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Youth climate action fund

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The Youth Climate Action Fund is a global initiative by Bloomberg Philanthropies, supporting young people to lead projects that take meaningful climate action in their communities.

In Blackpool, the programme empowers young people to develop and deliver their own ideas that create positive local change.

The fund is open to young people aged 15 to 24 who live, study, or work in Blackpool. Projects must take place within Blackpool, but those living just outside the borough can still take part if their activity is based in the town.

Young people will need to work with a partner organisation (such as a school, college, community group, or voluntary organisation) who will support them throughout the project. The organisation will receive and manage the funding on their behalf and provide guidance. Council staff will also be available to offer support.

Project themes

Projects should align with one or more of the following themes:

- **Natural spaces** – protecting, improving, or increasing access to green and blue spaces
- **Reduce, reuse, recycle** – cutting waste and promoting more sustainable use of resources
- **Making change in your community** – behavioural change, raising awareness, and inspiring local action

These themes have been developed through a combination of Blackpool Council's internal climate action planning and engagement with the youth council and youth advisors.

Drop-in sessions

Come along to one of our drop-in sessions to learn more, ask questions, and get support with your application.

Date	Time	Location	Details
Tuesday 28 July	11.00am to 2.00pm	Italian Gardens Stanley Park	Love Parks Week - Local Heroes Day
Tuesday 4 August	11.00am to 3.00pm	Empowerment Charity, 333 Bispham Road, Blackpool FY2 0HH	This session will be open to people attending Empowerment's services on this day
Wednesday 5 August	10.00am to 2.00pm	@thegrange, 2a Dinmore Ave, Blackpool, United Kingdom, FY3 7RW	Open to all
Tuesday 8 September	11.30am to 1.30pm	Blackpool Sixth Form College	Open to Blackpool Sixth Form students only

More dates will be added soon.

How to apply

The application dates are open from the 15 July until the 13 September. If you are working with your school or college and have concerns about the dates – please contact us at climate@blackpool.gov.uk.

We want to make the application process as accessible as possible. You can apply in a way that suits you from the following options:

- **Paper application form** - Please email us at climate@blackpool.gov.uk for a paper application form or collect a copy at one of our drop-in sessions.

Post to:
Corporate Delivery Unit, Floor 3
Bickerstaffe House
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For pre-paid envelopes you can email us at climate@blackpool.gov.uk or find us at one of our drop-in sessions.

- **Online form** - Complete the application online through the [Microgrant Application form](#)
- **Video submission** - Submit a video application by answering all the questions included in the paper/online form. Videos should be emailed to: climate@blackpool.gov.uk

(Please ensure all questions are answered so your application can be considered.)

Applications received by the 15 of August will be reviewed early prior to formal panel, and recommendations may be provided if gaps are identified. This will help you strengthen your application.

If you'd like support with your idea or application, please come along to a drop-in session or get in touch.

Make your application online

Inspiration for project ideas

Not sure where to start? Here are some examples to help spark ideas. Your project can be big or small - what matters is making a positive impact.

Natural spaces

Projects that improve or increase access to green and blue spaces in Blackpool:

Create a “pop-up” or portable urban forest in the town centre or along key streets, using movable trees and planting to temporarily transform a space and show what could be possible

Develop or enhance community gardens or green spaces

Plant pollinator-friendly areas or small wildlife habitats

Examples for inspiration

- [Luton's movable forest](#)
- [The Bosk walking forest in the Netherlands](#)
- [Toronto's Moving Forest installation](#)

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Projects that reduce waste and promote creative reuse of materials:

- Build a flower garden using pallets
- Make planters or furniture from recycled items such as tyres or wood
- Create painted, wall-mounted wooden boxes for planting or storage
- Construct a reclaimed wood bench or ladder bookshelf
- Run workshops on repairing, reusing, or upcycling everyday items
- Explore tech reuse ideas, such as repurposing old electronics (e.g. using a defunct laptop as a media server or experimenting with solar-powered charging from recycled devices)

Making change in your community

Projects that inspire action, improve wellbeing, and connect people:

- Set up a community food growing project to grow and share local produce
- Run campaigns, workshops, or events to raise awareness about climate issues
- Develop activities that link climate action with health and wellbeing, such as outdoor sessions or community events

Community food growing projects can:

- Provide fresh, local fruit and vegetables
- Improve health and wellbeing
- Boost nature and biodiversity
- Increase knowledge of food production

Examples include Hull's Right to Grow initiative and Incredible Edible projects in Conwy and Crewe.

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