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County to host its first Youth Climate Summit on May 7

LĪHU'E – Registration is now open for the County of Kaua'i's first ever Youth Climate Summit on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Kaua'i Philippine Cultural Center in Līhu'e.

The summit is free and aims to engage youth, from ages 11 to 25 years old, to share their opinions and ideas on how Kaua'i can adapt to the impacts of climate change. The summit is being led by the county's Office of Economic Development, in partnership with the county's Planning Department which recently launched the planning process for the Kaua'i Climate Adaption Plan (CAP).

"We know that the effects of climate change are real and already exist on our island," said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. "While the county has become more energy efficient in recent years, we must continue to build our resiliency and plan with urgency for our future generations. Gaining our youth's perspectives during this summit is a key part of this important planning process and we hope you all will join us that day."

According to the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), more than 27% of our island's population is under 25 years old, a significant amount that will witness the impacts of climate change. The county is committed to incorporating this population's perspectives, experiences, and skills as strategies are developed for the Kaua'i CAP.

"We invite all youth to join us that morning as we hear from youth leaders about their journey towards climate action," said OED Director Nalani Brun. "You'll learn of local climate hazards that will

impact our island and how daily activities could be affected. It will be an opportunity to talk story and collaborate with fellow youth on how we can prepare as a community.”

“We recently completed our first round of community open houses after launching the Kaua’i Climate Adaptation Plan last month, and we received valuable feedback that will help shape our next steps in the planning process,” said Planning Director Ka’āina Hull. “This summit is a great opportunity to engage directly with our youth and give them a voice on issues that will impact their own future.”

Breakfast will be served at the Youth Climate Summit, with opportunities to win prizes. Youth can gain up to two hours of community service for attending the event. Additional volunteer hours are available for youth interested in facilitating and preparing for the summit.

To register for the Youth Climate Summit, please click on the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/221077607697162>. For additional information, to sign up as a volunteer, or to share climate-related projects at the summit, contact Ana Española at aespanola@kauai.gov.

The Kaua’i CAP will include an islandwide hazard, risk, and vulnerability assessment and adaptation actions for communities and infrastructure. The process shall include community engagement and education in all phases. For more information on the Kaua’i CAP, please visit <https://kauaiadaptation.com>.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact Ana Española at (808) 241-1968 or aespanola@kauai.gov as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

Kaua'i Youth Climate Summit



**Saturday
MAY 7**

Kaua'i Philippine Cultural Center

Located west of the YMCA on Kaunualii Highway

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Open to ages 11 to 25 years old
Free Admission
Earn volunteer service hours

The summit will include:

Youth Panel



Hear their journey towards climate action

Climate Hazards



and their impacts on your daily activities

Collaborate & Share Ideas



on what we can do as a community

Free Breakfast



with a chance to win some prizes!

Register Online:



Participants under 18 years old require a parent/ legal guardian signature:

An email will be sent to a parent or legal guardian to sign the County's consent form for minors. Please make sure to sign these forms after the registration process.

kauaiadaptation.com/event/youth-climate-summit/

Contact:

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Hosted by the County of Kauai's Office of Economic Development and Planning Department as part of the Kaua'i Climate Adaptation Plan.