

CLIMATE ACTION MENTORSHIP GRANT GUIDANCE

FROM LANARKSHIRE CLIMATE ACTION HUB

The purpose of the Climate Action Mentorship Grant is to provide tailored learning and support for Lanarkshire groups and organisations, enabling them to plan and deliver a climate action project in their community. This is achieved through peer-to-peer support from experienced organisations (mentors) to develop and deliver climate action projects in their communities.

It builds on best practice from existing peer-to-peer learning programmes and feedback from local communities to provide targeted, personal, flexible support to Lanarkshire groups – especially for those just starting out, with an idea but unsure where to begin, or facing barriers that experienced mentors can help overcome.

Mentorship grants of up to £1,000 are available to support Lanarkshire community organisations and groups to develop local climate action projects through peer-to-peer learning. Funding includes up to £750 for a mentor organisation and £250 for the mentee group to help build the skills and knowledge to develop your project, and to address and overcome common barriers.

Get help to design and plan a climate action project in your community

Climate action projects can be a fun, social, hands-on way to address the needs of your local community - whether that's how people travel, what we eat, how we heat our homes and community buildings, how we reduce waste or improve our local green spaces. For example, setting up a bike reuse hub, starting a local walking group, creating a community growing space or tree planting project, establishing a tool library, a litter picking group, running repair or upcycling workshops. The key is that your project aims to **mitigate** or **adapt** to climate change, increase biodiversity and/or work towards a fairer, healthier and more sustainable future for your community.

If you're looking for some inspiration, details and information on some of the projects Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub has previously supported can be found [here](#) or you can email us on grants@climateactionlanarkshire.net. We are happy to help!

Mentees

If you've got an idea for a climate action project but aren't sure where to start, or if you've hit a barrier you can't get past, this grant is for you. You'll be matched with an experienced local group who can share practical advice, lessons and real-life experience to help you move forward. Whether it's setting up a project, finding funding, engaging volunteers or figuring out next steps, you'll get tailored support focused on what you need. All we ask is that you come with an idea of what you want to learn, stay engaged throughout, and are open to trying new approaches. By the end of the mentorship, you'll have new skills, greater confidence, new connections, and a clear plan for your project's next steps.

Mentors

If you're an experienced community group or organisation, mentorship can be a great opportunity to share your knowledge and support other groups while strengthening your own impact. As a mentor, you'll work with a local group to help them overcome challenges by offering guidance, sharing your experience, and providing practical insights into what works (and perhaps more importantly, what doesn't). The support you offer can be flexible depending on the project – from informal chats to workshops, site visits and hands-on learning sessions. Your time is fully compensated through the grant, and you'll also benefit from building new partnerships, raising your profile, and contributing to wider climate action in Lanarkshire. We ask that you're open, communicative, and responsive, and willing to support mentees in a constructive and encouraging way. You'll come away with stronger networks, potential future collaborations, and valuable evidence for your own work.

If you're interested in being a mentor and want to chat, please email us on grants@climateactionlanarkshire.net.

How do we support?

Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub will support you throughout the mentorship process by helping match you with the right partner, facilitating planning meetings, and offering access to our resources and networks. We'll check in regularly to make sure everything is running smoothly, help troubleshoot any challenges, and connect you to further training or funding opportunities where relevant. We'll also support you in capturing your learning and sharing your story to inspire others.

Safeguarding

Some project activities and events may involve children, young people or vulnerable adults. Organisations delivering activities or events are responsible for ensuring appropriate safeguarding arrangements are in place where relevant.

Applicants should ensure that:

- Their organisation has appropriate policies and procedures relating to the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (PCVA) where activities involve these groups.
- Activities involving children or vulnerable adults have appropriate supervision and safeguarding measures in place.
- Any staff or volunteers working directly with children or vulnerable groups have appropriate checks where required (for example PVG Scheme membership).

Guidance on safeguarding and disclosure checks can be found from Volunteer Scotland. Guidance on PCVA can be found at:

<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/disclosure-services/>

A sample PCVA policy and further support and guidance is available at

<http://www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services/resources/>

Who can apply?

Eligible organisations who can apply for mentorship are any local community group or organisation based in, and working in, Lanarkshire. We are particularly keen to work with groups who are at an early stage, who have an idea but aren't sure where to start, or who are facing a particular barrier with a project. If your group is not yet constituted or if you don't yet have a bank account, speak to us and we'll be happy to discuss how we can still support you in starting a project.

The application form is for groups who wish to be mentored. If you're interested in being a mentor and want to chat, please email us on grants@climateactionlanarkshire.net.

How to apply

To apply for a mentorship, complete our short [online application form](#) and tell us about your idea and what you'd like support with. If available, please upload a copy of your group/organisation's constitution and a bank statement dated within the last 3 months. If you would like a copy of the application form as a Word document, please email us on grants@climateactionlanarkshire.net.

When to apply

Applications are open now and will be reviewed monthly from 20 April until funding is fully subscribed. We anticipate this grant will be popular, so early submission is advised to avoid disappointment.

When will I know the outcome of my application?

Grants are reviewed on the 20th of each month and one of our Development Officers will be in touch shortly afterwards to discuss the outcome and next steps for your project.

What can the funding be used for?

The funding should be used to cover the costs of the mentor group assigned to your project (up to £750) including workshops, learning exchanges, events and activities (to be discussed and an amount agreed in your initial meeting). Remaining funds (up to £250) should be used for materials and expenses to deliver your project.

You cannot include for costs already incurred and items or equipment of a personal nature. The project must be completed by 31 March 2027.

Please consider the climate when choosing materials or purchases and buy local wherever possible. For example, use of reusable products or those made with reclaimed or recycled materials, peat-free compost and plants, plant-based food, active or low-carbon travel.

How will my application be assessed?

We are keen to understand what impact your project will have on local climate action, or how it will improve the resilience of your community against the impacts of climate action

If your group is new to climate action, or if you're looking at a project related to a climate theme you haven't yet explored, we're especially keen to hear where the project idea came from, any barriers you may have experienced, and how it will inform the next steps for your group.

Use of Artificial intelligence (AI)

We recognise that AI tools can be of assistance in writing funding applications. However, the use of AI has significant environmental impacts and groups should therefore be mindful of their usage. Advice and tips on writing funding applications can be found on our [Funding Webpage](#).



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 after the project to evaluate the project and the impact it has made.

Contact

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

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.