldoez with Philip Unger from Balancier