

For the first time, the UK will host the 26th <u>Climate Change Conference of the</u> <u>Parties (COP26)</u> in Glasgow on 1 to 12 November 2021. For nearly three decades the UN has been bringing together almost every country on earth for global climate summits - called COPs - which stands for 'Conference of the Parties'. In that time climate change has gone from being a fringe issue to a global priority. This year will be the 26th annual summit – giving it the name COP26.

Below are some of the ways for schools and young people in Enfield to get involved in the upcoming COP26.

## London Schools' Climate Kick-Start

The Mayor's Climate Kick-Start will see thousands of students get involved in a week of free events across the city inspiring them to take action on key environmental themes ahead of UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow (COP26). The week of activities will take place from 1 to 5 November 2021, and will give students at London schools the chance to make a real difference during this important time of environmental action, and work together to tackle some of our planet's biggest threats - climate change, deforestation, biodiversity loss, air pollution and single-use plastics.

All London secondary schools will receive a free Key Stage 3 lesson resource curated by the Museum of London to help raise awareness of the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow (COP26) and the main issues to be discussed affecting people and the planet.

The Climate Kick-Start will feature dozens of hands-on free events, including:

- a cleantech careers fair hosted by the Royal Institution
- a tree planting day hosted by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)
- a sustainable fashion show with London College of Fashion
- a pedal-powered activity day

To receive a marketing and events toolkit as well as <u>free lesson resources</u> around the themes of the Climate Kick-Start, register your interest <u>here</u>.

## **Together For Our Planet**

The Together for our Planet campaign and WWF are working together to deliver two climate change packs to schools across the UK ahead of COP26.

<u>The Together for our Planet Schools Pack</u> will enable schools to become part of the UK's growing green momentum ahead of COP26. The pack includes a Green

Assembly guide, along with other ideas and external resources created by experts to help schools engage their students in climate action and wider climate change conversations.

There will also be a strong focus on the UK's student Climate Leaders, the remarkable young people who are going about their lives in quietly revolutionary ways. Whether it's by recycling, walking to school, or eating seasonal foods, these Climate Leaders are protecting the planet and encouraging others to play their part.

This pack will help schools support and celebrate their own student Climate Leaders and will share inspiring case studies of schools and young people across the UK who are doing something inspiring to tackle climate change.

<u>Our Climate Our Future</u>, created by WWF and partners, will focus on COP26 and raise awareness and applied understanding of the Summit and climate change amongst young people across the UK.

This will also include resources for schools to hold mini climate summits, and workshops to identify and plan individual and school actions. The former will include a fun interactive role-play-based lesson that introduces COP26 and will result in a 'vision of the future' created by the students. The latter will result in a 'School Promise To The Planet' for each school, setting out plans for the school to contribute positively to the transition to net zero.

## Enfield School Climate Action Network 16th November 2021

Come and share your school's experience of COP26 and hear from others at our Enfield School Climate Action Network event on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – book your place on the <u>Enfield Professional Learning Portal</u>