

The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

(1a) Organisation/group name:

Group: Fairmilehead Energy Hub

Parent Group / application submitted by: Transition Edinburgh

(1b) Project name:

Fairmilehead Futures

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

Fairmilehead Energy Hub is an informal group serving Buckstone, Caiystane, Frogston, Swanston and Winton, aiming to help our community move to a low carbon world. Since 2019, FEH has held thirteen free in-person and online events to a total of 181 participants, on home energy saving, renewables and a range sustainability-related topics including climate activism. We use guest speakers, drawing on the wealth of expertise in Edinburgh.

FEH is a working group of Transition Edinburgh (<https://transitionedinburgh.org.uk/>), which connects and supports community groups, and initiates practical projects that strive for a greener, fairer, healthier and more resilient Edinburgh since 2009. TE is a Local Network of the Transition Scotland Hub of the Global Transition Network.

(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)

We would use the money to deliver Fairmilehead Futures, a nine-month community programme for local residents, building on Fairmilehead Energy Hub's three year track record of delivering low carbon information sessions in partnership with a range of experts.

Fairmilehead Futures will have the following aims:

- To offer local residents good-quality advice to how to take practical steps towards low carbon, sustainable living.
- To bring together local residents who are interested in sustainable living and climate action, with the aim of building connections and creating a local network.
- To increase interest, opportunities and engagement in low carbon action locally.
- To actively encourage and gather ideas to seed local action beyond the end date of the project.
- To engage with a wide range of local organisations and businesses in the promotion and delivery of the programme.
- To draw on the wealth of expertise in low carbon / sustainability in Edinburgh by inviting relevant organisations and businesses to help us co-deliver sessions.

Fairmilehead Futures will include

- **Advice sessions:** Nine inspiring monthly advice sessions with a practical focus, on topics such as energy saving, solar panels, EVs, heat pumps and 'grow your own'. These will be co-delivered by guest presenters. This strand is an expansion of the previous events run by FEH, but with greater opportunity to promote the programme locally and engage more residents.
- **Repair café sessions:** Six repair café events drawing on the skills of various repair organisations across Edinburgh, including IT, sewing and furniture.
- **Opening social/family event:** To bring together local residents and look to the year ahead, also giving the opportunity to let us know what topics would be useful for the final two advice sessions.
- **'To the future' Closing event:** To reflect back on the project, lessons learned and future actions, both personal and as a community.
- **Cycling event:** Our 2022 cycling event, including group cycle starting and ending at Fairmilehead Park, was a success and we will repeat this as part of Fairmilehead Futures.

Most events will be free; a small charge will be made for the repair café sessions. We will focus on future actions, both personal (we will invite participants to let us know practical changes/steps they are making) and community (we will actively work with participants to see what future community action is possible beyond the project).

A very important part of the project is to reach out to as many local residents, organisations and businesses as possible. To date, a lack of funding has limited FEH's attempts to engage with residents, impacting on how many residents it can inform about future opportunities. This funding would allow us to change this both for this project and the future, and we would put it towards:

- Half-day of professional marketing strategy support.
- The design and build of a dedicated FEH website, that could be used beyond the funding period.
- Leaflet drop to all households in Buckstone, Caiystane, Frogston, Swanston and Winton

We would also continue to promote all of our activities via our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/fairmileenergyhub>

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

Led by Fairmilehead Energy Hub, Fairmilehead Futures is a nine-month community programme combining practical advice sessions for low carbon living, repair cafés and social events, all focusing on future actions.

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

Residents and businesses in Buckstone, Caiystane, Frogston, Swanston and Winton, and the surrounding areas.

(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?

The project will be delivered in accessible venues in the Fairmilehead area, to be confirmed but likely to include Fairmilehead Parish Church, St Fillans Church and The Wellness Barn at Swanston.

(7) Project start date: 1/6/23
Project end date: 31/05/24

(8) How many people do you hope
will benefit from your project?
235

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please tell us about this:

FEH is an informal group that is part of constituted group Transition Edinburgh. Funding will be held in the TE bank account. The planning, delivery and reporting for Fairmilehead Futures will be carried out by FEH but TE will provide additional oversight and promotion. The outcomes of the project would feed into the learnings of the TE network.

The nature of the project is to draw on relevant expertise from out with the group. Previous FEH events have included experts from Home Energy Scotland, Energy Saving Trust, Changeworks, Edinburgh Solar Co-operative, Pawprint, Jorra, On Site Generation, Solar Kingdom, Spokes, The Bike Centre Edinburgh and Insulation Solutions, plus Ian Murray MP. We have a forthcoming session in March with Repair Café Edinburgh. For the Fairmilehead Futures advice sessions we will programme a mix of previous and new speakers, leaving room in the programme for topics/experts that residents would like included. Repair café sessions will include organisations such as Edinburgh Remakery, Repair Café Edinburgh, Remode Collective. Advice session speakers will generally be able to give their time on behalf of their organisation for expenses only, while repair café workshops will be booked for a fee.

We will work hard to engage with local organisations including Fairmilehead Parish Church, Buckstone and Pentland Primary School, Scottish Water (based at Buckstone Terrace), local social media groups and businesses, with the aim that they will promote the programme to their network.

Green Buckstone (<https://greenbuckstone.wordpress.com>) is a local community recycling programme which will promote all events via its Facebook page (791 followers).

Buckstone-based Belter Marketing will be engaged to help with marketing strategy (www.beltermarketing.com), while Tide (www.tide-scotland.co.uk) will provide design support on an in-kind basis.

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

☒ **Yes**

☐ **No**

If yes, please tell us about this:

Transition Edinburgh has public liability insurance but we would investigate whether further insurance was required for the repair café and social events.

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(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	£
9 x Advice sessions inc. venue hire and expenses	780	Planning and delivery of the project will be carried out on a voluntary basis by group members	
6 x Repair café sessions inc. fees, venue hire and expenses	2,390		
3 x community events inc venue hire, catering and expenses	750		
Website design & hosting	800		
Marketing strategy support	240		
Leaflets and leaflet delivery	600		
Total Expenditure	£5,560	Total income	

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