



CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT



Social Partnership



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Preston City Council

Social Partnership to Promote Climate Action in Preston

Strengthening the co-operative partnership in Preston between citizens, communities, enterprises and the Council is central to Preston's Community Wealth Building strategy, CWB 2.0. In the last 12 months this partnership has continued to grow. This case study describes a number of projects in which the Council is working with Climate Action Preston and a community film and music project to address the climate emergency.

In September 2021 the National Lottery launched the Together for Our Planet fund to encourage community action to raise awareness about the climate emergency. The Council encouraged and supported groups to bid for funding and two projects were successful. **How Us Brookie Kids are Going to Save the Planet!** is a community film project produced by Year 6 children at a local primary school on an estate in Preston. Drawing on their own families' concerns about energy prices and finding decent work, the children will interview local companies about skills and training opportunities in sectors like retrofit, renewable energy and low carbon technologies and communicate what they learn by creating their own film. **Preston Pedals** is a Climate Action Preston (CAP) project to pilot a community cycle hub to promote cycling for everyday journeys and to recondition used bicycles for low-income groups. The Council has helped the project to link with a number of community organisations across Preston and the Waste Service has offered to provide the project with abandoned bikes collected by its teams. This will improve recycling and add value to an item which regularly enters the waste stream.

The Council is working in partnership with Climate Action Preston on two other projects. Preston Solar Action aims to encourage local voluntary action to identify roofs across the city



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suitable for solar energy generation as a first step towards developing a community-led renewable energy initiative. Another project is actively promoting local food production in Preston by working in partnership with the Council's allotments team to clear abandoned and overgrown allotments in the city.

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