

Sophia Kianni

Climate Change Activist and The Youngest Member on the United Nations Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change

Sophia Kianni is an Iranian-American climate activist studying science, technology, and society at Stanford University. She is the founder and executive director of Climate Cardinals, an international nonprofit with 8,000 volunteers in 40+ countries working to translate climate information into 100+ languages. She represents the United States as the youngest member of the inaugural United Nations Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change.

Sophia has spoken at universities across the country, including Columbia University, UC Berkeley, Emory University, Harvard University, and Johns Hopkins University. She has also been a keynote speaker at events such as the New York Times Climate Hub. She was chosen out of thousands of applicants as one of TED Talks' Global Idea Search Winners and was the closing speaker at the inaugural TED Countdown Conference in Scotland. Her work has been featured in news outlets including Forbes, CNN, BBC, TIME magazine, The Guardian, NBC and the front page of The Washington Post.

She has been named one of BBC's 100 women, VICE Media's youngest Human of the Year, a National Geographic Young Explorer, and one of Teen Vogue's 21 under 21.
