



## Responding to climate change in partnership with our Pacific Island neighbours

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### PCP Returns to Tuvalu for More Leadership Training



PCP Coordinator Corinne Fisher with Trish and Joshua from TuCAN

In March 2019, PCP Coordinator Corinne Fisher and Project Officer Vincent Sicari journeyed back to Funafuti, Tuvalu, to deliver Phase 3 of a program of workshops targeting young climate leaders. These workshops form an important part of PCP's

response to requests by TuCAN (the Tuvalu Climate Action Network) to help build the leadership capacity of their youth and their ability to project their voice to the world, especially as it relates to climate change.

Phase 1, which took place on 5-7 November 2018, consisted of a three-day workshop facilitated by Phil Glendenning, Jill Finnane and Vincent Sicari. Phase 2 then saw workshop participants design and implement a project together with their TuCAN mentors. The projects selected were both exciting and relevant, showing strong commitment and enthusiasm by the young participants and their TUCAN mentors. Projects focused on climate change as it affects Tuvaluan women, the use of grasses to stabilise eroding coastal areas and climate change education in Tuvaluan schools. PCP was delighted with the three projects undertaken, as well as the mentoring received by each group from TuCAN. Thank you TuCAN!

Phase 3, which took place on 7-8 March this year, required participants to present their projects to PCP and explore how the work begun could best be progressed. We were impressed with the standard of work undertaken.

Phase 3 also involved further leadership and climate change training, culminating in the making of 7 short videos of the participants taking their climate change-related messages to the Australian people. All participants performed at a very high level and PCP will shortly be making these videos available on the internet.



[Corinne Fisher recording Inna's message to the people of Australia](#)

In addition to the TuCAN workshops, another opportunity arose for PCP in that the Rev. Fou Aso of the EKT (Ekalesia Kelisiano Tuvalu – the Tuvaluan Protestant Church) invited PCP to deliver leadership and climate change training to members of the EKT youth groups. PCP was delighted to accept this invitation as it provided another opportunity to deepen our relationship with this very important institution. The result was

a highly successful two-day workshop conducted with 15 young members of the Church on 4-5 March 2019.

At the completion of this workshop, PCP was moved by the stirring vote of thanks by the Rev. Galahad T Kilei, President of the EKT. We would like to pass on some of his words to our supporters who make these events possible: "Thank you for your tremendous contributions, by sharing your insights, your support, inspiration and motivations that triggered the minds and thoughts of our young generations to be aware and to challenge such global issues that are affecting their future."

PCP looks forward to further work with both TuCAN and EKT.

### **What's next in 2019? Help us to bring them to Australia!**

This year, a very special opportunity has arisen to bring a total of four I-Kiribati and Tuvaluan young leaders to Australia for a three-day Climate Reality training program on 5-7 June. Climate Reality is a high-profile international climate advocacy training program led by Nobel Laureate and former US Vice President Al Gore (link underlined text to <https://www.climaterealityproject.org/training>).

This is a very important opportunity, which we would like to avail to passionate and committed young leaders from both Tuvalu and Kiribati.

In order to maximise the benefits of the Climate Reality training, we propose to follow it up with a week of additional training and actual climate change advocacy in Sydney. This would include a Train-the-Trainer component so that participants can go back home and engage others in their networks. Participants would also be required to undertake 10 'Acts of Leadership' (for example, a presentation to their community about the science of climate change). Of course, PCP would support them all the way.

PCP is excited about the prospect of hosting such a program but we need your financial help to make it happen.

If you are in a position to help us fund this work, please consider donating by clicking here (link underlined text to [www.erc.org.au/donate](http://www.erc.org.au/donate) ), then send us an email (link underlined text to [pacificcallingpartnership@gmail.com](mailto:pacificcallingpartnership@gmail.com) ) to let us know you would like your donation to be used for our 2019 Kiribati-Australia-Tuvalu Exchange Program.

We thank you in advance for your generous support.

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