

The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

(1a) Organisation/group name: Cruse Scotland

(1b) Project name: Cruse Climateers

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

Cruse Scotland is the nation's leading provider of free bereavement support services which due to the Covid-19 pandemic and cost-of-living crisis have never been more needed. Our team of 250 community based volunteers enable us to support 5000 people every year across Scotland who are struggling to cope. In Edinburgh, our team of 40 local volunteers provide listening support, advice and counselling to 500 children and adults annually. Our support aims to help people understand and process their grief, improve their wellbeing and get their lives back on track.

(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)

Environmental sustainability is one of Cruse Scotland's 5 strategic priorities and as part of our implementation plan, we have designed a new project which will increase learning on climate change and Edinburgh's Net Zero target among our team of bereavement support volunteers. We know that people who volunteer tend to be more generally engaged and active in their local communities and have the potential to influence and lead locally on critical emergencies such as climate change.

Our Cruse Climateers project will give our team of 50 volunteers and staff in Edinburgh access to training which will:

- increase their learning about climate change and its impact on our communities
- provide knowledge and practical advice on how to volunteer for Cruse Scotland in a more environmentally sustainable way, e.g. use of online delivery to reduce travel to sessions, paperless communication and resources.
- provide practical advice on how to lead a more environmentally sustainable lifestyle and contribute to Edinburgh's Net Zero target , e.g. use of public transport, reduce/reuse/recycle
- encourage and support our volunteers to pass on this knowledge and advice to the communities they live in.

We would use the money to pay the costs for a Trainer to design the course and deliver it to our Edinburgh based volunteers and staff over 3 half days using Zoom/Teams.

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(4) Describe your project in no more than 30 words (this will be used for publicity) Cruse Climateers will equip our bereavement support volunteers in Edinburgh with climate change knowledge and skills in how to pass this on to the communities they live in.

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

We hope this project will directly benefit our team of 50 Edinburgh volunteers and staff. However, we expect it will also help their friends and families indirectly as well as the communities they live in.

(5b) Is your group open to all?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If no, please explain:

Our organisation is open to everyone, no matter their age, beliefs, background or relationship to the deceased.

(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 online to people living across Edinburgh.

**(7) Project start date: 1/8/23
Project end date: 1/12/23**

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

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

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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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(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	£
Trainer fee for planning & prep	300	ECCF	300
Trainer fee for delivery of 3 x half day training sessions	1500	ECCF	1500
Total Expenditure	1800	Total income	1800

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