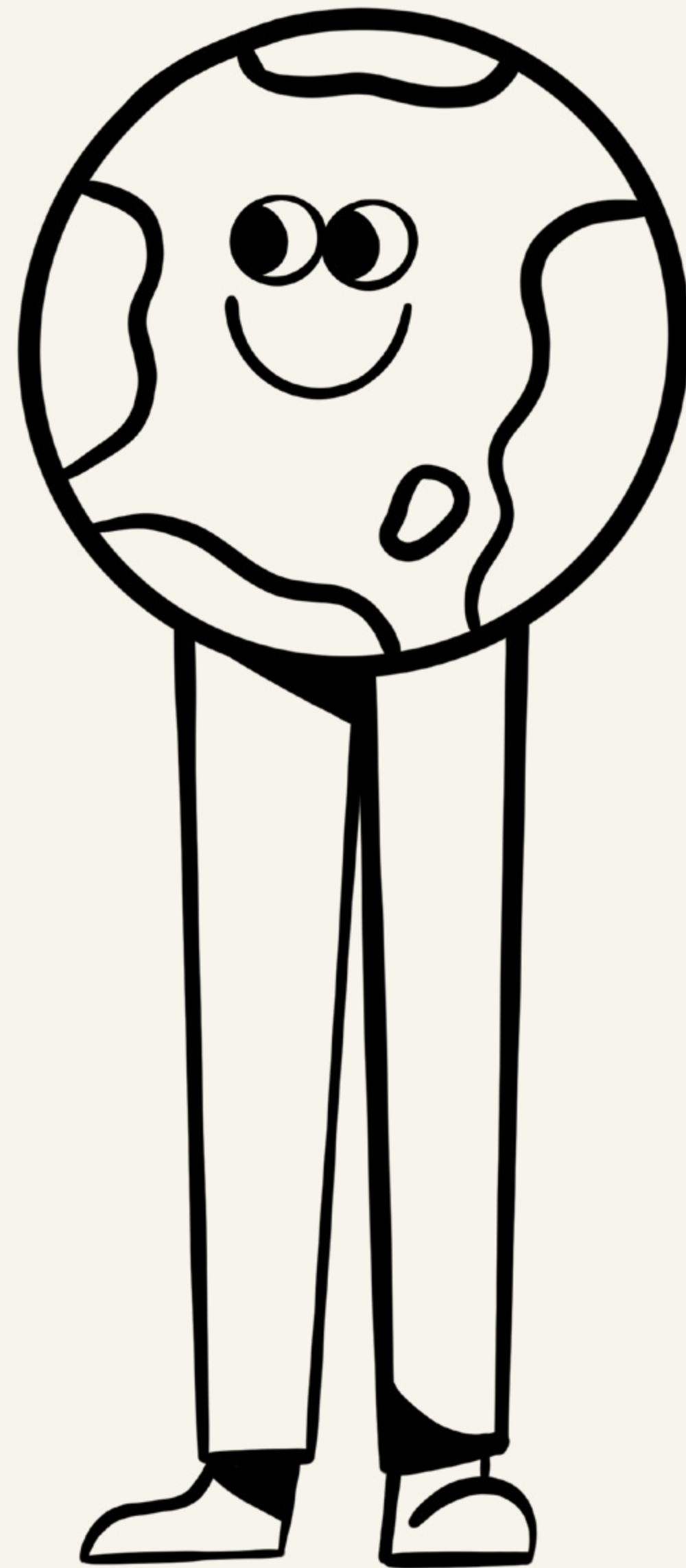


# IMPACT REPORT



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# **Youth led and volunteer driven, 2050 Climate Group exists to tackle the climate crisis.**

As a charity we strive to empower a generation of young climate leaders to steer our society towards, and be active in, a just and sustainable world by 2050.

2050 Climate Group delivers a number of projects to achieve this aim including our Young Leaders Development Programme, our Leaders Network, our Policy Engagement, our work in Malawi and our engagement with COP26. This report sets out the impact of our work over the past year.



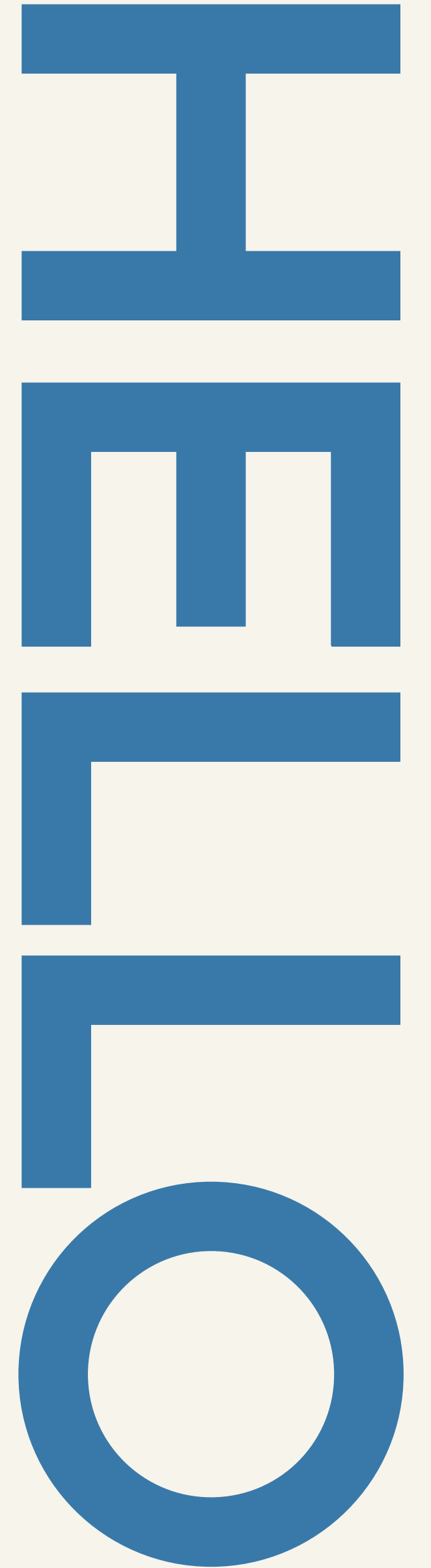
Every year I am blown away by what 2050 Climate Group achieves to support the next generation of climate leaders. From education and empowerment, to engagement with policy and supporting an incredible network across Scotland.

As a predominantly volunteer-run organisation, it is incredibly inspiring to see what a group of dedicated young people can achieve, especially in a year which has forced rapid change and adaptation upon us from Covid-19.

It's a privilege to be Chair of 2050 Climate Group and I'm so excited for the year ahead and the opportunity to support young climate leaders across Scotland as COP26 comes to Glasgow.

## **Lucy Stanfield**

2050 Climate Group Chair



# VALUES



## Innovative

We value creative solutions to our current challenges and encourage our Young Leaders to be imaginative in defining a new normal for society.



## Inspirational

We seek to inspire by being passionate, positive and genuine. We recognise there are many different forms of leadership and consider a leader to be someone who inspires others to take action. We encourage leaders to emerge from all parts of society.



## Collaborative

We are proactive in building the strong partnerships needed to transform our society to a zero carbon Scotland.



## Inclusive

We are open and welcoming. We recognise that some Young Leaders face barriers to participating in our organisation and in climate change discussions. We acknowledge these and work together to remove them.



## Brave

We are bold and challenge the status quo. We are willing to push boundaries to pursue our vision.



# Empower

Empower Young Leaders to lead and tackle climate action to create a just and sustainable society.



