

Inspiring Young Change-Makers

Overview

The UK International Climate Challenge team works with young people (14-19 years) in youth groups in the South-East of England, particularly in Berkshire and Luton. This project (2010-12) is supported by the UK Department for International Development through its Development Awareness Fund Mini Grants Scheme. We aim to help young people to get active about tackling climate change, linking to what other young people in Kenya and India have been doing for inspiration.

Benefits

- Engages** young people in finding out about the impact of climate change in their community.
- Encourages** young people's creativity in actions they can take locally.
- Shares** information and learning between projects in different countries.
- Supports** young people in taking those ideas forward and showcases inspiring projects.
- Welcomes** diverse approaches such as technological innovation, a piece of drama, a campaign etc.
- Provides** support through a network of professionals in many different fields, including the business sector.



The Background

With the support of Berkshire Association of Clubs for Young People (BAYCP) and Luton Borough Council Climate Change team, we have promoted the project to over 120 youth and Scouts groups in Berkshire, the Greening Campaign initiative in West Berkshire and and 20 Youth Groups and 40 Duke of Edinburgh groups in Luton.

As a result, during the first year of the project, 110 young people aged between 11 and 16 years took part in lively workshops to explore the local and global implications of climate change. Sessions also helped groups to identify local action based around themed topics e.g. food, waste, recycling and energy and involving the local community.

In this second year, the project will offer workshops to uniformed organisations (Scouts and others) as well as statutory and non-statutory youth groups and will support young people in creating their own micro-projects. We have taken popular ideas generated by youth groups and developed 'how to' sheets which give step by step guidance for turning ideas into action. These also include examples of other young people's work from actual ICC projects that have been tried and tested in India and Kenya and elsewhere in the UK. We are keen for groups in UK to connect with young people in these countries who are also motivated to take action locally.

The Approach

- **Free lively workshop:** The UK team will run a session with your group to help you explore issues around climate change, generate ideas and plan for action. It will be useful both for groups who have some ideas already or those who are only just getting going.
- **Input at fun days:** We can also provide stalls, games and lively input at summer events you are planning such as summer play schemes and fairs.
- **'How to' Eco-Resource:** Our team provides support and materials to start up your own eco-project. A full set of these themed guides can be found on the ICC website.
- **Eco-project follow up:** Follow up support includes a visit from a member of our team to see how you are progressing, and the chance to share your eco-project via the ICC website. We also offer a follow up activity involving other youth groups in your local area, either some training in getting active about the environment; a green Enterprise day; or a model UN climate change summit.
- **Link ups with young people internationally:** These unique partnerships provide an inspiring insight for young people from each country into how climate change is affecting the lives of your counterparts in such very different countries.

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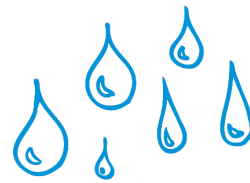
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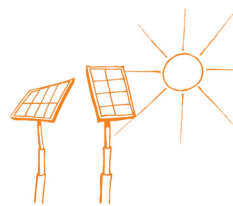


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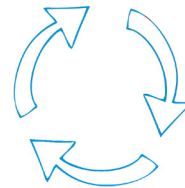
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Energy



Waste



Transport



Community
Awareness



Food