



WHAT IS YOUTH VOICE?

CDEC's vision is that Cumbria is a place where young people, through their global learning experiences, become informed, responsible and active global citizens with a lifelong commitment to building a fairer and more sustainable world.

To fully support young people to develop as active global citizens we need to encourage and support youth voice. Youth Voice opportunities are abundant- whether it is through a P4C enquiry where pupils develop the skills of listening, sharing their thoughts

and position, building collective wisdom and empathy. Or through their involvement in school council or eco group- where they identify and take action to make a difference- locally or globally. Or through projects where outcomes and actions are determined by the young people involved.

Providing opportunities for young people to exercise agency, to shape and influence their own learning experiences builds connection, a sense of being valued and respected; and of valuing and respecting others.



Laura Goad, Director



Illustration by Ayeisha Muir- creative notetaker at the Youth Climate Summit
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CUMBRIA YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT

Young people from all over Cumbria called for local action to ensure sustainable, safe transport and to tackle climate change, at a Youth Climate Summit held on 20 October in Carlisle. The summit asked local young people what action they would like to take, or that they would like to see happen:

"I would like my world to be green" - Blair, aged 9

"I would like to see electric cars and no gas" - Leon, aged 8

"I would like to see lots of trees because they make oxygen so that we can live" - Georgia, aged 8

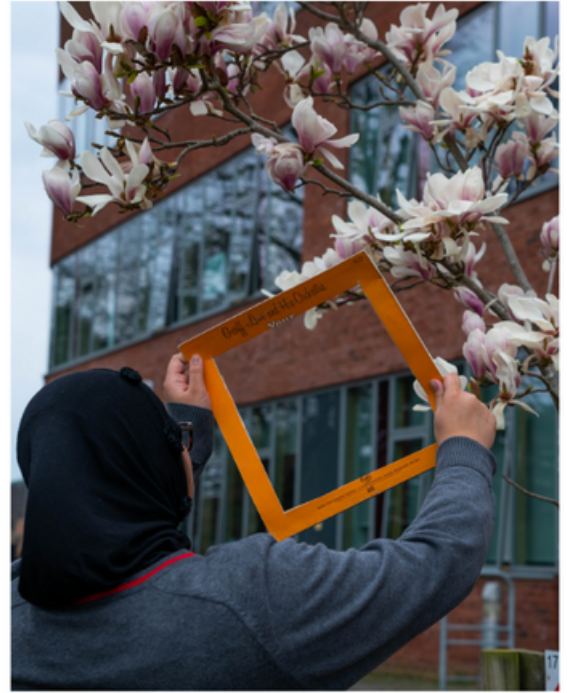
COP27 CLIMATE CAFES

During COP27, CDEC hosted Climate Cafes in Penrith, Kendal and Cockermouth, where young people shared their climate priorities and concerns. Local concerns were issues such as coal mining, fracking and lack of public transport. Youth action was given as the reason for hope for the future, and we couldn't agree more!

Climate Leaders - The Future is Now

CDEC is launching a new, exciting project: Climate Leaders – The Future is Now. This project will work to empower and connect young people across Cumbria to co-create a sustainable leadership and social action programme. The young people will work with local organisations, schools and businesses on their shared priorities for climate action, resulting in cross-sectoral and intergenerational work.

What happens as part of Climate Leaders will be shaped by the young people involved, and will result in local, climate-focused projects across Cumbria and resources that can be spread far and wide. We aim to create a connected, vast network of young and older people who will be able to come together to share, grow, learn and support each other. This will create an eco-system that grows in strength and power, connecting young people across Cumbria with passionate adults, growing resources and ideas that can take seed in communities across the county.



Get involved! If you as an individual (young or old), a school or an organisation would like to get involved, please contact us at laura@cdec.org.uk - we would love to hear from you!

Decarbonisation and Education Powered by the Sun



Do you want to take climate action in your school?

Solar for Schools helps schools decarbonise with solar energy. Our Community Benefit Society funds the design, installation and operation of solar panels on schools' roofs. Included is a unique education package about energy and sustainability using the solar panels as the educational instrument. Visit www.solarforschools.co.uk to register your interest.

Can you support this project?

Could you help to support this project? We are proud to have been chosen as a Co-op local cause and to have an Aviva community fund. Climate Leaders - the Future is Now will be youth-led, with the young people steering the direction of the project. Donations will fund local projects, networking events and training sessions, all planned by the young people involved. Not only will your donation be an investment in the local area, it will be an investment in the lives of young Cumbrians too.