# Equip

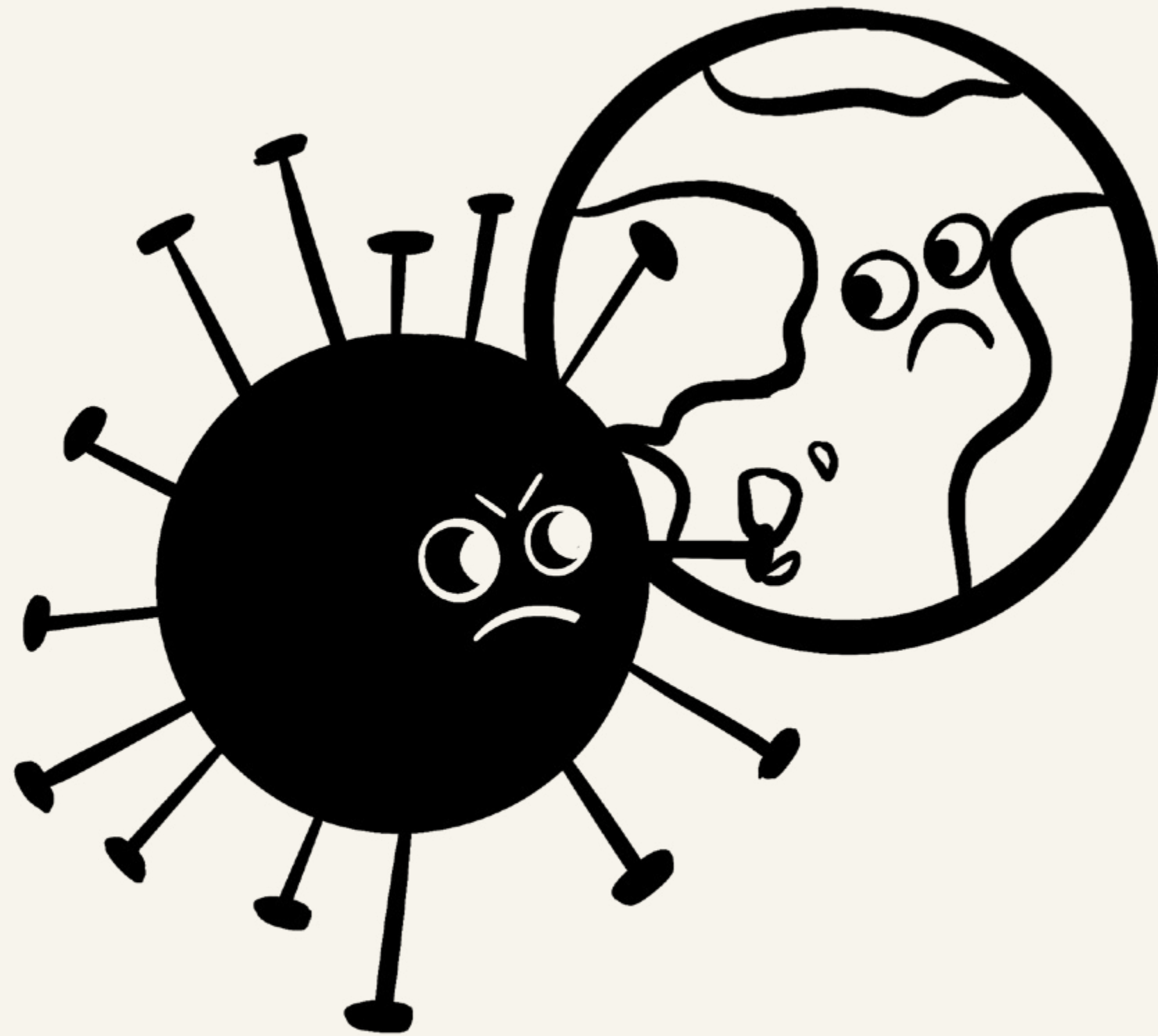
Equip Young Leaders with the knowledge, skills and confidence to take climate action.



# Enable

Enable Young Leaders to create and access opportunities to influence and be a leading voice for young people on climate change decision-making locally, nationally and globally.

# Covid Response



## Covid-19 has been a huge global challenge.

2050 Climate Group continues to follow the advice of the Scottish Government, the UK Government and SCVO (The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations), whilst taking additional active steps to minimise the impact of COVID-19 on our staff, our volunteers, our Young Leaders and members of the public.

We are proud of how we have adapted to the situation as a charity. We continue to ensure that our young people feel connected with one another and able to continue the climate action journey within government guidelines.

### Links

[YLDP Module 6: Transition to Digital Delivery](#)



# In Numbers

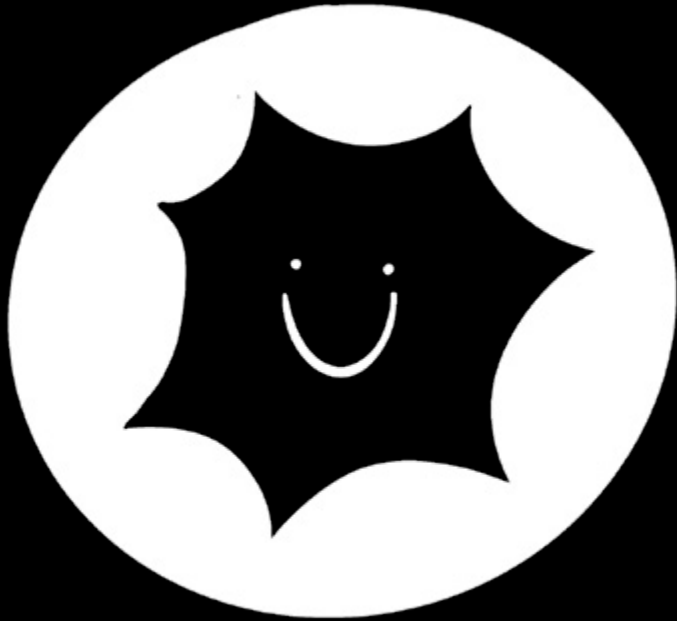
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Young Leaders  
Development  
Programme  
graduates



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Members of the  
Leaders Network



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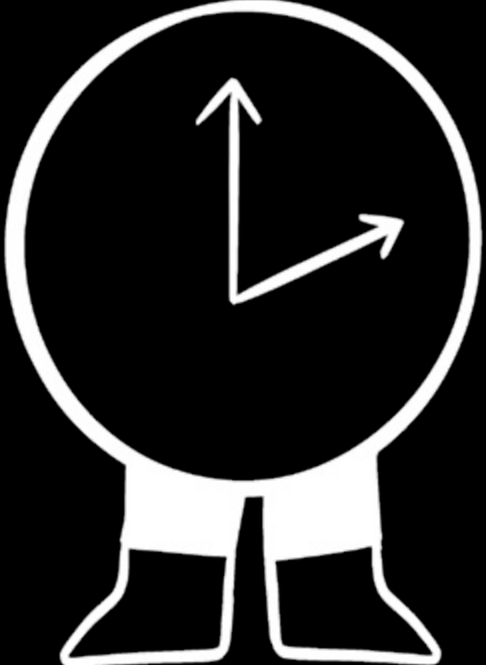
Registered event  
attendees

39

New Operational  
Volunteers

8311

Volunteer hours



11

Volunteers  
participated  
in professional  
coaching, equating  
to 66 hours



24

Blog posts

3

New staff members

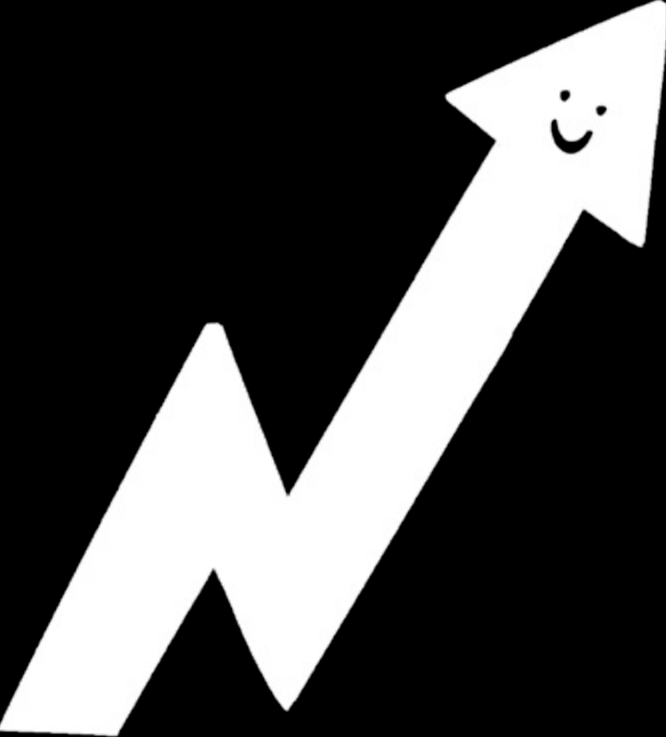
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Additional social  
media followers



