

## Building Futures, why everybody matters

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022, SGI-UK hosted a Climate Webinar entitled, 'Building Futures, why everybody matters' - Ana Romero and Danaé Espinoza, whose work revolves around climate action and education, gave beautifully in-depth and informative talks on the work that they have been involved in around Citizen's Diplomacy and around Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE).

**Ana Romero** is a member of SGI-UK and Head of Sustainability at Wellington College, where she also coordinates the area of Global Education and is a tutor for 3rd Form students.

Ana worked as an advisor to the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the subject of climate change, contributing to the negotiations on the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (CPPB) and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE). She is the lead representative for the Berkshire Schools Eco-Network.

Before joining Wellington College, Ana worked for many years as an advisor to local governments in Latin America and as an environmental expert for international NGOs in the field of environment, climate change and global citizenship.

Ana is originally from Mexico, and she has lived abroad for more than 25 years

**Danaé Espinoza** is an internationalist who graduated from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

She is currently a member of The Latin American Observatory for Climate Action (OLAC) and co-founder of the Latin American and Caribbean Youth Climate Movement (CLIC!)

Danaé has been working in the Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) negotiations of the UNFCCC as part of the Mexican and is the co-author of the book "Young people towards 2030. Innovation for transformation: Contributions for Reflection", in collaboration with the Mexican Institute of Youth (IMJUVE).

SGI-UK General Director **Robert Harrap** joined the discussion and also asked Ana and Danaé a series of questions about their work, particularly around the concept of Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE), and the role this plays at local and international decision making. Through this discussion we heard more on how we can make our voices heard towards the next negotiations taking place as part of COP 27 in November.

We hope you enjoy this webinar.