

It's In Our Nature

Enhancing your
neighbourhood: how
we can help



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About

As part of the In Our Nature project, Groundwork Greater Manchester is able to support groups and organisations to resource activities, campaigns and physical improvements which help to tackle climate change and improve the local area. This is a new and exciting opportunity to support communities to enable community and youth leadership and action around climate change.

Please note: we aren't able to provide direct funding or grants – we can support you in purchasing materials, resources or vouchers if you need, offer our training or support, or simply help you with planning a project.

Who can we support?

We are looking to help small, locally based and led activities and improvements. Groups working together is great - so if there is more than one organisation involved in your project please list this in your expression of interest form.

We are able to provide support to people and groups in the following areas:

- Gorton & Abbey Hey
- Sharston and Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe
- Harpurhey
- Crumpsall

****If your project location falls just outside of these ward areas, but is very close and serves people within these areas, please still get in touch with us to discuss.**



What types of projects can we support?

We can support projects which have a link to tackling climate change in some way, or support people who are affected by the impacts of climate change. We are looking to support a broad range of projects, which connect to any of the below themes.

We have provided a few examples of climate action projects below and we welcome creative and new ideas too.

Building & Energy



Buildings & Energy

Eg. workshops to advise neighbours on how to reduce energy use in the home – offering small installations like draught excluders or radiator foils / Encouraging use of renewable energy – eg installation of solar panels for community use or community centres

Transport



Transport & Active Travel:

Eg. Getting diverse groups into walking and cycling / Increasing walking, cycling and use of public transport / Creating safer walking and cycling routes / Bike repair and maintenance workshops / Reducing car usage for short journeys

Food



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Eg. Cooking classes or workshops to encourage more availability and knowledge about healthy, locally grown food and more vegetable-based meals / growing sessions to encourage growing at home / kitchen equipment and appliances / growing food for different cultures

Waste & Recycling



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Eg. Organising a clean up day or regular clean ups for your street or local area / Setting up a repair cafe or sharing mending skills / Campaigning to reduce flytipping and create signage

More Project Ideas



Skills for the Future:

Eg. Sessions to learn more about climate change / Coaching and advice to support people into greener jobs / Learning about developing projects, establishing and constituting groups



Nature & Greenspaces

Eg. Introducing ways to reduce flooding in greenspaces / creating better quality greenspaces / Improving biodiversity / Creating wildlife corridors / Encouraging people to walk through, use and enjoy their local greenspaces



Community Wellbeing

Eg. Creating safer routes for getting around your neighbourhood / Improving wellbeing through community action / Growing and gardening to improve wellbeing / Sessions to explore climate and eco anxiety



Community Connections

Eg. Creating safer routes for walking, cycling and getting around your neighbourhood / Growing a network of climate ambassadors / Setting up a green hub in your community / Learning how to establish a community group or start a regular community activity



Project Criteria

What else do you need to consider as part of your project?

We will review expressions of interest as they come in, and will be checking that they meet the below set of criteria. We will be looking for projects to be:



- **Locally-led:** We are looking for projects led by local people, with local people at the heart of decision making



- **Making an impact on climate change:** Projects will need to link to climate change and one of the key themes we have listed



- **Enhancing your community:** We want to support projects which will truly benefit people and the places that matter to them



- **Feasible:** Please consider how likely it is that your project will work – are the right people involved? Have you considered the time you have to commit to your project?



- **Sustainable:** we are looking for projects with a lasting impact and ideally plans for how it can continue into the future

Submitting your expression of interest

Expression of Interest for support

Please speak to a member of our team before completing a form, as we can advise on your project idea and if we are the best placed to work with you

- **Gorton & Abbey Hey: Contact Amy**

Email: amy.wright@groundwork.org.uk or text/call 07872 400 743

- **Sharston & Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe: Contact Matt**

Email: Matt.Holker@groundwork.org.uk or text/call 07483 925973

- **Crumpsall: Contact Fran**

Email: - francesca.sullivan@groundwork.org.uk or text/call 07790 801039

- **Harpurhey: Contact Fran**

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Introduction Workshops

We will be hosting a number of workshops to give you an introduction to communities tackling climate change, as well as talking you through the expression of interest and answering questions you may have. The workshop dates will be updated on our website.

If you would like us to come and speak to you about climate change, and discuss potential project ideas, please get in touch!