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Online events



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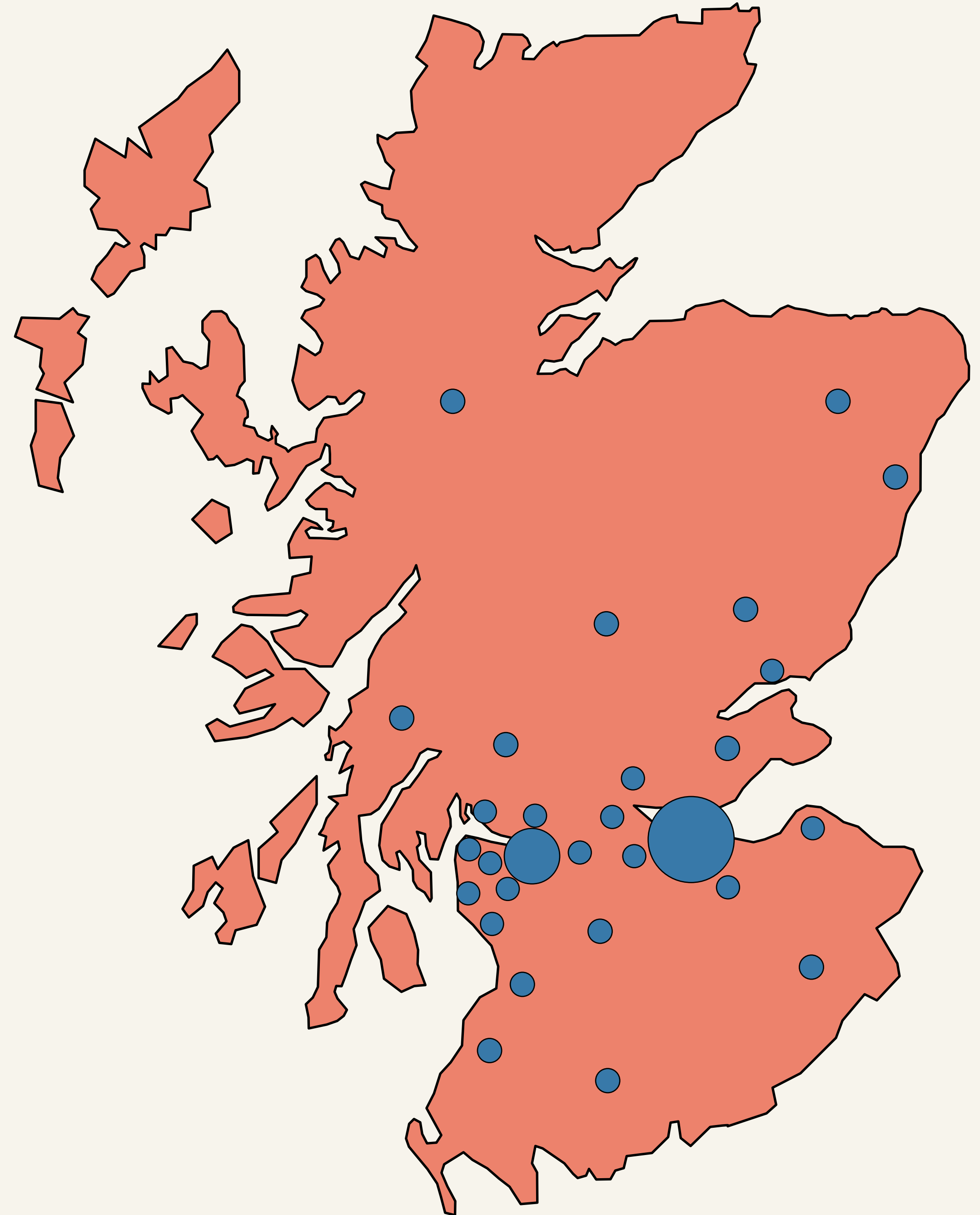
2050x  
Funded projects

+

Many online  
meetings...

# On the Map

2050 Climate Group is proud to be a Scotland-based charity committed to tackling the climate crisis both within Scotland and beyond. We are dedicated to reaching all corners of Scotland and continue to find new ways to harness the potential of Young Leaders from the central belt to the Western Isles and Outer Hebrides.

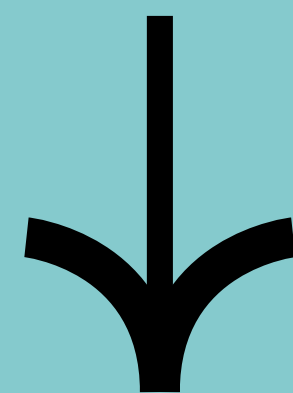




# Young Leaders Development Programme

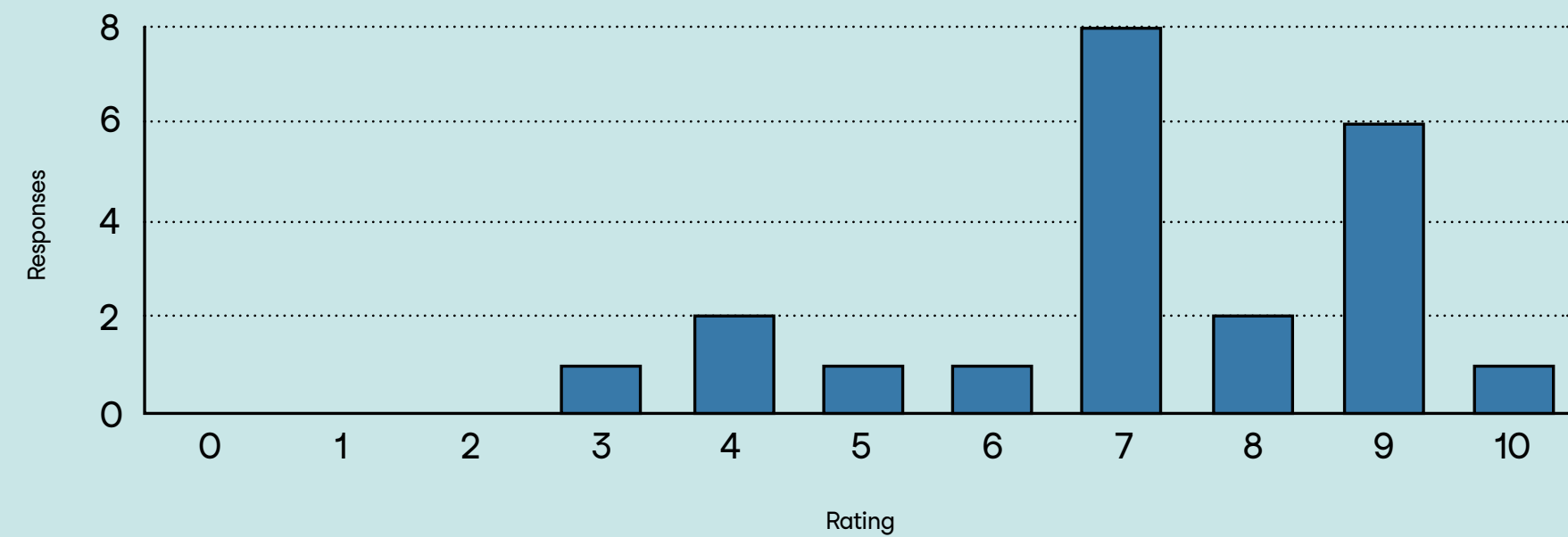


Through our award-winning Young Leaders Development Programme (YLDP), we have equipped hundreds of young people between the ages of 18 and 35 in Scotland with the skills to take action on climate change in their personal, professional and civic lives.

