

# The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

**(1a) Organisation/group name:**

Corstorphine Community Centre

**(1b) Project name:**

Seedlings to Seniors

**(2) Tell us about your organisation / group (what do you do?) (150 words maximum)**

Corstorphine Community Centre (CCC) a SCIO granted charitable status in 2018. CCC offers a range of daily, weekly and monthly community activities to build resilience in the community, address gaps in service provision, provide volunteering opportunities and develop partners.

Corstorphine Community Centre (CCC) operates in the North West area of the City of Edinburgh and has a thriving mixed population. There are many families living in the area with multiple aged children and a broad mix of ethnicities within the community. At the heart of all the activities that CCC provides is social inclusion and nurturing community cohesion. CCC facilitates 19 group sessions per week in response to community needs. CCC provides a base at the heart of the community for external organisations to deliver locally. This means we have a minimum weekly footfall of over 185 people.

**(3a) Please select the fund criteria which your project relates to (Select all that apply)**

- Create opportunities for community leadership and learning on climate change
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions within communities and contribute to the net-zero target for Edinburgh
- Generate sustainable projects for the benefit of local people to build resilience or adapt to climate change within communities
- Build relationships between neighbourhoods of different socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds to work together on just, equitable and accessible climate and resilience activities contributing to the cities net zero agenda, also ensuring that activities work towards reducing or removing barriers for disabled people in the transition to net zero.

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## **(3b) Tell us about the project you would use the money for (500 words maximum)**

“Seedlings to Seniors”

CCC aim to align with the local council traffic calming initiatives within Corstorphine, by repurposing an old car parking area into an ecologically productive Urban landscape. This will contribute to a reduction in kerbside Carbon emissions from St Johns Rd. This road is cited as the second most polluted in Scotland.

We will develop an accessible space, including, kerb side planters, hanging baskets, raised planters, a sensory garden and community growing opportunities.

The sensory garden has been identified in consultation with a local dementia group, for participants to benefits from a safe, engaging outdoor space.

Community gardening builds relationships, improves wellbeing and has a positive social impact promoting resilience and problem solving and participation. This project will put local community members at the centre of redressing the climate impact of their built environment and place within the city. This will include engaging local primary children in 3 learning sessions.

It provides opportunities for intergenerational work, improving community cohesion through age groups and generations mixing on a shared vision. Decision-making opportunities will make people feel connected and empowered, and the levels of loneliness will decrease.

Generate new interest for gardening & harness community knowledge (promote learning from each other and sharing of knowledge).

Facilitate 3 learning sessions with local primary school- enhancing the schools Community & Climate. Outdoors activities improve physical and mental health and celebrating success together will impact very positively in the community.

Develop a monthly spending panel of users, £100 per month, make the case for it and a democratic process to decide. So users might pitch for a water feature, they will have to convince the panel of the benefits for all.

Weekly sessions will be 11-2pm on a Friday so people with children can attend. However, for benefit of the community, the garden space will be accessible as a drop-in. Some sessions examples than will run through the project below:

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**1** *“Come and have a go if you think you’re hardy enough”* - Launch sessions- targeting non-traditional gardeners

Planning the planting

Building a cold frame

Erecting a green house

Installing a water butt

**2** Planting seeds

Improving the soil

Building a compost heap

Building a shed

**3** *Building raised flower beds/ Planters for ease of access*

*Cold frame maintenance/ hardening off*

*Green house maintenance*

*Composting*

**4** *Building beds/ planters*

*Painting/ coating of beds planters etc*

*Watering*

*feeding*

*Pruning/ weeding & maintenance*

*Planning ahead for planting-*

Working together, sharing of skills, learning from old hands

Positive impact of being outside and active

Positive impact of spending time in a likeminded group

Group taking on responsibilities and leadership roles, participatory budgeting- Monthly spend £100

, ie watering, feeding and developing communication and decision making systems and organising

celebratory Harvesting relationships sessions

**(4) Describe your project in no more than 30 words (this will be used for publicity)** Repurpose a council car park into a sensory community garden space that directly contributes to offsetting emissions. This will encourage people of all ages to get their hands dirty for sustainable community benefit.

