

## Show The Love 2017

### Top tips for linking up with others in your area



Green hearts are an opportunity to start conversations about climate change – to talk about the places you love, and the choices we can make to protect them. Getting as many groups as possible involved will make your event more lively, help build useful connections in your area and will start those conversations about what you want to protect from climate change.

It will also demonstrate the strength and breadth of local climate concern to local politicians.

You'll probably find there are lots of groups in your area that are passionate about something that could be affected by climate change, or there could be a group that looks after a location, or special place that is affected, and might be interested in joining your event.

By getting in touch with others you'll make lots of useful contacts for working together in the future. Don't forget to feedback after your event to any local groups who showed interest.

#### How to find local groups

**Internet:** You can find out if there are related groups near you by searching for something like “community groups, [your area]” on the internet, or checking your council website.

**There are also a few websites that can help you get involved with your community:**

[www.projectdirt.com](http://www.projectdirt.com): An online network for community and environmental groups

[www.do-it.org](http://www.do-it.org): Aims to help people find volunteering opportunities, and find volunteering groups in your area.

[www.streetlife.com](http://www.streetlife.com): An online network that focuses on your local area (like a local version of Facebook).

[www.showthelove.org.uk](http://www.showthelove.org.uk): We'll be showing off great events that are being planned on our Show the Love map. Here you can find people who are hosting events, or locations where you can host your event.

**Libraries:** You'll often find information about local groups or societies by looking at noticeboards, or asking staff in local libraries – some libraries even have a folder with info on local groups.

**Word of mouth:** Don't forget that many of the groups or individuals you contact will also have ideas about other people or groups to get on board.

#### Who could you connect with?

**Local community groups:** These groups will have a good idea of what other groups are in your area, so are a good place to start. See a list of coalition member organisations that have local groups below.

**Faith groups:** You could try inviting your local church, mosque, synagogue or other place of worship to get involved, or even host, your event.

**Interest groups (e.g. sport/food/nature/ramblers/horticultural societies):** From local football clubs that haven't been able to practice because of wet winters to your local wine tasting group that have heard about how grape growing will be affected, there many ways to link the issue with unexpected groups.

**Pick a topic, then find the group:** If you think of a topic first, you could then focus your search for local groups interested in the topic. eg if you decide to focus on food, you'll find lots of cafes, allotment associations, farmers markets, food waste campaigners, and cooking enthusiasts etc. Climate change won't be their primary topic, but they could well be interested in a talk, or getting involved with your activities in some way, so long as you can make the link to what they're interested in.

**Professionals:** Sustainability issues affect many professions, e.g. health, local businesses, farmers. Approach them directly, via local associations like rotary clubs, Chambers of Commerce or at community events like farmers' markets. You could also try approaching any local agricultural societies or prominent landowners.

**Schools:** See if your local school, or children's club (scouts/ guides/ woodcraft folk) can invite their MP to join your event or even host it – see our schools activity pack at [www.showthelove.org.uk](http://www.showthelove.org.uk) for some ideas.

**Students:** You could approach students via relevant university societies or local 6th form colleges. Universities may have a list of student societies, maybe even a central body to encourage volunteering.

**Local institutions or local events:** You could look into teaming up with your local park, townhouse or charitable trust for your event. Are there any locations in your area at risk from climate change that you can use to stage the event? If there are any local festivals or large-scale events happening at the same time, you could look into teaming up.

### **Locally based Climate Coalition members**

Cambridge Carbon Footprint, Cambridge, [www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org](http://www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org)

Centre for Alternative Technology, Powys, Wales, [www.cat.org.uk](http://www.cat.org.uk)

Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon, Bradford on Avon, [www.climatefriendlybradfordonavon.co.uk](http://www.climatefriendlybradfordonavon.co.uk)

Derby Climate Change Coalition, Derby, [derbyclimate.org.uk](http://derbyclimate.org.uk)

Gloscan, Gloucestershire, [www.gloscan.org.uk](http://www.gloscan.org.uk)

Leeds Tidal, Leeds, [www.leedstidal.org](http://www.leedstidal.org)

NE-CAP, North East England, [www.mph-northeast.org.uk](http://www.mph-northeast.org.uk)

Peterborough Environment City Trust, Peterborough, [www.pect.org.uk](http://www.pect.org.uk)

Portsmouth Climate Action Network, Portsmouth, [www.portsmouthcan.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthcan.co.uk)

Sheffield Climate Alliance, Sheffield, [www.sheffieldclimatealliance.net](http://www.sheffieldclimatealliance.net)

Spokes – East Kent Cycle Campaign, East Kent, [www.spokeseastkent.org.uk](http://www.spokeseastkent.org.uk)

Swindon Climate Action Network, Swindon, [www.swindonclimate.org.uk](http://www.swindonclimate.org.uk)

Transition Town Kingston, Kingston, [www.ttkingston.org/wordpress](http://www.ttkingston.org/wordpress)

Transition Town Berkhamsted, Berkhamsted, [www.transitionberkhamsted.org.uk](http://www.transitionberkhamsted.org.uk)

Westminster Justice and Peace Commission, Westminster, [www.rcdow.org.uk/justicepeace](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/justicepeace)

Winchester Action on Climate Change, Winchester, [www.winacc.org.uk](http://www.winacc.org.uk)

### **National climate coalition members with a local presence**

CAFOD, [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

Christian Aid, [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

Friends of the Earth, [www.foe.co.uk](http://www.foe.co.uk)

Climate Action England, [www.climateactionengland.net](http://www.climateactionengland.net)

NUS, [www.nus.org.uk](http://www.nus.org.uk)

Restless Development, [www.restlessdevelopment.org](http://www.restlessdevelopment.org)

Surfers against Sewage, [www.sas.org.uk](http://www.sas.org.uk)

UK Youth Climate Coalition, [www.ukycc.org](http://www.ukycc.org)

Wildlife Trusts, [www.wildlifetrusts.org](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org)

Women's Institute, [www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk)

Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, [www.wwt.org.uk](http://www.wwt.org.uk)