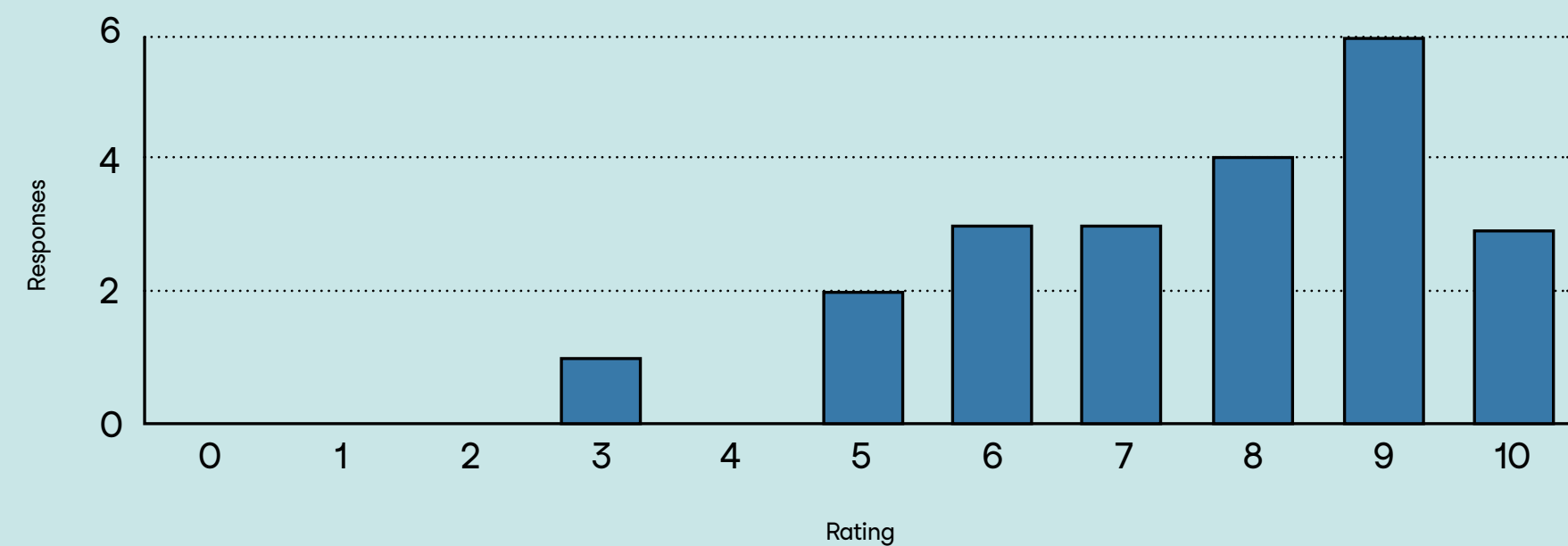


# YLDP 4 Feedback

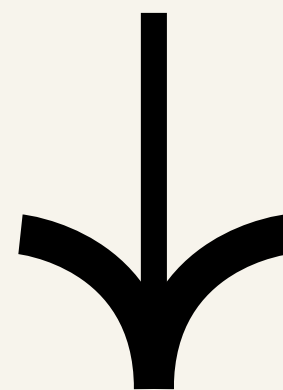
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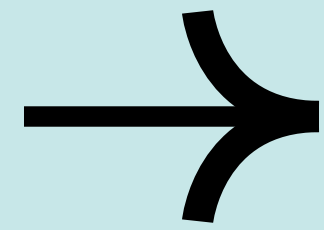


**In 2020 we had a total of 128 graduates from our 4th iteration of the Young Leaders Development Programme. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, we were still able to successfully deliver the programme by quickly transitioning to digital delivery of the final module.**



# Alex Reid

YLDP 4 Graduate



“Participating in the YLDP was an important turning point. Ten years on from my Sustainable Development degree the YLDP reconnected me with an inspiring and diverse network who embodied the difference personal behaviour change could make, reaffirming my personal commitments to the climate agenda.

Professionally, I have become the climate and environmental champion in my organisation, establishing and progressing sustainability goals and supporting colleagues and leaders to take action.

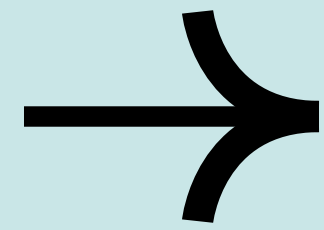
Politically, I felt I knew little of how I could influence our politicians on this vital agenda. Now, I feel empowered and inspired to speak up and completing the YLDP enabled me to feel confident engaging in debate and discussion.

The YLDP was expertly pitched and offered a diverse and engaging breadth of opportunity and knowledge through the speakers and workshops, 2050 Climate Group volunteer inputs and support, and the participants themselves.

The YLDP was a transformative experience, and I am so pleased to have had the opportunity to participate.”

# Will Skinner

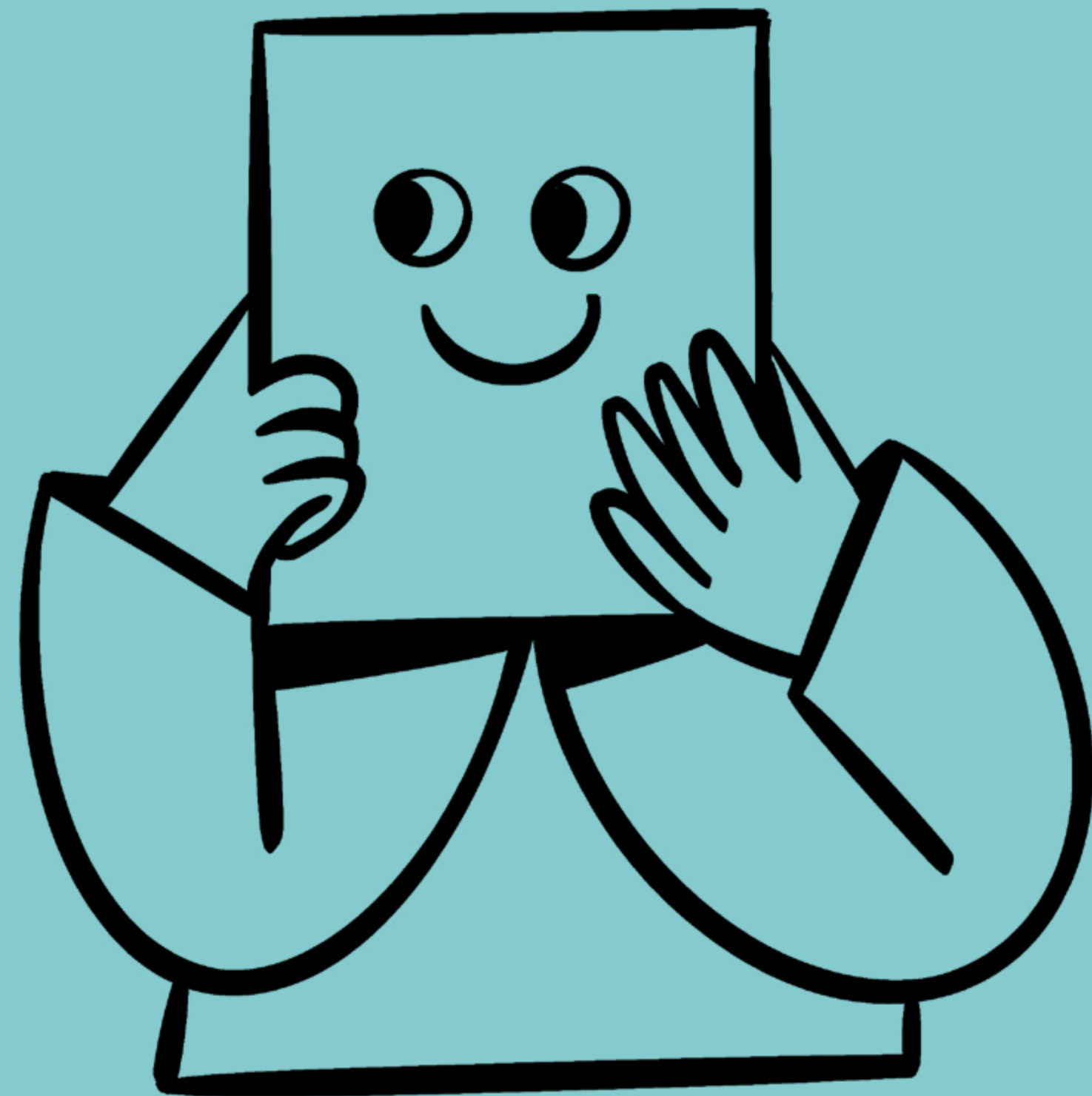
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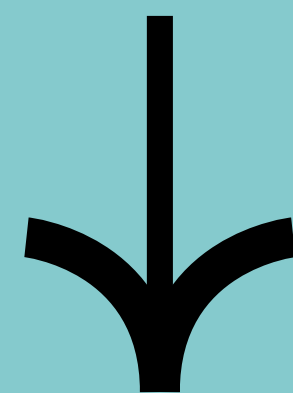
“Before participating in the YLDP I saw the climate crisis as an issue too large and global for Scotland, let alone me, to play any role in tackling. But hearing from YLDP speakers about the efforts underway in Scotland to address our climate crisis highlighted the importance of all climate action, from national policy decisions to individual actions. Ultimately the YLDP showed me that we can all make a contribution to reducing Scotland’s climate impact and gave me more confidence to be a part of that action.”



