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# ClimACT



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YOUTHREACH

# ClimACT. An Introduction.

This 1Planet4All ClimACT programme is aimed at Youth Organisations in Ireland. The aim of the programme is to creatively engage learners with the topic of climate justice, and empower them to take climate action.

This programme has been tailored to equip the learners with the skills and tools to tackle climate issues, and the inspiration to empower them to take action. The programme collaborates with a variety of youth activists, design thinking coaches, creative folk, environmental experts, skilled mentors, eco entrepreneurs, and global guest speakers who will share their skills and knowledge during weekly workshops.

The programme has been developed with all learning styles in mind. Fun and creativity is woven through the programme, solutions play centre stage, and 'you're never too young to lead, and you're never too old to learn' is at the core.

Concern's 1Planet4All campaign is funded by Irish Aid and the European Commission and aims to support action on climate justice issues by working with youth in Ireland and across 12 partner countries in Europe and connecting them with the voices and experiences of youth in the Global South. We're just better together!

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## What the Programme Includes:

- A space for young people and Youth workers to learn about climate justice issues
- Weekly workshops with expert facilitators to up skill learners with project management, social media and campaign skills
- Supplementary Youth worker toolkit including resources and activities to support the weekly workshop programme
- Opportunities for young people to influence, effect and sustain local, regional or national policies via action projects and/or contacting policy makers
- Wellbeing and outdoor activities
- Solutions, solutions, solutions

## Goals:

- Explore climate change and climate justice issues
- Inspire sustainable behaviour change
- Hold policy makers accountable
- Encourage climate action

## How We Achieve Our Goals:

- Education
- Exploration
- Inspiration
- Upskilling
- Empowering
- Creativity
- Wellbeing

## The Consultation:

We consulted with Youthreach Centres across Ireland to ask Youth workers what they would want a climate justice programme to look like. We asked and they told us:

We listened and we created ClimACT, a programme designed specifically for Youthreaches in Ireland

### The programme includes:

- An experiential learning programme including eight one-hour workshops
- Weekly guest speakers including eco entrepreneur, activism facilitators and design thinkers
- Youth worker support including a supplementary tool kit with resources and activities
- Change for Change - financial funding to support the projects
- The opportunity to learn new skills and explore jobs in the green economy
- A healthy dose of competition with other Youthreach centres and the opportunity to win big

# ClimACT Programme Structure

## Week ONE: Be Informed

What Is Climate Justice and Why On Earth Should We Care?

**Main Take Away:** Let's say climate change is all one big fat lie, we can't argue that there are injustices in the world and it's within our power and part of our privilege to do something about it. Let's explore the problem but, most importantly, let's look at the solutions.

## Week TWO: Be Inspired

Meeting Cool People Doing Cool Things

**Main Take Away:** Climate change doesn't only bring doom and destruction, it breeds innovation, opportunities, and jobs in the green economy. Let's meet some of the good eggs doing good things.

## Week THREE: Break

## Week FOUR: Be Skilled

Ideas Factory and Project Managing Training

**Main Take Away:** We've identified the issues, now let's get upskilled and learn how to turn our ideas into a reality. These project managing skills are a sure way to boost your action project and your CV.

## Week FIVE: Be Kind

Let's Take A Break. We Deserve It

**Main Take Away:** Let's take some time in nature to remind ourselves of what's at stake here. Plus, who doesn't like a field trip? Recoup and reset.

## Week SIX: Be Creative

Learn Some Tricks of the Trade

**Main Take Away:** Change starts with creativity and creativity comes in many forms. Come prepared to switch off and get stuck in.

## Week SEVEN: Be Heard

You're Never Too Young To Lead and Never Too Old To Learn

**Main Take Away:** The youth are leading the change. It's time to be heard, and we'll try and show you how

## Week EIGHT: Be Presentable

Tips and Tricks To Tell Your Tale

**Main Take Away:** Presentations and public speaking are good skills to have under your belt. From job interviews and speeches to presenting your winning project at the Dragons' Den challenge next week, we've got you.

## Week NINE: Break

## Week TEN: Be Challenged

If It Doesn't Challenge You, It Doesn't Change You

**Main Take Away:** Today is the day you meet the competition, present like heroes, and fight for the right to be in the finals. Today is the day we cheer and celebrate at the project slam.

## The Commitment

- Attend all eight workshops
- A minimum of one action project per group (we welcome more)
- Management commitment to make student led changes at the centres
- Complete feedback forms on your experience of the programme

This Youth Worker Toolkit has been designed to compliment the weekly workshops delivered by Concern. This toolkit includes; pre - workshop activities for you to do with your group to prepare them for the sessions and resources to support you and your group with understanding the topic of Climate Justice. In this toolkit you will also find handout sheets for your group to complete each week and application forms for money to support your groups action project.

If you have any questions please email [climact@concern.net](mailto:climact@concern.net)



# ClimACT Funding Pots

As part of this program we have two funding pots available to support your groups.

## Be Kind fund

On week five of the programme, we have built in a space for a team away day. We have the resources available to support your group to go on a trip.

We ideally would like the trip to be relevant to the group's action project topic and/or be an opportunity for the group to have some time outside to connect with nature. A member of Concern staff will be on hand to support you with ideas, and to access funding. Email: [climact@concern.net](mailto:climact@concern.net)

## Change for Change

The Change for Change fund is an opportunity for your group to receive funding (up to €500) to turn your young people's ideas into a reality. Complete the application form and the end of the toolkit or email [climact@concern.net](mailto:climact@concern.net) for more information.



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