London Community Climate Partnership

Bringing together strategic partners from the voluntary, community and faith sector, to build community resilience and adaptation in the face of climate change.

Programme Information & Application Guidance

We are inviting applications from representatives of voluntary, community and faith organisations who are working at a strategic and pan-London level in community resilience and adaptation to climate change. Those selected will form a partnership to represent the perspectives of the voluntary, community and faith sector on climate resilience and adaptation.

The **deadline for applications is Sunday 29th November 2026 at midnight.**

About the Programme

Groundwork London and Communities Prepared are working with London Resilience in developing a new partnership to represent the voices of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sectors (VCFS) on climate resilience and adaptation.

Londoners face growing, multifaceted risks from climate change, which intersect with other social and environmental challenges. In response, policy and strategy, at a national, regional and local level, are being developed, and more funders are showing interest in this space. The VCFS have deep knowledge of their communities, but their input is currently not central in the development and implementation of these policies and strategies.

The programme's ambition is to make London a more resilient city in response to climate change, by ensuring that the voices of the VCFS are captured in response to key strategies on climate resilience and adaptation which impact Londoners, such as Heat Ready London and Flood Ready London.

The partnership will be made up of representatives from different VCFS organisations which engage in, on a pan London and strategic level, the following themes:

- climate resilience and adaptation;

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- supporting those most affected by climate risks in communities across London; and
- representing diverse communities most at risk from climate change.

For example, we would be looking to hear from the following individuals (this list is illustrative but not exclusive):

- a strategic or policy manager at an organisation focused on action on flooding;
- a climate risk lead at homelessness charity; and
- a climate resilience and adaptation lead at a faith-based organisation supporting Londoners of that faith.

We will build the foundations of the network, uniting these organisations, to ensure that there is a respected 'voice' which can champion climate resilience from a VCFS perspective at a strategic and policy level. We will also aim to create the conditions where the partnership as a whole seeks to collaborate to bring more funding and delivery into the space.

The partnership will be empowered and enabled to support the future direction and delivery of the Heat and Flood Ready London strategies, as well as other relevant practices and programmes.

By taking part, you will ensure that the voices from the voluntary, community and faith sector are heard as we respond to the impacts of climate change.

The partnership will form in February 2027 and the Groundwork London-led convening of the partnership will last for one year.

Criteria for representatives on the partnership

We wish to recruit a partnership made up of representatives from a diverse range of organisations.

Representatives will be a staff member, established volunteer, trustee or director, based in an organisation in the VCFS which engages in, on a pan London and strategic level, the following themes:

- climate resilience and adaptation;
- supporting those most affected by climate risks in communities across London; and
- representing diverse communities most at risk from climate change

We are eager to recruit those who are:

- excited by the opportunities to share insights from their experience on how to build community resilience in the face of climate change;
- effective communicators;
- either:
    - knowledgeable about resilience or adaptation in the face of climate change;
    - keen to learn more about community resilience in the face of climate change;
- committed, professional and considerate; and
- courageous and creative in imagining a new future in a more resilient and climate-adapted London.

Practical details and how to apply

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a staff member, established volunteer, trustee or director, based in an organisation in the VCFS which engages in, on a pan London and strategic level, the following themes:
    - climate resilience and adaptation;
    - supporting those most affected by climate risks in communities across London; and
    - representing diverse communities most at risk from climate change.
- Be from an organisation which has:
    - a dedicated bank account in the name of the organisation;
    - relevant insurance and risk assessments; and an up-to-date Safeguarding Policy (if working with Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults)
- Be applying with the approval of senior staff and decision makers at the organisation.
- Not be from party political organisations.

Partnership requirements

Successful applicants will be expected to attend the following partnership meetings. The expectation is that all members of the partnership attend at least 80% of the meetings, with allowance for unavoidable work commitments, leave and other matters arising. We of course wish to be flexible and we do not wish for the commitment to be onerous, however by applying you are stating that you intend to meet this expectation.

In addition to attend the partnership meetings, there will be two online training sessions, sharing knowledge on resilience from Communities Prepared.

Below are the dates which we expect the meetings to take place.

Date and time	Activity	Location
Thursday 11th February, 2pm to 4.30pm	In-person launch meeting	London City Hall
Wednesday 10th March 2027, 1pm to 2.30pm	Training session 1	Online
Wednesday 17th March 2027, 1pm to 2.30pm	Training session 2	Online
Wednesday 24th March 2027, 1pm to 2.30pm	Training session 3	Online
Tuesday 6th April 2027, 10am to 12pm	Meeting	Online
Tuesday 1st June 2027, 10am to 12pm	Meeting	Online or London City Hall (TBC)
Tuesday 7th September 2027, 10am to 12pm	Meeting	Online
Tuesday 2nd November 2027, 10am to 12pm	Meeting	Online
Tuesday 11th January 2028, 10am to 12pm	Meeting	Online or London City Hall (TBC)

Financial support available

Where your organisation is not able to fund your engagement in this programme through paid staff time, or you are in your role in a voluntary capacity, there may be support available to from the London Communities Emergencies Partnership. To find out more, please get in touch with Eli Mayer by emailing ElizabethMayer@lcep.london.

How to complete the Application Form

General

Applications must be submitted via this form.

We strongly advise you to use Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Safari or Mozilla Firefox, as other web browsers do not fully support the application form.

You will need to submit the following documents as part of the application:

- Copy of the latest governing document of the organisation

If you have any questions, you can email molly.sweeney@groundwork.org.uk or you can arrange a quick catch up on Teams using this link.

The **deadline for applications is Sunday 29th November 2026 at midnight.**

Step-by-step

Section 1 – About you and your organisation (this section is not scored)

1. Your name
2. Your email
3. Your telephone number
4. Organisation name
5. Your job title/position
6. Organisation number (charity number, company number or similar)
7. Where did you hear about this opportunity?
8. Organisation type [please select one or more options that apply and type details if you select 'other']
9. Please describe briefly what your organisation's main aims and activities are [feel free to copy and paste from published information]

Section 2 – About your experience (this section is scored)

10. Is your area of work focused on community resilience and adaptation in the face of climate change?
    a. Yes
    b. No
11. IF YES Please describe how you have previously worked in community resilience and adaptation in the face of climate change [please write from 150 to 300 words to outline the experience your organisation/group has had in community resilience activity to date]
12. IF NO If you do not have previous experience working in community resilience and adaptation in the face of climate change, please share what you think you

could bring to this project [please write from 150 to 300 words to explain what you could bring to this project]

Section 3 – Equality monitoring questions (this section is not scored)

You will be asked to complete the equality monitoring form questions. We want to reflect London's diversity when we select the partnership, to ensure that it is representative of our city.

Section 4 – Privacy information

You will need to check the box to indicate that the applicant and related group / organisation understands the Privacy Information above, and knows their rights and how their data will be used. If you do not do this you will not be able to submit the Application Form.