

Local chapters broaden, accelerate, and amplify the climate restoration movement by working for climate restoration at the grassroots level.

The Foundation for Climate Restoration (F4CR)'s local chapters are the engine behind F4CR's advocacy and education efforts. Local chapters bring climate restoration to their communities by hosting events; attending relevant community events; connecting with local government representatives and advocating for increased climate action. They spread the word about climate restoration through presentations, op-eds, letters to the editor, social media posts, book clubs, movie nights, and more. They encourage their communities to join the climate restoration movement by passing climate restoration resolutions, procurement legislation, letters of support, and outreach to F4CR leadership. F4CR currently has fifteen local chapters: seven in the United States, four in Africa, one in Australia, and three in Europe.

PROGRAM RATIONALE

When F4CR was founded, the team thought that if only climate restoration solutions could be developed, the climate would quickly be restored.

After a short time, they came to see that, while there was space for more solutions and innovation, the real obstacle to climate restoration was political and public will.

The local chapters work on both of these issues by educating the public and policymakers, learning about and publicizing legislation relevant to climate restoration, and advocating for legislation supportive of climate restoration. The program mobilizes communities globally. The journey to restore the climate requires advocacy and action locally everywhere in order for the opportunities to be felt globally. The organization is conscious about representation and enabling diverse voices to be heard. We rely on voices from around the world to highlight the urgency, challenges and opportunities to restore the climate.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Advocacy Training: Our local chapter program is growing rapidly due to high demand from volunteers around the world. As they get

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involved, though, volunteers are finding that they want more guidance than F4CR currently offers. They want to know how to launch their chapters, grow them over time, train new members, take on meaningful advocacy actions, communicate their successes and challenges over time, and more. An intensive one-year advocacy training program led by Sam Daley-Harris—founder of RESULTS and author of *Reclaiming our Democracy*—can provide F4CR staff with the tools and skills they need to build out a more effective and robust program. Sponsoring this training will allow F4CR to take on this training and build up the local chapter program to its full potential.

Program Director: In order to bring our local chapter program to the next level, we must bring in a Program Director who can recruit new volunteers, support existing ones, and build more

structure around our burgeoning program. This individual will go through the advocacy training program described above and serve as an ongoing point of contact to our volunteers. Contributing to this position would allow us to scale our local chapter program while also deepening its structure, calls to action, and volunteer engagement.

Community Management Platform: Our robust and growing volunteer base craves a platform through which they can have discussions, organize events, share resources, and track their actions. Exceptional community management platforms exist, but all come with a cost. Sponsoring our platform license will allow our highly-motivated volunteers to collaborate more effectively and step up their efforts.



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