If you shop at the Ambleside, Grasmere or Hawkshead Co-op and want to support this project by just doing your shopping, please register as a Co-op member and choose CDEC as your local cause. If you wish to support our Aviva community fund, please visit www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/climate-leaders-now



The Green Place Project



The Green Place project worked regularly with groups from over 13 schools, community, and youth groups across the county. We facilitated several inspiring visits to nature reserves, farms and archaeological digs, which enthused groups about the wonders of our natural world and sparked interest and curiosity in our landscape and cultural heritage.



"...doing the project, I feel like my connection with nature has massively improved."

Sophie, Age 13, Carlisle Youth Zone

All sessions fostered a greater sense of connection to the natural world around us and used the creative concept MySqK to focus on the 3 key areas; Exploring local green space, engaging with the local community and Heritage and Legacy – taking local action. These activities had beneficial impacts on wellbeing and helped participants to foster a sense of agency, identifying the local and global environmental issues they care most passionately about and communicating that to others.

"I feel confident because I think if I try hard enough I will be able to make an improvement to where I live"

Staveley School pupil



Green Place Exhibition

Green PLACE, will be hosting an exhibition in the new year to showcase the inspiring artwork and learnings from its busy year of delivery.

The exhibition will be open to the public on 27th January until 17th April 2023, featuring the various schools, community groups and youth groups from across the county that have been involved with the project.

It will highlight the various activities that inspired participants to find a connection with our natural world and explore the three core themes of the project: Green Space, Local Community, and Heritage & Legacy.

A timeline of photos and videos will be on display, along with a selection of artistic creations from the activities carried out with local artists who engaged individuals to learn and interact with the environment around them, including Richard Shilling, Andrew Hagggar, Heather Turner, and Mark Gibbs.

Training and Resources

We are excited to offer a free and interactive training day for anyone who is working with, or interested in supporting young people, to connect with their local green spaces.

The day will be full of ideas and inspiration gleaned from the Green PLACE project. We will give an overview of project themes and approaches, and share engaging resources and activity ideas. It takes place on Wednesday the 8th of March, at the eco friendly Footprint Building (and surrounding woodland) in Windermere.

Get in touch at office@cdec.org.uk to register your interest/for more info.

CDEC'S New Support Package for your School

Bring the golden thread of global learning into your school with CDEC's latest training offer. CDEC can support you to embed Global Learning across your curriculum, school ethos and development plan. If you have new staff or you want to re-evaluate and ensure your pupils' learning is relevant and enriched for their future world, then this supportive training package will give your teachers resources and confidence. Please [visit our website](#) or contact us at office@cdec.org.uk for more information.



Global Learning is important...

- The golden thread of global learning helps to bind your curriculum, school ethos and community together.
- Help your young people understand the wider world and their place in it, while giving them the skills to deal with changing global situations
- Share with them the benefits of a sustainable society and a fair world, and how we depend upon other parts of the globe through our Think Global Act Local approach.
- Support your young people to become future active global citizens.
- Ofsted emphasises the need for a broad and balanced curriculum – a global learning lens supports you to build this in your school

How?

- a series of support meetings (either whole school or with SLT and lead teachers) which will include support with a Global Learning audit and identifying actions
- delivery of the Global Teacher Award Accredited training (1 day delivered flexibly)
- or up to 2 half day CPD's from our range of training (eg: Global Literacy/Maths/Science; SMSC; pupil voice; Storytelling; Global Learning for Early Years)

Cost

- **Whole school (member schools).**
10 teachers and above: £1000
- **Whole school (non-member schools)**
10 teachers and above: £1200
- **Key staff only: 2 teachers plus SLT for support/audit sessions**
£350 (member schools) and £500 (non-member schools)

Smaller schools could combine and share costs.

Why embed global learning in your curriculum and school ethos?

Jane Yates - CDEC Associate Tutor, conducted research with Cumbrian schools as part of the Connecting Classrooms Through Global Learning British Council programme (2018-2022). Feedback highlighted the importance of Global Learning:

'The pandemic highlighted the fact that we are global citizens and the need for children to begin to understand their role in the world... The research also found evidence that prior experience of global learning meant that some students were better prepared for the experience of the pandemic itself.' - Teacher Interview

[Yates, J. \(2022\) Global learning during the Covid-19 pandemic. UCL Institute of Education.](#)

RESOURCE BOX HIGHLIGHT

AS A MEMBER, YOU CAN BORROW OUR BOXES FOR FREE



KS1 CLIMATE CHANGE

We are happy to introduce our brand new KS1 Climate Box. The box introduces climate change in an age appropriate way, through different resources and activities.

The box is themed around trees: what they do for us, how deforestation impacts upon the climate, how we can help to protect trees and also the role they play in agriculture and our food supply.

Visit our website or get in touch with us at office@cdec.org.uk to reserve your resource box.