## **(5a) Who do you hope will benefit from this project?**

Community members, children, parents, older people, those with protected characteristics, local school children- local wildlife through increasing vegetation and planting.

Dementia group members accessing CCC and the sensory garden.

Community use of relaxing ecologically productive urban space

The wider community through a reduction in pollution from St Johns Rd.

Those with physical mobility difficulties. Users with poor mental health.

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**(5b) Is your group open to all?**

Yes

No

**If no, please explain:**

**(5c) Will the project have a positive impact on any of the following protected characteristics?**

Disability

Marriage  
or civil  
partnership

Pregnancy  
and  
maternity

Race

Sex

Age

Sexual  
orientation

Religion or  
belief

Gender  
reassignment

**(6) Where will the project be delivered?**

5 Kirk Loan  
Corstorphine Community Centre  
EH12 7HD

**(7) Project start date:** 06.04.2023  
**Project end date:** 21.03.2024

**(8) How many people do you hope  
will benefit from your project?**

Minimum 180

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**(9) Is anyone else working with you on the project?**

Yes

No

**If yes, please tell us about this:**

Volunteering Matters- Champion climate change- small funding received £250 for resources and start up

Edinburgh University- Social responsibility and Sustainability- grant application submitted £1000 Pending Decision

Tummies to Trash- charity that is committed to zero food waste- will utilise vegetables/ fruits to gather seeds and regrow from stuff destined for the tip

Local primary school – Carricknowe and Corstorphine being consulted with

Corstorphine Dementia Group consultation partners  
Men's Shed Corstorphine

Other partners to be consulted if successful include:

RZS Edinburgh Zoo

Corstorphine Business Community

Almond and West Voluntary Sector Forum

West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Network

**(10) Do you require permission from anyone or any additional insurance to carry out your project?**

Yes

No

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<b>(11) Please outline a breakdown of the cost of delivering this project (including VAT).</b>		<b>(12) Do you have additional funding or income from charges which will contribute to this project? If yes, please detail below</b>	
Goods/Equipment/Time etc	£	Source	£
Staff support time	8,500	Volunteering Matters	250
Timber for green house shelving/ planters Thistle timber Edinburgh	£1000		
Caledonia Horticulture large sustainable raised bed kits @ £180 x's 4	£720		
Screws/ fixings and glue	£120		
Wall brackets & Liners	£140 £120		
Paint/ protection/ brushes & cleaner	£240		
Weed suppressant material: for ground and raised planters	£180		
Paper plant pot maker x's 2 £15	£30		
Edinburgh organics- Plagron Mega worm 25 litres	£13.50		
Caledonia horticulture 850 litres Kelpie peat free compost x's 3	£201		
Seeds/ seedlings/plants edibles and flowers as chosen by group/s	£500		
Green house 6ftx's8ft B&Q Edinburgh	£495		
Dobbies Grozone timer Cold frames x's 3 £69.99	£209.97		
Wall mounted hose (25mtre, B&Q)	£77		
Wilko Edinburgh metal storage shed	£230		
Gardening gloves	£60		
Hoe/ rake/ spades	£120		
Adult hand tools	£80		
Kids tools	£120		
Tea/ coffee/ hot drinks 51 weeks @ £10	£510		
Water butt (210ltrs) B&Q x's 2	£106		

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End of month celebrations- "Harvest Relationships" £40 x's 12	£480		
B&Q Planter and bench combination seating 4 x's £109.99	£439.96		
Participatory budgeting Group members £100 Xs 12 months	£1,200		
NBB Recycled furniture- wheelchair accessible octagonal picnic table and seating x's 2	£1,630		
2-seater chunky garden bench 2x's £158.95	£317.90		
Mobility smart- long handled garden tools £48.95 x's 3	£146.85		
2 x's coach hire to visit gardens 49 seats Edinburgh transport	£1,250		
	£19,237.18	Total income	250

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