

# The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

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

Dig-In Bruntsfield

**(1b) Project name:**

Collaborating for change – a model Community Climate Action Hub.

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

We are a community owned Greengrocer, established in 2013 as a Community Benefit Society for the benefit of the community. We exist for the benefit of the community and not for a profit. Our mission is to sell wholesome, local fruit, vegetables and wholefoods to the community – who are our shareholders – we have some Our community shareholders are in Edinburgh, many in our local area: our purpose is to serve the community.

**(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)**

Our project, led Dig-In Bruntsfield and hosted by the Eric Liddell Centre (ELC) will use the funding to develop, promote and deliver a series of free, community climate-focused events. It will culminate with a Community Climate Fair (CCF) and establishment of a Community Climate Action Hub (CCAH).

The project aims to show the importance fostering the 'mycelium network' within existing place-based community organisations working in climate. Creating a Hub – with physical collaborative events but also branding and virtual connection - can help increase engagement and empower communities to take place-based climate action and to help deliver Edinburgh's climate goals.

Our project leverages knowledge and existing activities of local community organisations. It responds to community research by ELC which highlights that the local community want more activities associated with wellbeing and health, local events and sustainability.

Climate-smart meals create healthier, more resilient communities with lower consumption related greenhouse gas emissions. Building on the success of Dig-In's regular tasting and recipe events, the project will host 3 themed 'CCAH: Climate Smart Food' workshops. Healthy, plant based recipes and skills will be shared – in collaboration with guidance from local nutritionists and with the local food community: Rhyze Mushrooms – who grow edible mushrooms through circular economy in urban waste streams and Edinburgh Fermentarium who make and teach healthy, plant based recipes.

With inspiration from the Planetary Health Diet, recipes will be developed for use in the workshops and for wider sharing in Edinburgh through project team networks – with nutrition, climate and cost of living benefits highlighted. Workshop participants will learn to make the recipes, also sharing skills and knowledge - making food last longer, reducing food waste, how to shorten local supply chains and eat more seasonally and why climate smart can also be nutritious and cost effective. We will work with Media Education to create a short film to share – *CCAH: Climate Smart Eats*.

More time in nature improves wellbeing. Greener cities provide cooler, more resilient communities for the future. The project will undertake seasonal meadows and tree planting with local organisation Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links (FoMBL). It will expand the existing wildflower meadow on the Bruntsfield Links (already supported by ECC) through a 'CCAH Nature: Planting Pollinators' event which will engage the local community in nature based climate action. A project to co-create signage for the meadow will be run with schools – highlighting links between food systems, nature and climate action.

The project will culminate in a Community Climate Fair –the first in Edinburgh – collaborating with Bruntsfield Area Net Zero Action Initiative (BANZAI) who, in addition to nature and food, have local community circles focused on transport, home energy and activism. The fair will launch the Community Climate Hub and will showcase the project work, bringing together project partners and wider organisations (e.g. Edible Edinburgh, Edinburgh Climate Forum), local suppliers and makers as well as inspiring speakers and ECC guests.

The project measures of success will include attendance, dissemination and number of 'community climate pledges' made by participants.

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

Leveraging existing community networks offers us the best opportunity to make changes required for the future we need. Our Community Climate Action Hub connects the dots to deliver action.

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

We hope communities across Edinburgh will benefit from the project – with our project providing a model for place-based action leveraging the work of existing organisations; recognising that all community organisations need to be involved in climate action in order for us to achieve the climate goals required.

Workshops will be open to all; whilst the project is place-based, through dissemination and storytelling – in collaboration with Media Education – we will share the work we do and project findings with our existing communities from local to National level.

## (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

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

**(7) Project start date: 1 April 23  
Project end date: 6 Dec 23**

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

Over 500 and we hope to raise awareness in all 68,000 residents of our 20 minute neighbourhood and 3000 on our respective organisational mailing lists

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

Yes

No

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

Eric Liddell Centre an Edinburgh based care charity and community hub committed to our vision to live in a community where no one feels lonely or isolated.

Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links – a community led organisation who plant and maintain trees and wildflower meadows in the local area.

Bruntsfield Area Net Zero Action Initiative – a community led organisation want to create a Net Zero neighbourhood in the Bruntsfield area and to engage with others in Edinburgh (target of Net Zero by 2030) and Scotland (Net Zero by 2045) to develop green, healthy, inclusive neighbourhoods that meet the real needs of the people who live there.

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**(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	£
Workshop – lonely veg	1000		
Workshop – climate smart lunch box	500		
Workshop – mycelium networks	1000		
Suppliers for tastings/fair	200		
Film maker	2000		
Venue hire, catering	1850		
Pollinators garden suppliers	430		
Project officer time	2200		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>9180</b>	<b>Total income</b>	

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