

The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

(1a) Organisation/group name: Strengthening communities for Race Equality Scotland - SCOREscotland

(1b) Project name: Wester Hailes People's Climate Action

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

Established in 2007, SCOREscotland is a multi-cultural, black and minority ethnic (BME) community-led organisation operating in Wester Hailes, SW Edinburgh (lowest 10% on the SIMD). We act on the causes and effects of racism by promoting race equality and cultural awareness through community learning, engagement activities and social events, thereby fostering stronger, more resilient communities and helping break down barriers impeding full participation in civic life.

We aim to improve people's prospects through the provision of practical support, learning and skills development opportunities; increase and sustain their pride in the local area through volunteering; and improve their health and wellbeing through group work and outdoor activities. Our programme of activities reaches over 1600 BME people annually, and include:

- Community advocacy and support;
- Youth and children's provision;
- Mental health and wellbeing;
- Community fridges;
- Walking groups;
- Cycling activities
- Home energy advice;
- Digital inclusion initiatives.

(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

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- ☒ 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.

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

Working with diverse communities in South West Edinburgh, **Wester Hailes People's Climate Action Project** will support activity based learning that can contribute to positive climate action. The project will focus on cycling and walking (to reduce travel emissions) and food sharing (to encourage healthy eating and reduce food waste). The project will deliver the following activities:

Theme 1: Cycling

- **20** led rides for all age groups of approx. 4 hours each - 6 to 12 people per ride (new and improvers). Each ride will include a brief awareness raising and information sharing session on sustainable transport, positive attitudes and climate literacy to promote lasting behavioural change to reduce car journeys. Rides will be planned according to the ability of the group. Cycle training will be available. We will capture participant's travel data feedback and promote behavioural change.
- **10** route planning workshops to encourage to plan safe journeys to schools, work, shopping or leisure.

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- **5** Free bike repair events including servicing of donated bikes to give away to low income based households to encourage them cycle more often.
- **10** Basic bike maintenance workshops: To enable people to do basic checks, clean and maintain their bikes. Being able to do puncture repair on their bikes. 8 to 12 people per workshop.
- **16** Loan bikes to young people (YP) using our existing teenage sized bikes library. We will encourage YP to loan a bike for up to 3 months and monitor their travel data.

Theme 2: Walk & Talk

- **10** monthly Edinburgh walks with conversations on climate change to develop more understanding about climate change causes, effects and actions. This will include knowledge sharing on climate action with climate literacy professionals. The walks will help local communities engage with local area, nature and being able to go on short walks individually or with families. This will improved fitness, socialising and behavioural change to reduce car journeys.
- Encouraging adults and young people to undertake climate literacy training.
- Sharing information on local trees / indoor plants which can help to reduce carbon emissions.

Theme 3: Food

- **20** free cooking workshops to encourage people to eat more vegetables and less meat which can significantly reduce carbon emissions also to reduce throwing away food culture. We will also show tips on reducing energy while cooking as well as dietary changes that can impact on environment.
- Good quality food sharing with local communities to reduce food poverty and food waste through our existing community fridge. We will use food items that comes to the community fridge to show them how to cook local vegetables from different recipes and cultures.

We will organise at least one localised event to raise the profile of the project, celebrate achievements and engage the wider communities with walking, cycling and food sharing activities.

Monitoring and evaluation: We will collect baseline and project data to capture participant's travel data, food attitudes and increase in climate literacy awareness. Progress is monitored by feedback and via Google forms.

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(4) Describe your project in no more than 30 words (this will be used for publicity)

Enticing and engaging diverse Edinburgh communities through climate literacy awareness, walking, cycling and food sharing activities. We encourage and support people to take climate action to reduce their carbon footprint.

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

The proposed project will target the Black, Asian, refugee, asylum seeker, migrant and minority ethnic communities living in the neighbourhoods surrounding Wester Hailes, South West Edinburgh. It will also outreach to the newly arriving and settled Syrian families living in Wester Hailes, Balerno, Curry, Gyle and Sighthill (EH11 – EH14), who have arrived through the UK Government's Syrian Resettlement Programme.

These communities are often excluded, or at risk of, due to various factors, including poverty, discrimination, racism, low self-confidence, poor English-language skills, lack of understanding of the system, limited access to important information, and a problematic immigration status.

(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

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☐ Sex

☒ Age

☐ Sexual
orientation

☐ Religion or
belief

☐ Gender
reassignment

(6) Where will the project be delivered?

The project will be delivered in Wester Hailes, South West Edinburgh. We are based at Whale Arts Centre, 30 Westburn Grove, EH14 2SA

(7) Project start date: 15/4/2023
Project end date: 31/3/2024

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

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please tell us about this:

We will be recruiting / working with climate literacy professionals, ride leaders, cycle trainers, walk leaders, chef, bike mechanic, and volunteers.

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

☐ Yes

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If yes, please tell us about this:

(11) Please outline a breakdown of the cost of delivering this project (including VAT).		(12) Do you have additional funding or income from charges which will contribute to this project? If yes, please detail below	
Goods/Equipment/Time etc.	£	Source	£
Cycling: 20 led rides= £1600 , 12 route planning workshops= £1720 , 5 free bike repair events = £2100 , 10 bike maintenance workshops = £1000 , Bike equipment = £500	£6920		
Walking: 10 monthly walks of 4hrs each.	£800		
Climate literacy activities Climate literate delivering (51 events of 7hrs each-plan and deliver).	£7140		
Walk, Cycle and Food Festival event	£1290		
Cooking: 20 Cooking workshops of 3hrs each (Chef time, food ingredients)	£1500		
Room hire for cooking workshops £900,	£900		
Staff time (admin and reporting)	£1450		
Total Expenditure	£20,000	Total income	£0

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