

The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

Who can apply?

Any Edinburgh-based community, voluntary or non-profit organisation can **apply for up to £20,000** to put ideas into action. Normally these organisations will have one of the following structures:

- Constituted community group or club
- Social Enterprise
- Community interest companies (CIC)
- Registered charity (SCIO)

Informal groups who do not meet the above criteria can still apply but will be required to work with a parent organisation who would submit the application in partnership. If you are not sure or would like to discuss please contact:

communityplanning@edinburgh.gov.uk

How do you apply?

To apply for the funding you must return this form before midnight on 12th February and submit an idea proposal through the [Your Voice platform](#). If your idea fits with the fund's objectives, the community will get to vote for the best idea at the start of March.

(1a) Organisation/group name: People Know How

(1b) Project name: All Aboard for Climate Action

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

Our aims are for children, young people, families and adults to be encouraged to reach their full potential, using their own strengths and assets. Our objectives are to empower communities to be socially innovative and inspire them into action, giving them space and opportunities to share their skills, knowledge and experience.

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Our services include:

Positive Transitions – a service supporting children, young people and their families through primary and secondary school. It helps them to feel valued and understood, improve their self-esteem and peer relationships, and fulfil their potential.

Reconnect – a service offering support to adults and families in Edinburgh and East Lothian to help them improve wellbeing by increasing digital and social inclusion

Spaces - People Know How manages community spaces across Edinburgh & East Lothian including Connect Four hub and All Aboard canal boat on the Union Canal in partnership with Polwarth Parish Church.

(3a) Please select the fund criteria which your project relates to (Select all that apply)

☒ 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.

(3b) Tell us about the project you would use the money for. (500 words maximum)

A donation from the Edinburgh Community Climate Fund would be used to run sessions on climate change on our All Aboard Canal Boat with children and young people from our local Positive Transitions groups. These sessions will focus on educating children and young people about their local environment and the impact of climate change. Using fun and engaging activities, we will introduce them to some small everyday actions that they can take at home and in their community to help tackle climate change. Pupils from Canal View & Tollcross Primary Schools and Boroughmuir High School will join us on our All Aboard canal boat on the Union Canal, encouraging them to engage with their local environment and explore issues around climate change.

We already run some of our Positive Transitions group sessions from All Aboard, introducing the young people to a green space in the heart of their community, seeing local plants and wildlife up close. For some it was their first time being on a boat.

Our Positive Transitions service supports children, young people and their families in the transition from primary to secondary school across Edinburgh and East Lothian. The service is designed to support them to feel valued and understood, improve their self-esteem and peer relationships, and enable them to fulfil their potential. As part of the service, we run group sessions designed based on young people's experiences and input. Themes include art,

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sports, music, and science. Climate change is a universal issue and we want children and young people to be engaged in discussions and actions within their local community to tackle this.

During term time, Positive Transitions takes place during the day and after-school. We are hoping to offer the Climate sessions as one of our Positive Transitions Services during the summer term 2023 or September 2023 onwards.

In the first sessions, we will explore different topics around climate change and climate action, using fun, hands on activities, making the subject more accessible to the young people that we work with. We then aim to explore one area in more detail and work on a practical project chosen by the group, empowering them to take ownership of what they want to learn and to lead on the activity with our support. Taking this learning out of the school setting and onto the All Aboard canal boat will help enhance their connection with nature, develop an understanding of the value of the biodiversity within their local environment and engage and enthuse the young people to take action on climate change in their local community.

We recently partnered with the University of Edinburgh on the "How Biodiverse is Your Park" project, which gave local people the opportunity to find, photograph and identify plants and animals in Hailes Quarry Park, to help map local biodiversity and inform improvements to parks. We involved some of our Positive Transitions pupils in the project and would like to continue to provide sessions on climate and environment, funding allowing.

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

Pupils from Canal View, Tollcross Primary and Tynecastle High School, will join us on our All Aboard canal boat to take part in fun, interactive sessions exploring climate change.

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

The Positive Transitions service has been working with local schools in Edinburgh and East Lothian since 2015, concentrating on the areas of multiple deprivation in SIMD 1 or 2 data zones, with lower than average incomes and educational attainment. It is not designed as a universal service for everyone. It is designed to support disadvantaged and vulnerable young people struggling at home and/or school at a milestone time of their lives as they prepare to move from primary school to high school. Almost half of our referrals have experienced parental substance use and/or have been on the mental health waiting list for CAMHS for up to 18 months.

The project will specifically benefit children and young people accessing our Positive Transitions service from Canal View Primary (Wester Hailes), Tollcross Primary School and Tynecastle High School.

(5b) Is your group open to all?

☐☒ No

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If no, please explain: The activity will be open to school pupils from the local schools that we work with through our Positive Transitions service, primarily, pupils that we are supporting through Positive Transitions. The maximum number of pupils in the group is 10.

(5c) Will the project have a positive impact on any of the following protected characteristics? Not specifically

☐ 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?

People Know How and Polwarth Parish Church run a canal boat named All Aboard, moored at the Polwarth Pontoon on the Union Canal, at 36-38 Polwarth Terrace. The space aims to nurture community cohesion and wellbeing and we use it to host People Know How groups as well as providing space for other groups in the community and hosting community events.

(7) Project start date: April 2023
Project end date: December 2023

**(8) How many people do you hope
will benefit from your project?**
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(9) Is anyone else working with you on the project?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please tell us about this:

We intend to work with the University of Edinburgh again on this project, along with other partners, to deliver some of the sessions on this project. We have not yet confirmed all partners at this stage, but will be working with Canal View Primary School, Tollcross Primary School, Tynecastle High School and University of Edinburgh.

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

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☒ 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	£
Staff salaries: Youth & Family Coordinator and All Aboard Coordinator 10 x 1 day sessions	2,768		
Refreshments/snacks for young people	240		
Equipment / resources	170		
Volunteer (VIP) expenses / travel	120		
Diesel fuel for canal boat	285		
Total Expenditure	3583	Total income	

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