



ZEDx Climate Action Fundraiser Q&A

1. What is 1 Million Women?

- A not-for-profit organisation founded in 2009 by our inspirational ZEDx speaker, Australian [Natalie Isaacs](#) and author of '[Every Woman's Guide to Saving the Planet](#)'
- a global movement of women and girls from every corner of the planet building a lifestyle revolution to fight the climate crisis
- to take practical action to combat climate change by changing the way they live
- visit www.1millionwomen.com.au for details of current and upcoming campaigns.

2. What is a ZEDx?

- The Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra (ZMoY) ZEDx is an online forum to share knowledge, expertise, and information - similar to TEDx or a TED Talk
- ZEDx enables everyone to have a Zonta Educational/Enlightening/Entertaining/Enthralling etc. Dialogue/Discussion/Demonstration and is an X-citing, X-clusive, X-factor X-perience.

3. What is the award my donation will support?

- The inaugural ZMoY *Women Taking Climate Action Award* is one of the first of a number of measures that ZMoY will take to help tackle the global climate crisis
- a \$1000 grant will be available to a woman in Melbourne who is actively taking steps to mitigate climate change through work or study in her chosen field. Applications will open in early 2021.

4. Why climate action?

- The world is currently facing the existential threat of global warming. Within our lifetime, if we continue on our current path, we will see devastating consequences such as more frequent extreme weather events, economic downturn, poorer health, and massive biodiversity loss
- if we all take steps to mitigate climate change, it is a race we can win. For example, human actions that help to reduce global carbon dioxide emissions will prevent runaway global warming.

5. How does climate change affect women?

- Due to socio-economic and physiological vulnerabilities, women and girls – especially those in poverty, face higher risks and experience a greater burden of climate change impacts compared to men
- during a disaster, women are at greater risk of displacement, experience higher rates of job loss, are more likely to be injured or killed, and are less likely to access help due to concerns for their safety
- extreme weather events see a dramatic increase in rates of interpersonal violence, and in developing countries can precipitate early marriage or forced prostitution as a way to survive
- women are not well represented in decisions about responses to climate change and need a stronger voice to create a fairer future for everyone.

6. As individuals, what can we do to take climate action?

- Adopt the 5Rs of waste management - reduce, reuse, recycle, rethink, repair
- make lifestyle changes - eat less meat, drive less (walk, take public transport, carpool) shop thrifty, sustainable, vintage
- use our choices in the marketplace - research the carbon footprint of brands before we buy, choose a bank/superannuation fund/etc. that doesn't invest in fossil fuels, consider changing to green/solar power
- educate ourselves and others:
 - TED Talk by Katharine Wilkinson [How empowering women and girls can help stop global warming](#)
 - Australia's leading climate change communications organisation [Climate Council](#)
 - David Attenborough's [A Life on Our Planet](#)
 - weekly podcasts <https://globaloptimism.com/>

- share climate action ideas with our family and friends
- hear more tips from Natalie during the ZEDx.

7. How can we influence others in our community?

- Use our learning and experience from the climate action we have taken to:
 - encourage healthy discussion about the impacts of climate change with those around us
 - share or present information to other women and members of community groups we belong to, including book, film, recreational and service clubs
 - support our local governments to implement sustainable policies
 - consider joining local, state and national climate action bodies to magnify our voice
 - share ideas and tips on social media.

8. What other projects does the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra support?

- Since 1966 ZCMoY has raised funds to deliver a vast range of projects to empower women and girls worldwide. Currently, we:
 - make breast care cushions for women recovering from breast cancer surgery in five local hospitals
 - provide educational grants for women who demonstrate leadership qualities in local community service
 - assemble and distribute birthing kits for women in developing countries
 - put together ‘pamper packs’ of toiletries for women receiving help from family violence service providers
 - award grants to local not-for-profit agencies serving the interests of women and girls
 - support Zonta International projects in conjunction with the United Nations, to strengthen responses to gender-based violence in Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste, create education opportunities for vulnerable and excluded children in Madagascar, and support the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage

9. How do I register for the ZEDx?

- Book online through [Humanitix](#) – a registered charity where booking fees cover only their costs and everything else goes to education projects for children in developing countries
- upon registration you will receive an email with the link to the ZEDx on Wed 28 November 6.30 – 7.30pm.

10. Can I make a donation to the award, if I am unable to attend the ZEDx?

- Yes – a donation can be made either:
 1. online through [Humanitix](#)
 2. transfer an amount into the Club’s Bendigo Bank account
 - BSB 633-000
 - A/c 162221642
 - Reference: ‘ZEDx’ & your surname

**Thank you for your support
to take climate action and empower women and girls in local and international communities**