# Policy Engagement



Enabling young leaders to influence systemic change on climate action. Our team of policy volunteers work to engage our generation in the political decision-making process and become more active citizens. All our policy work is directly shaped by the views of young people.



# Consultations

**2050 Climate Group respond to consultations so young people's views are taken into account by the Scottish Government. All our policy positions are directly based on surveys and focus groups we conduct with the 2050 Leaders Network, and young people more broadly.**

## Just Transition Commission

[Website](#)

[Blog 1](#)

[Blog 2](#)

[Final Report](#)

## Free Bus Travel

[Website](#)

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## Net Zero Nation

[Website](#)

[Blog](#)

# ECCLR Climate Change Plan Update

**At the end of January 2021, 2050 Climate Group was invited to speak to MSPs in the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee as part of an evidence session on the Climate Change Plan Update (CCPU). A member of the Policy Subgroup attended on our behalf to represent young people's views.**

[Blog](#)

[Session Recording](#)

[Transcript & Report](#)



**“It is crucial that young people be involved in the development of climate policy and action, and that should include our actions at COP26 this year. We have the unique experience of having grown up in a world with climate uncertainty and now, pending disaster, so climate change is our past, our present and our future.”**

**Finlay Bain Kerr**

Policy Subgroup Volunteer



# Election Survey



2050 Climate Group were invited to submit their election priorities to Scottish political parties. The Policy Subgroup subsequently surveyed young people and members of the Leaders Network on their Climate Change priorities for the upcoming Scottish Parliament Election. These priorities were presented to all parties to help shape party manifestos.

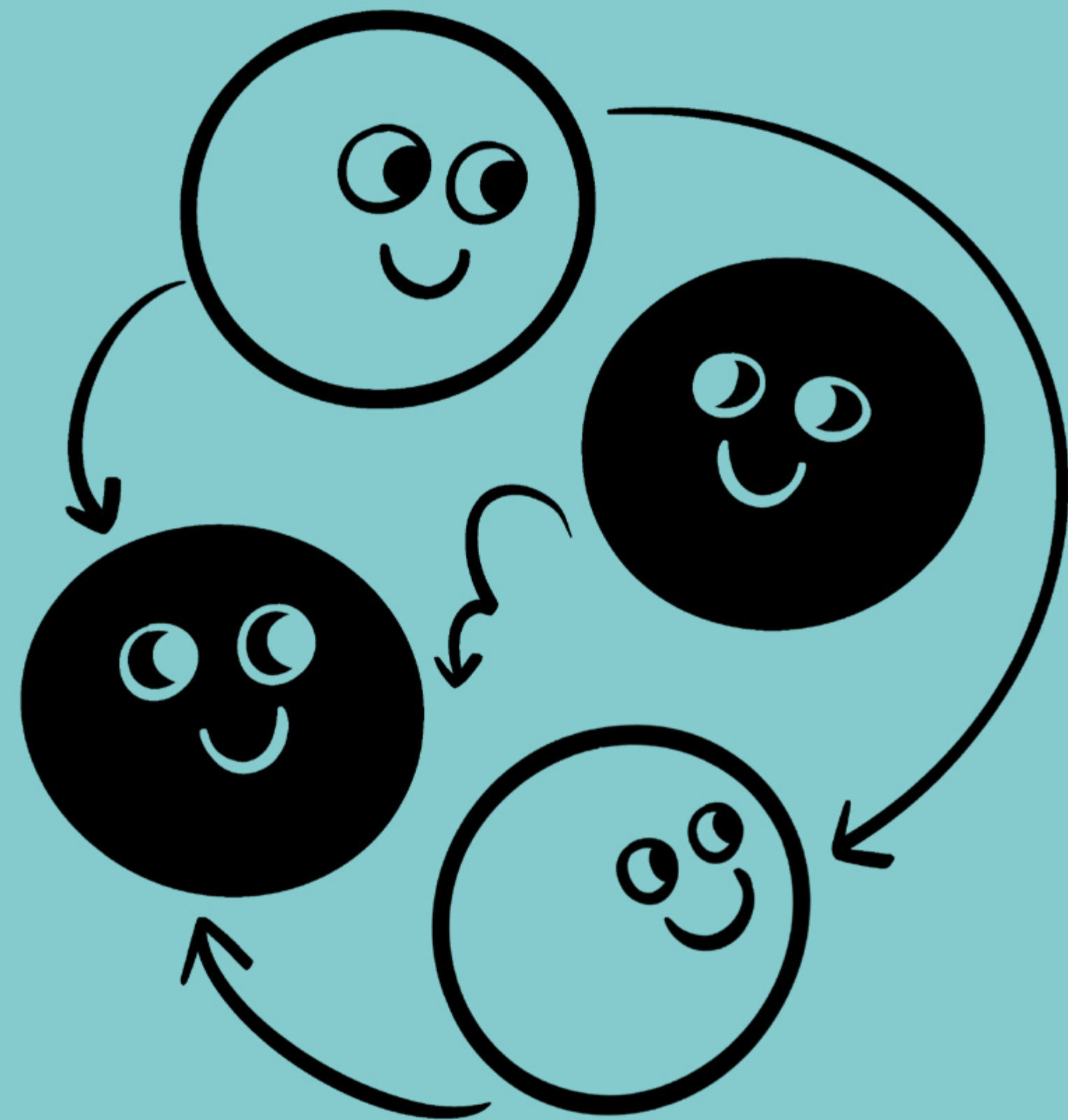
- **68 young people in Scotland were surveyed on election priorities**
- **88% chose climate change as one of their top priorities for the 2021 election**

[Blog](#)

Working with other young people organisations in Scotland, Young Leaders from 2050 Climate Group played a pivotal role in organising the youth climate hustling 'Climate Hot Seat' which brought together leaders from the main political parties in Scotland ahead of the Scottish Parliament Election.

