



Lancashire Climate Action Network

Lancashire Together: People-Powered Climate Action!

A project that needs your feedback and ideas!

LancsCAN is applying for **£1.5million** from the **National Lottery's Climate Action Fund (CAF)** for a 4-year local communities based project – **Lancashire Together: People-Powered Climate Action** – that would start in later this year.

Its **MAIN GOAL** is to empower local people and communities in especially disadvantaged areas of Lancashire to drive forward new inclusive forms of community-based climate action that is lasting, impactful and resilient. We will bring together people and skills to affect real change, driven by communities and for communities, to work collaboratively on what they commonly care about, to deliver people-powered climate action in bold, inspiring and creative ways. The project's **FOUR main activity parts** are outlined below.

What is the Lancashire Climate Action Network (**LancsCAN**)?

Established in June 2023, we are a network of **190+ community-oriented member organisations** working on various climate action fronts across the county.

(1) CLIMATE JURIES

(First, getting local people together)

A climate jury brings together a cross-section of people from a local community to *explore what their everyday experiences and interests are relating to climate change, and then actions to take*. We are planning **SIX 'local neighbourhood'** Climate Juries in certain 'disadvantaged' areas of Lancashire (tbc) and **TWO 'youth'** Climate Juries. These will take place in the project's first phase and enable us to better identify and understand how people from these areas feel about climate change and explore what actions they could take to help address it, both individually and collectively.

(2) COMMUNITY ORGANISING

(Creating communities for action and influence)

Community organising *brings people together to take action around common concerns and affect social change*. Our Project will employ a **local full-time Community Organiser** to work with diverse communities on shared climate concerns, and (further) develop and train local leaders to address them. Working in conjunction with the *Climate Juries* but *across the wider county*, our Community Organising will build and deepen relationships among the Lancashire public, laying foundations for new people-powered climate actions in everyday lives.

**FOUR
main
activity
parts**

(3) COMMUNITY HUBS

(Creating places where people work together)

Following outcomes of (1) and (2), Community Hubs would be created for wider participation of people to work together *on their own climate action ideas for activity, as well as receive training and develop new skills*. These would be located in the *six Climate Jury neighbourhoods* but with other Community Hubs also formed elsewhere in Lancashire, including where existing community hubs of sorts already exist that the project could further develop. See right for links with Climate Venture activities.

(4) CLIMATE VENTURES

(Turning ideas into people-powered activities)

The project's Climate Ventures *will turn people's ideas on climate action* arising from (1), (2) and (3) into new activities, these mainly located at the Community Hubs. To help get things started, LancsCAN member organisations have proposed ideas on possible activities, such as: Nature and Health; Transport and Cycling; Food, Sustainability and Health; Housing and Energy; Arts, Culture and Performance. The project could start-up any Climate Venture activity, though, that people are interested in developing!





OUR WISH, AND WHAT WE CAN OFFER

It is our wish that the **Lancashire Together: People-Powered Climate Action** project will offer those especially new climate action various opportunities to develop their interests and ideas on this front, supported by LancsCAN member organisations across the county. Here below are **EXAMPLE BENEFITS** of being involved in the project...

Learning and Sharing

Supported by others, there will be opportunities to learn new interesting things and share these and your own ideas and interests with others.

Create and Innovate

The project offers the chance to create your own climate action activities and interests, and the space to innovate with your own ideas.

Improve the World Around You

We may not be able to change the whole world but we can help change the world in which we live locally, in our own community. The project would empower you to do so.

Connect with New People and Collaborate

The project brings people from communities together, to connect, make friendships and collaborate on activities of common interest.

New Skills and Training

By being involved in the project, you would have a range of opportunities to receive training and develop new skills in your areas of interest on local climate action.

Turn your Ideas into Action

You would have the opportunity to share and discuss your own ideas on local climate action, and the project help turn these into possible reality with actions making a real difference.

Be Part of Something Bigger

We want to create new groups and communities of local climate action in Lancashire, where people do not feel alone or isolated but instead part of something bigger in unison with others.

Support and Guidance

The project will create teams of people to support and guide those involved. We will assess people's feedback to evaluate project activity and develop a communications strategy.

Please send us your feedback comments and ideas on the application at this [link](#). Thank you!

You can also get in touch to know more about the project and the Lancashire Climate Action Network at: LancsCAN@edgehill.ac.uk

 **LancsCAN**

