

Empowering students. Engaging communities.

What is CARE?

Climate Action Ripple Effect (CARE) is a unique and dynamic education program that teaches students about climate change and inspires them to become agents of change in their own communities. By linking their work to municipal climate action objectives and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, students explore real-world solutions to a global challenge – starting right here at home.

How does CARE work?

STUDENT-DRIVEN PROJECTS help learners reflect on their skills, talents, interests, and concerns, which they use to create collaborative projects aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and/or helping their communities adapt to climate change.

RESEARCH is undertaken by all student teams to inform and guide project objectives and design.

COMMUNITY MENTORS support project teams with topic-focused expertise, ideas, and community networks related to nature/biodiversity, agriculture/food, energy/buildings, waste, transportation, and human health/culture.

INNOVATIVE THINKING by students results in projects ranging from science and engineering, to eco-business and public education, to policy-change campaigns and art installations.

STRONG LOCAL PARTNERS include school districts, municipalities, post-secondary institutions, and climate-focused nonprofits and businesses. This multi-sector collaboration enables broad-based cooperation and funding that expedite local community climate action. This proven collaborative approach can also be applied to other community challenges and opportunities.

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT CARE contact jo@freshoutlookfoundation.org or visit climateactionrippleeffect.org



Isaac Shehadeh and his teacher Sydney Fender worked with a CARE mentor to create WebHook, a smart phone app that helps homeowners track and regulate their energy use.

Why does CARE work?

- **AGENCY ORIENTED** – Turning climate anxiety into climate action
- **PROCESS FOCUSED** – Emphasizing growth and learning over perfection
- **TEAM DRIVEN** – Fostering collaboration and community connections
- **STRENGTHS BASED** – Exploring, incorporating, and celebrating each student's talents, skills, interests, and concerns
- **LEADERSHIP FOCUSED** – Giving students a platform to lead and inspire
- **AUTHENTIC & LOCAL** – Tackling real challenges with relevant, viable, and impactful change that matters right here

CARE is delivered by Fresh Outlook Foundation with participating school districts, municipalities, higher education, climate experts, and climate-focused nonprofits and businesses.