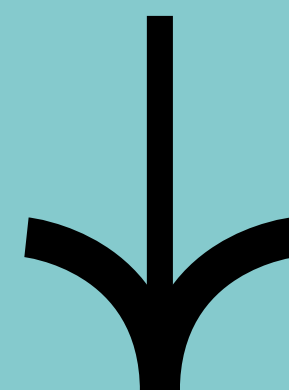
[Website](#)

# Leaders Network



**The Leaders Network allows Young Leaders, past and present, to build knowledge, develop projects, collaborate with others, share skills and lead climate action towards a just and sustainable society.**

Our Leaders Network, now 550+ people strong, can create and take advantage of opportunities to influence climate change by connecting to a network of hundreds of young people across Scotland.



# 2050x Fund

## 2050 Climate Group has funded 4 climate action projects over the past year. These projects are:

1. **Community Energy Short Film** about community investment in renewables.

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2. **Scotland Schools COP26**, a three-day conference for school pupils from 10 Scottish secondary schools.

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3. **Electrek Explorer**, a new app and website being developed for electric vehicle drivers.

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4. **Lum** is a handmade homeware brand which creates luxury, sustainable cushions inspired by nature, whilst also supporting wildlife conservation and biodiversity in Scotland.



# And Then Vision for 2050

## The Leaders Network vision for A SCOTLAND OF 2050



SUSTAINABLE



JUST



BEYOND NET ZERO



The Leaders Network “Vision for 2050” project, in partnership with AndThen, engaged our existing network to create a participatory vision for Scotland 2050 and how we might get there. The project was carried out over Whatsapp in order to engage a wider number of people remotely. Over 50 young leaders from 2050 took part in the project. Over the course of 4 weeks, AndThen sent participants tasks to carry out over WhatsApp and gathered the data together to create a vision for Scotland’s future. The project developed three main objectives, “A Sustainable Scotland”, “A Just Scotland” and “A Scotland Beyond Net-Zero”.

[Blog](#)

[And Then Case Study](#)

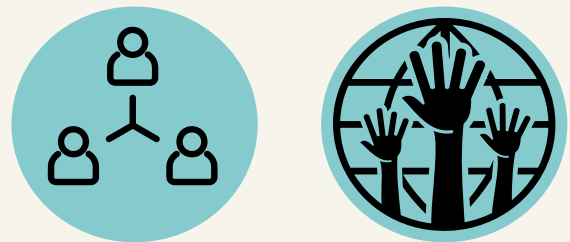
[Report](#)



# Climate Networks for the Future

**Climate Networks for the Future aims to foster intercultural connections focused on co-mentoring and knowledge sharing for climate action between Scotland's Leaders Network and Malawi Climate Leaders.**

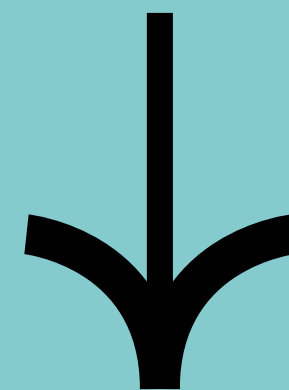
**The first meeting brought together 60 Young Leaders from Scotland and Malawi.**



# Digital Events



**2050 Climate Group have delivered a series of online workshops and webinars to continue to engage the 2050 Leaders Network and young people more broadly in climate action remotely.**



# Climate Justice for a Positive Future

The three-part Climate Justice series saw a total of 274 registered attendees and explored different considerations for a just and inclusive response to the climate emergency.

**1. Climate Justice for a Positive Future:**  
Why Climate Justice and the Global South Matter

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**2. Climate Justice for a Positive Future:**  
An economy that works for everyone

[Recording](#)

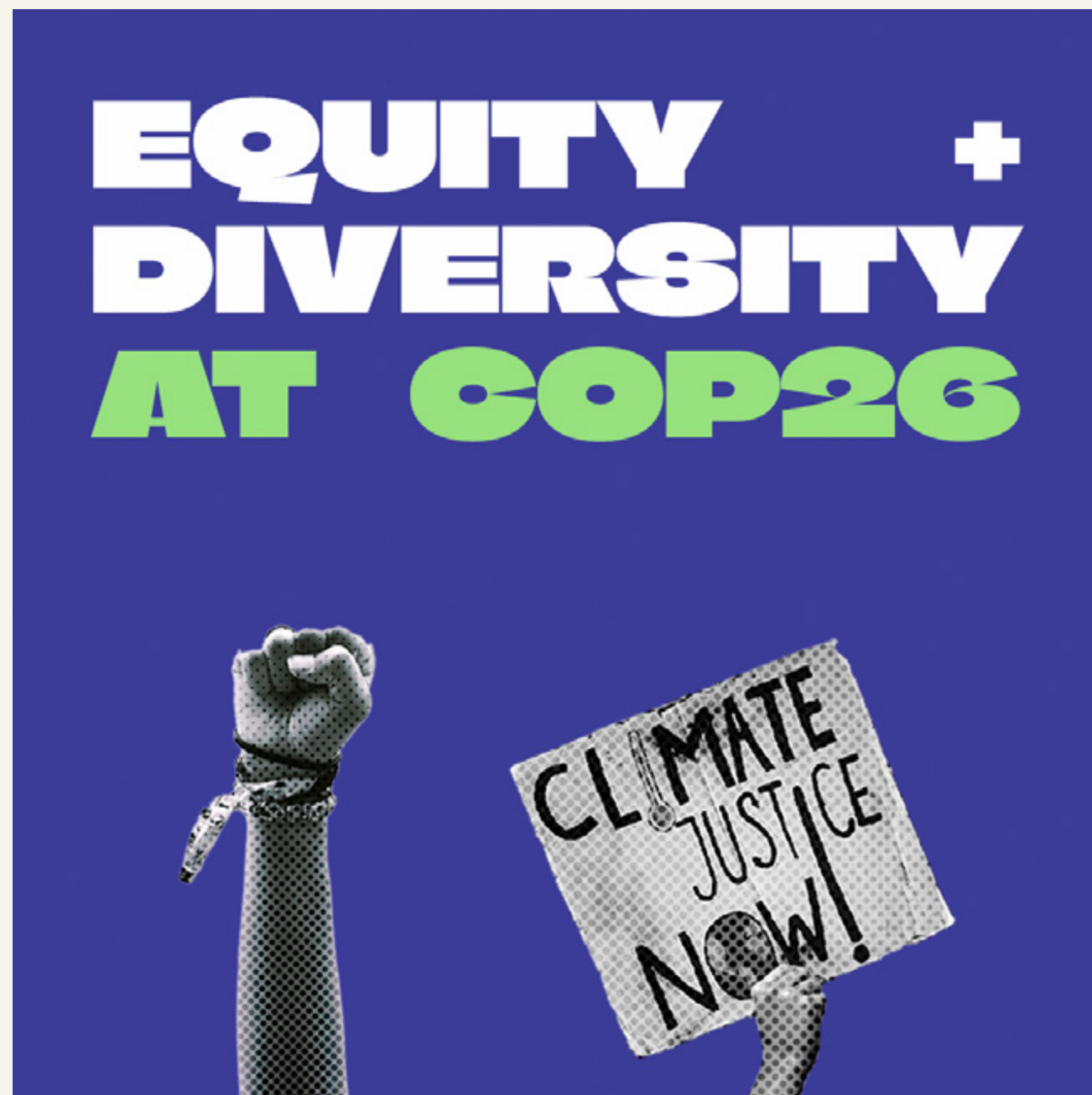
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**3. Climate Justice for a Positive Future:**  
Conversations with Young Leaders

[Recording](#)



# Equity and Diversity at COP26



This webinar, organised in collaboration with Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP), examined how COP26 can overcome barriers to equity and inclusion to ensure that all countries are represented equally in the climate conversations. It also offered insight into issues around climate justice, exploring the intersecting inequalities that result from climate change, and how the solutions must be social as well as scientific.

We gathered a panel of international young climate activists and experts to discuss the topic.

