

Leeds Climate JoyE newsletter

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New beginnings

Early this Summer, Leeds DEC invited local teachers and councillors to a meeting to share the work they have been doing around sustainability and climate change ... and the Leeds Climate JoyE group was formed. (Joy for positivity and E for Educators)

As listening to each other's initiatives was both exciting and inspiring, it was decided that sharing our positive achievements would be a mission for the group. This newsletter aims to do just that, in the hope that by sharing good practice we can inspire and motivate each other and others.

The section below features some of the local initiatives shared with the group.

CARR MANOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL

KS3 and KS4 CLIMATE AMBASSADORS at Carr Manor, recently constructed a rotary compost bin to reduce raw food waste and make compost for the school- a great sustainability initiative!



CLIMATE ACTION SEACROFT

Climate Action Seacroft recently held their 2nd Annual Apple Festival.



Here John, a Green Volunteer, is juicing apples, on the Forest Garden with some local children, who really look forward to this event every year.

The apples were collected from the community orchard and also donated by local residents. The resulting juice was delicious!

BEECHWOOD PRIMARY

Leeds DEC is working with Beechwood Primary to create Climate Knowledge mats for each year group. These will build on Leeds DEC's climate curriculum and summarise the key climate knowledge in each year. As well as being used in school, they will be sent home to facilitate conversations between pupils and their families about what they are learning and how they can reduce carbon emissions at home. Staff from the University of Leeds will also be involved to help the schools to assess the impact of the project.

GLOBAL NEWS

A tiny Caribbean island's transformation to a wildlife haven, means that the country of Antigua and Barbuda has already met its "30x30" target, a global goal to protect 30% of the planet for nature by 2030.

In addition, the little known third isle of Redonda has been officially designated a protected area by the country's government, ensuring its status as a pivotal nesting site for migrating birds and a home for species found nowhere else on Earth is preserved for posterity. [Read more-](#)

LOCAL NEWS

Leeds is one of 119 global cities rated 'A' for climate action by the CDP (only 13% of assessed cities received an A grade.) Installing green home upgrades has been a focus of the council's climate emergency work this year, with carbon reduction projects completed across the city. [Leeds Climate Newsetter](#)

What next?

We would love to feature a range of local sustainability initiatives in future newsletters. If you would like to share any element of your practice, please complete this short online form and include images if you can.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LeedsClimateJoyEnewsletterarticles>

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Leeds Climate JoyE

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