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The Nexus of Adolescent and Planetary Wellbeing: Exploring Adolescent Practices for Living Well and Sustainably

Message from the Guest Editor

The 2022 United Nations (UN) Human Development Report identified overarching ecological, climate and social crises as the causes of unprecedented declines in human wellbeing in 90% of the world's countries. The largest-ever cohort of youth are not mere passive spectators as young people from many places demonstrate deep insight and climate justice actions towards stewardship of the planet that targets sustainable livelihoods, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions and temperatures by 2030. This Special Issue contributes to a growing body of evidence of linkages between adolescent and planetary wellbeing, specifically as observed and recorded alongside young people and their various communities. The aim is to record the range and efficacy of practices at various levels from community projects to global movements to enhance wellbeing. Previous research suggests that adolescent engagement in climate action positively influences their knowledge, sense of wellbeing and empowerment. These articles detail how various practices impact adolescent wellbeing in holistic and relational ways and acknowledge the centrality of adolescents as both present and future generations.

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