

The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

(1a) Organisation/group name:

Hibernian Community Foundation

(1b) Project name:

Club Together Lunch & Social Cafe

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

Hibernian Community Foundation (HCF), uses the power and passion of football to engage, support and positively impact the lives of people in Edinburgh and the Lothians. We work with 900 people every month, delivering programmes that:

- Promote Healthy Living
- Tackle Loneliness
- Support new Scots and refugees

We are a social enterprise generating income from delivering academy, school and holiday football sessions to young people. Our community programmes target disadvantaged groups, influencing behaviours and lifestyles in positive and lasting ways. In addition to free football, we organise two weekly lunch clubs, adult fitness classes, an over 55s social club, mental health groups, and a community choir.

We are a staff team of 5 FTE, supported by the skills, knowledge and commitment of 80 volunteers. HCF, based at Easter Road Stadium also work with third sector partners to support community need including, Cyrenians, Empty Kitchens Full Hearts and SAMH.

(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 inform, educate and deliver practical ways people can save money at home through carbon emission reducing measures.

Our work will be delivered in the following ways:

1. At community lunch clubs, demonstrating to our guests how meals can be prepared from locally sourced food and items collected from Fareshare that may otherwise go to landfill. We will provide information, ingredients and recipes to enable people to recreate meals at home. Working with community food partners, we have sessions on how meals can be produced at a low cost (Empty Kitchens Full Hearts, EKFH) and safely through 'REHIS – Eating Well For Older People' with Edinburgh Community Food.
2. We will create warm banks at our lunch and social cafe, enabling community members to switch off their household heating. We host a clothing bank, book swap, free wi-fi and device training, and a range of activities for children which include arts, books, table tennis, pool table and board games.
3. In partnership with charities delivering meals to people's homes, creating food distribution hubs where those attending lunches are given access to food provision lasting several days. This would reduce the number of deliveries charities, such as EKFH currently undertake in Edinburgh and the levels of energy required to cook from fresh at home. In addition, for those able to visit our stadium, we will address the impact of social isolation and loneliness by enjoying communal eating with the assistance of welcoming volunteers who can signpost to further opportunities.
4. We will work with our private sector partners such as Utilita, who currently fund our Bright Sparks, environmental and energy awareness programme delivered in Edinburgh primary schools. Through engaging with Utilita's community team, we will distribute materials such as reusable containers and facilitate talks on energy saving measures that can be introduced in the home, workplace and school. This material has been adapted to cater for all ages and a variety of languages, leading to significant energy saving.

We will share materials created for our lunches with our community referral partners, with the aim of cascading energy saving tips to their community. Referral partners include Association of Ukrainians of Great Britain, Penumbra, EHSC Partnership, Cyrenians and LifeCare.

Funds would be used to:

- Appoint a Community Development Officer (1.5 days/week)
- Produce support materials in at least six languages
- Invest in Fareshare ingredients for use and distribution to guests
- Train volunteers (Support lunches) with energy awareness sessions in partnership with Utilita and Energy Savings Trust
- Support staff / volunteers and facility cost for set up and session delivery.

We would provide regular updates and reports to the Edinburgh Community Climate Fund and Edinburgh City Council on delivered work, and case studies of how behaviour in the house and awareness has grown among our lunch guests.

We will publicise this initiative through our social media and organise for first team players at Hibernian FC to visit and publicise through the football club's media channels (Currently over 300,000 followers).

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

Club Together Lunch & Social Café is open to all and offers free hot meals, activity drop in and information point at Easter Road Stadium, weekly for a year.

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

In a year, we will work with 1,640 adults and 930 children attending our twice weekly free lunch clubs within the central community point of Easter Road Stadium. We will work with people from low income households who are elderly, are New Scots or have refugee status, referred by food banks, social work, health centres, children in receipt of free school meals and those living in neighbourhoods ranked the lowest decile in the Social Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Club Together Lunch & Social Cafe is open to all with information of this opportunity shared across third sector organisations engaging community members and across the online following of Hibernian Community Foundation / Hibernian Football Club. HCF has in recent times delivered multiple opportunities to displaced community members (Ukrainian community members events and refugees) and will again utilise contacts to engage community members from low income households, elderly community members and those living in the lowest decile of SIMD 2020.

The addition of a new lunch club in January 2023 has in its infancy have Ukrainian, Chinese, Syrian, Indian, Rwandan community members all attend. In the coming weeks, we will develop our network by linking with the Scottish Refugee Council and additional local community support groups. Through our close working relationship with Leith Academy, we are aware that the school is host to speakers of over 50 languages and it is our intention to reflect this diversity in our programme.

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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?

Club Together will be delivered within the Community Hub of Easter Road Stadium. This is equipped with a kitchen area, social spaces and accessible entry points.

(7) Project start date: 19/04/2023

Project end date: 17/04/2024

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

60-80 weekly service users

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

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Yes

No

If yes, please tell us about this:

Partner Organisations:

Empty Kitchens Full Hearts – Food resource provider, using resources from Fareshare and donated goods.

Edinburgh Community Food – REHIS, Food preparation training.

Utilita – Energy Saving Advice

Hibernian Football Club – Facility access

Nominating organisations for community members of Edinburgh

AUGB (Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain)

Cyrenians

The Ripple

Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership

Uthink

LifeCare

Leith Community Network

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

Yes

No

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N/A

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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	£
Facility Use & Clean (£20 Hourly rate – 3-hour charge)	£3300		
Management / Staff Fee	£9600		
Food Resources	£2000		
Contingency	£50		
Total Expenditure	£14950	Total income	

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