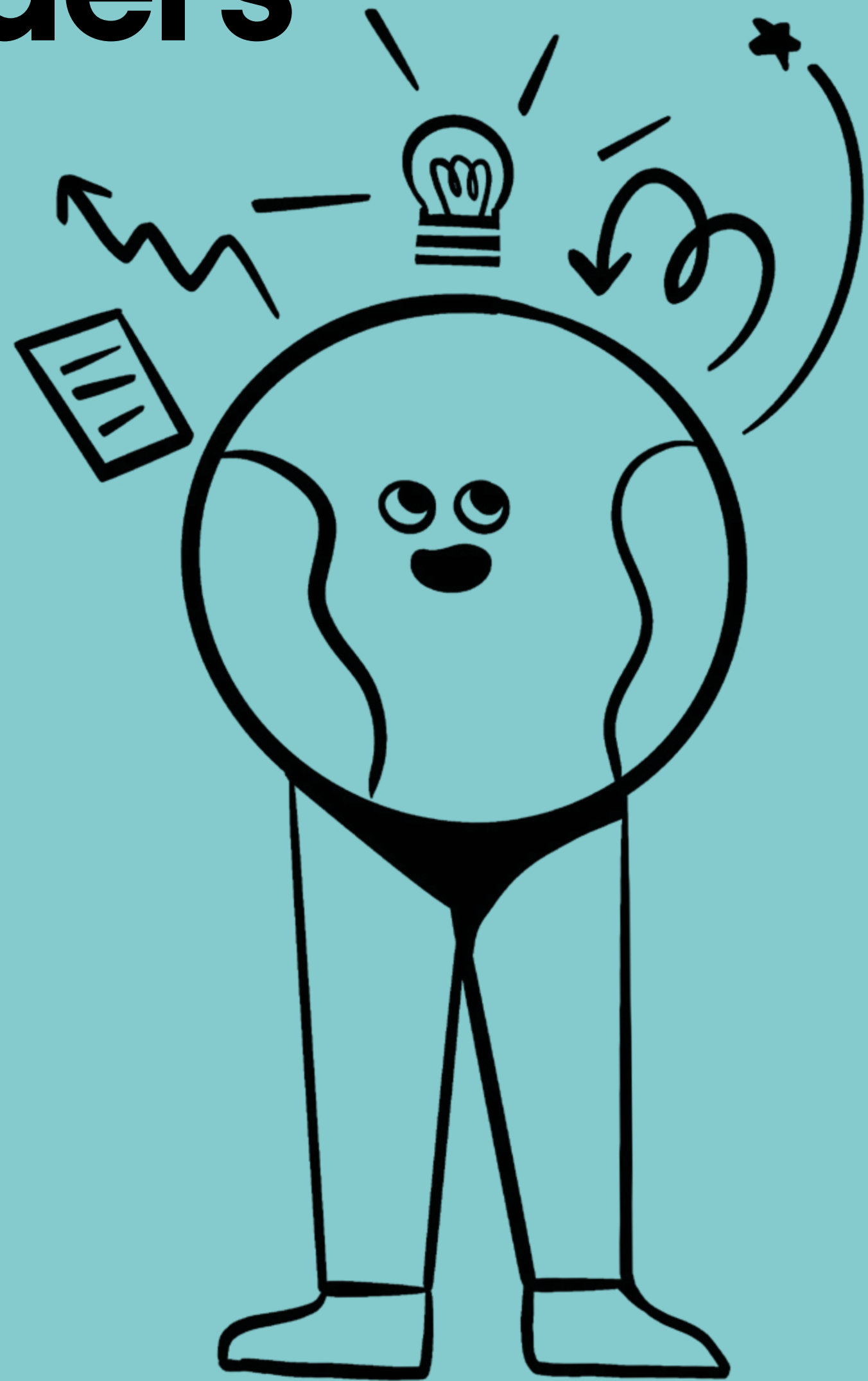
The webinar attracted 133 registered attendees from a broad range of countries including Malawi, Zambia, Kenya, U.S.A, and the UK.

[Recording](#)





# Malawi Climate Leaders

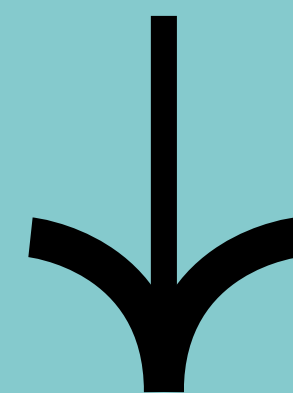


# The Malawi Climate Leaders Project responds to the need for leadership and climate action by young people.

It supports the ambition, innovation and passion of young people in Malawi to be the catalysts of change towards a sustainable, low-carbon and climate resilient future, focussing on the themes of:

- Engagement & Education
- Empowerment
- Connection

Malawi Climate Leaders is a joint initiative between the Malawi Scotland Partnership and 2050 Climate Group.

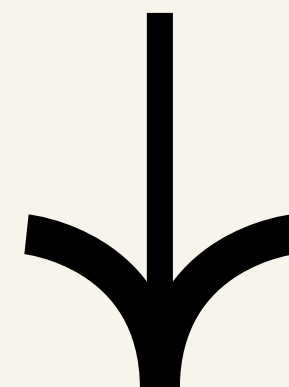




Clean-up exercise at Mponela Trading Centre in Dowa in Malawi

To date, 50 Young Leaders trained with the knowledge and skills to advocate for the climate emergency. Through three large scale training events, 9 regional engagement sessions and 9 demand driven skills development sessions, Young Leaders have been given the tools and leadership skills to be a force for change. Our steering committee brought together experts from across Malawi and Scotland to support the project in its implementation and direction, working with Young Leaders for the future of the project.

As well as their intensive training, Young Leaders have also designed and developed small project interventions, including organic manure, waste management, briquette making, affordable clean energy, forest restoration, sustainable water body conservation and environmental conservation awareness.



# Project Impacts

**Over 20 clean up campaigns**



Team Photo at community clean-up training event in Malawi

**Over 30 Climate Crisis awareness talks, including schools and community groups, with an additional 10 sessions broadcast over radio**

**Over 25 tree planting sessions, with 6000 seedlings planted**



Climate leaders in the central region planting 2000 seedlings at Nasala FP School in Lilongwe. The planting was attended by The Minister of Natural resources Hon. Nancy Tembo.

**36 small project interventions financially and technically supported**

**Covid 19 awareness campaigns and integration of digital working.**

# Project Impacts

**Video campaign to share Youth Voices for COP26**



Click above to see the video

**Over 10 briquette sessions**

**Peer to peer Climate Justice and Climate Network events held, bringing together Malawi and Scotland's Youth Voices on Climate**

**Climate Change song, produced in collaboration between Young Leaders and Joe Kellz, a Malawian Musician**



Click above to watch the music video

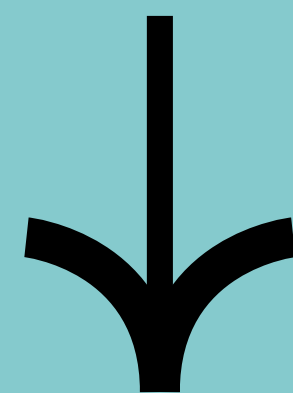


Single release artwork

# Working with Others



Representing young people, 2050 Climate Group also participates in a number of initiatives and working groups seeking to bring a youth voice to efforts to create a just and sustainable society.



# AMPHoRA

AMPHora is a multi-stakeholder group, comprising of government department and agencies, food and agriculture industry experts, the public, third sector organisations and academics to explore existing and future policies to reduce emissions of air pollutants and GreenHouse Gases through changes to agriculture technology, land use management and factors influencing dietary patterns.

[Website](#)

# COP26 Civil Society Coalition

The COP26 Coalition is a civil society coalition made of groups and individuals from a range of constituencies in Scotland and the rest of the UK, including trade unions, direct action networks, climate justice groups, environment and development NGOs, faith groups, students and youth, migrant and racial justice networks.

[Website](#)



# Climate Emergency Response Group



The Climate Emergency Response Group (CERG) is a collection of like-minded leaders spanning Scotland's private, public and third sectors. The group aims to inform and influence the Scottish Government's response to the climate emergency by providing practical, workable solutions.

