CLIMATE CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY GRANT GUIDANCE

FROM LANARKSHIRE CLIMATE ACTION HUB

What is it?
Climate Change in Your Community Grant is to enable community groups and organisations who haven't previously had climate conversations or been involved in climate action, including those who are more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, to utilise climate knowledge from the Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub and the artistic skills of a creative practitioner(s) to host events with their community. The purpose of the events is to engage and explore conversations with your community on understanding climate change, how it affects you and how climate actions can help you.

You can apply for up to £3,000 of funding to deliver interactive, participatory-style **creative workshops** co-designed by a community group and creative practitioner(s) that enable participants to understand issues of climate change in an accessible way, explore how it connects with their priorities and develop opportunities that can enable them to participate in climate action.

Who can apply?

Eligible organisations who can apply are constituted community groups based in, and working in, Lanarkshire. Applications will only be accepted from non-profit-distributing groups and organisations with bank accounts.
Listed below, but not limited to, are examples of groups who are marginalised and more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change:

- Race and ethnicity
- Sex and gender
- Disability and long-term health conditions
- Wealth inequality
- Remote and rural areas

What can the funding be used for?

The funding should be used to cover all costs in the preparation and delivery of the workshops including the fees of the creative practitioner, venue hire, refreshments, materials, travel expenses. We recommend using Scottish Artist Union rates when budgeting for the fees of a creative practitioner. In 2024 the rate for an artist with 5+ years' experience was £44 per hour and £350 per day. The maximum to apply for is £3,000. In addition, there is a discretionary fund which can be applied to for covering any additional Equality, Diversity and Inclusion costs such as the services of a Support Worker to accompany a participant.

You may not use the funding for costs already incurred and items or equipment of a personal nature.

All expenditure and activities for the project must be completed by 31 March 2026.

How to choose a creative practitioner

If you have already identified the creative practitioner for your project, you can apply and submit your application form. If you require guidance on identifying a creative practitioner, get in touch with us at info@climateactionlanarkshire.net . With support from Culture for Climate Scotland and North Lanarkshire Artist Network we can help you to engage a creative practitioner to deliver your project.

We encourage creative practitioners who are interested to support community projects to register their interest by emailing us at info@climateactionlanarkshire.net.

How will the Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub support your project

We can assist through providing knowledge on climate change and examples of community climate action projects to support the design and preparation of your interactive workshops.

How to apply

When you have your project idea and identified your creative practitioner, complete and return the application form along with a copy of your group/organisation's constitution and a copy of your group/organisation's bank statement dated within the last 3 months to info@climateactionlanarkshire.net

When to apply

Applications are open now and will be reviewed monthly from 20 April until all the funding has been awarded.

How will my application be assessed?

We are keen to understand:

- Why you want your community group to participate?
- What are the needs or the challenge(s) in your communities that your group wants to support through this project?
- Why you want to use a creative approach?

Please consider the climate when choosing materials or purchases and buy local wherever possible.

When will I know the outcome from my application?

You will be notified by email within a week of the application being assessed.

Reporting

We will require evidence of what you have spent the money on so please retain receipts and records of expenditure. You will be issued with a short form to complete to explain how you have spent the money and the impact it has made.

Accessibility

If you need assistance with accessing the application form or have any queries regarding accessibility, please email info@climateactionlanarkshire.net and we will do our best to help.

Help us share the word

Many groups and organisations may not realise that this funding can be applicable to them too. You can make a positive difference to your local community by sharing the word. The more groups and organisations we can get involved in climate action, the greater impact we'll see.

Contact

For any questions on eligibility, or for assistance in completing the application form, please contact info@climateactionlanarkshire.net