

The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

(1a) Organisation/group name:

Regenerate Edinburgh

(1b) Project name:

Regenerative Practitioner Network Edinburgh

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

We Regenerate Edinburgh an [Open Collective of Consultants](#) specialising in Regenerative Development work created by [Regenesis](#), Carbon Literacy Training, Restorative Justice and non-hierarchical self-organising.

We want to bring highest quality consultancy to Citizen-led grass-roots projects for free and in so doing establish the Regenerative Practitioner Guild (RPG) of Edinburgh.

The essence of the Guild is about unleashing the untapped cultural, spiritual and intellectual potential of Edinburgh residents through the paradigm of Regeneration.

In partnership with place we believe that we the people can create Regenerative outcomes that transcend the duality or trade-off between human and ecological goods that traditional approaches to sustainability often entail.

(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)

All across Edinburgh there are courageous hardworking people, engaged in holding this city together as a community and making it the special place that we know and love.

Our ecologically grounded Bioregional approach exists to give back to and invest in the volunteers and community leaders who quietly hold our city together for the vast majority to enjoy.

Democracy cannot function without educated and empowered citizens. Why? No matter how good cutting edge sustainability ideas may be, if they are only delivered top down then it is always likely to feel like an imposition from the outside and thus hit resistance. In contrast, when a community is genuinely galvanized around what it really cares about, there is no limit to what can be achieved, nor the efficiency, effectiveness and depth of the solution. We see this as in fact the very essence of democracy.

We will help 5 local projects shift out of fire fighting mode and reconnect with the core reason why they exist. We will help them to identify how they can magnify their effectiveness within their community and provide meaningful ways into action for hundreds if not thousands of their members and users.

Each project will function as a seed from which much greater and deeper change can build. Embedding bioregional awareness in our communities is an investment which through our self-funded Regenerative practitioner network will give fruit for decades.

A healthy bioregion *is* a massive natural carbon sink, and can be incredibly productive of food and energy using methods that would make it a *net-positive* carbon sink. Edinburgh is the capital city of this country and therefore has disproportionate influence over how things go at a national level. As citizens we can strengthen the fundamental resilience of the City to systemic shocks from the global food system, energy markets and international political changes by creating healthy dynamics between the City and the rural context in which it is nested. Through our choices as Edinburgh residents we can make Edinburgh, as a city, a driver of and marketplace for Regeneration region wide and in so doing make Edinburgh a genuine leader in tackling the root causes of CEE globally.

Edinburgh was once known as a Thought Leader for all of Europe, laying the ground for modernity and democracy as we know it. Edinburgh World Heritage calls Edinburgh the 'City of Genius' for this very reason. The famous phrase: 'We take it as self evident that all men are created Equal' was directly inspired by the Scottish Enlightenment.

Climate and Ecological Emergency is the perfect opportunity to take history into our hands, renew the spirit of Edinburgh and create a new wave of civic participation and civic pride. Taking care of the places and people who we love, should not be a sideshow. Investing in resident-led initiative is the safest and surest way forward.

Please support us to support those who are already working and volunteering for the benefit of all.

In one year we will present 5 case studies showing what is possible from the grass roots up; what we hope is that by then you will already be directly involved.

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

Regenerate Edinburgh:

Support a direct citizen-led response to the Climate Emergency, through a Regenerative Practitioner Network and 5 Grass-roots projects receiving yearlong training to activate place-based systemic transformation.

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

Projects and communities who would otherwise not be able to afford this training and consultancy and are in need of and ready to engaging regeneratively. We will prioritise projects that have systemic leverage and engage diverse stakeholders across race, gender and class. This could include community managed parks/green space, Community Councils, Youth-led initiatives, Climate centric citizen networks or hubs, recycle and reuse projects and much more. We will ensure the 5 projects are diverse and complimentary so as to produce 5 excellent case studies. We have opened discussions with our networks and look forward to formally inviting applications.

(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?

Edinburgh community based venues, and Zoom

(7) Project start date: May 1st 2023
Project end date: May 1st 2024

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

Direct 120 6x20 Project Leaders

Indirect 400-4000 wider membership

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

Yes

No

If yes, please tell us about this:

Please see the attached pdf regarding our fiscal host, The Social Change Nest CIC (Company No. 12611737).

They are a non-profit organisation that provide financial oversight, support with financial management and admin services.

They run www.opencollectives.com, a participatory financing platform for grass-roots initiatives. The core values are transparency and accountability. All contributions, transactions and expenses happen in a fully transparent, publicly accessible way. Please see our account here or search Regenerate Edinburgh on the site. We will have a specific and separate pot for the grant funds should we be awarded so that it is 100% clear exactly where this money is spent.

Expense Payment Policy

Labour costs will only be disbursed where a signed invoice from the Treasurer, Chair or Lead of any project we work with confirming the receipt of each individual session has been provided.

Expenses will only be disbursed where relevant receipts have been made available.

For any queries to The Social Change Nest, please contact:
Hello@thesocialchangenest.org

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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	
12 hrs online at £50	£600	Self-funded contributions	£400
3 days training at £300	£900		
Venue and material and travel costs up to 3 x £150	£450		
Subtotal per project	£1950		
x 5 projects	£9750		
5% fee from fiscal host:	£487.5		
Total Expenditure	£10,237.5	Total income	£400

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