Click to see publications from the past year:

**Scotland's  
Climate  
Emergency  
Response:**  
Priorities for the  
Climate Change  
Plan Update

**Eight policy  
packages for  
Scotland's  
Green Recovery**

**Scotland's  
Green Recovery  
and Climate  
Emergency  
Response:**  
Interim  
assessment of  
progress

# Expert Panel on Environmental Charges and Other Measures (EPECOM)

EPECOM provides expert advice to Scottish Ministers on charges or other measures which may be adopted in Scotland with the goal of encouraging the long-term and sustainable changes in consumer and producer behaviour required to move towards a circular economy.

Click to see publications from the past year:

**Ending the  
Throwaway  
Culture:  
Five Principles  
for Tackling  
Single-use Items**

**EPECOM**

Expert Panel on Environmental Charging and Other Measures



# IPPR Environmental Justice Commission

IPPR's Environmental Justice Commission was convened to help develop the ideas and policies to bring about a rapid green transition that is fair and just. The Environmental Justice Commission builds on the IPPR's previous work on economic justice. We were invited to sit on the Commission to connect Scotland's youth voice with the UK-wide work this Commission undertakes. The Commission's work has included citizens juries, and we have also been a member of the Aberdeenshire Climate and Fairness Panel Advisory Board, which has been providing expert input ahead of the local citizens jury meetings in the region.

[Website](#)



# Just Transition Commission

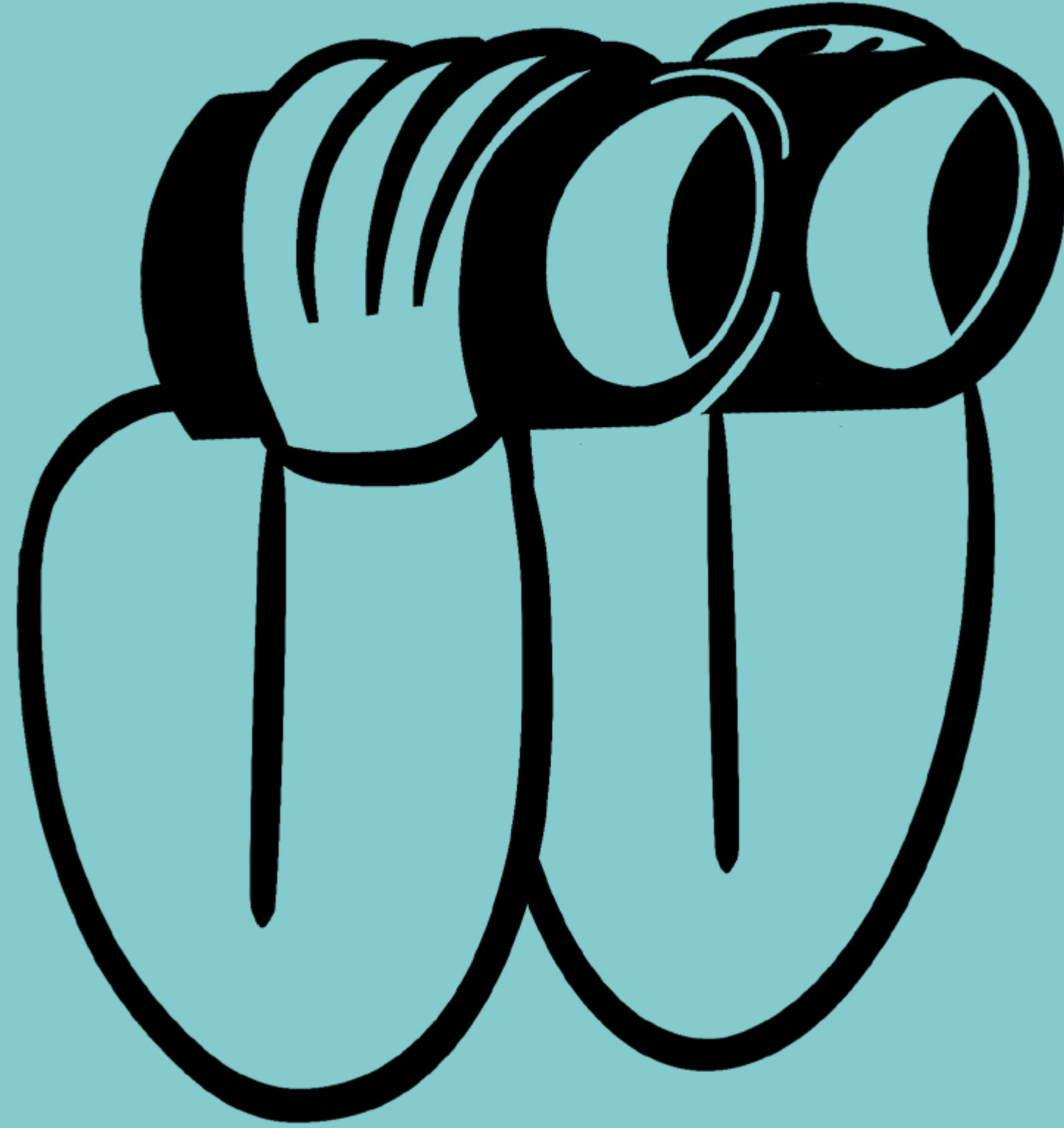
The Just Transition Commission was an independent commission set up by Scottish Government. The Just Transition Commission aims to provide practical and affordable recommendations to Scottish Ministers in order to achieve a just transition. We had a seat on the Commission representing youth voices in Scotland, and the final report was published in March 2021 following 2 years of meetings and engagement across Scotland.

Click to see publications from the past year:



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**Looking  
Forward**



# Summit and COP26 engagement

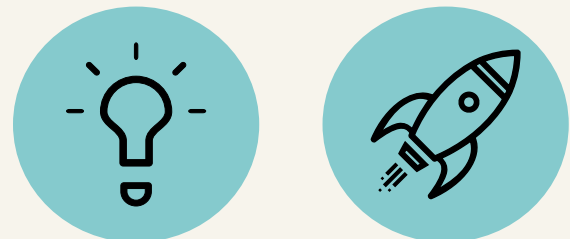


**UN CLIMATE  
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UK 2021**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

The newly formed Summit subgroup is currently working towards organising and running a virtual Youth Summit, aligned with COP26, on the 4th of September 2021. While exact details are to be confirmed, this event will bring together young people with activists, community groups, decision makers and 2050 Climate Group partners. The Youth Summit will facilitate speaker and panel events, as well as workshops, to discuss climate justice, action, and advocacy in the space of COP26 and beyond. As such, it will be held on a platform that allows for multiple events to occur simultaneously, giving attendees a diverse range of content to engage with on the day.

An important aspect of the Youth Summit will be its output - a vision from the Summit's attendees of what 2050 should look like under each of COP26's presidential themes: nature-based solutions, adaptation and resilience, finance, energy transition, and clean road transport. Whilst this will be captured, in part, through direct written asks to COP26 decision makers on how this vision should be achieved, we will also look to have attendees produce creative media – such as poetry, film, art, and music – to accessibly reflect the key thoughts from the Youth Summit.



# Diversity & Inclusion



Last year, we began to inspect this inclusivity of our organisation more closely. Although we acknowledge this is a challenge in the environmental movement as a whole, it is clear our work has not gone far enough. We realised that ‘inclusive’ had different meanings even within our own organisation.

We have hired Neish Training and we’re taking a social learning approach, with a view to agreeing a D&I policy statement as a starting point. This will then be implemented across the organisation.

Through the Race for Nature Recovery project (a Kickstart Scheme to place young people from predominantly Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds in work placements at environmental organisations) we have secured a 6 month placement who will join us in the lead up to COP26.



# YLDP 5

As a result of the ongoing global pandemic the fifth iteration of the Young Leaders Development Programme was postponed. We are excited to announce YLDP will be making a return this autumn following a hybrid model of in-person and digital events. We will continue to monitor the situation to ensure the programme is delivered safely and effectively. We can't wait to welcome some more Young Leaders to the 2050 Climate Group network!



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