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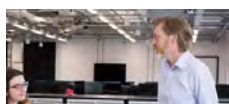
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Events

06/05/26

Climate Action & Me - Nature Based Solutions Free Seminar

Stanhill Social Club, Accrington

[Link to Book](#)

19/05/26

Reducing Carbon In your Research Practices

University of Lancashire, Preston, PR1 2HE

[Link to Book](#)

21/05/26

LancsCAN - Lunch & Learn: Learning from South Yorkshire as Lancashire's Local Government Changes

Teams Online

[Link to Book](#)

Numerous Dates - [Link to UK Screening Map](#)

People's Emergency Briefing Film Screening

- Victoria Institute, Caton, PR2 9QT
15/05/06 - 7PM - [Link to Book](#)
- Christ Church, Longridge, PR3 3JA
03/06/06 - 7PM - [Link to Book](#)
- The Venue Penwortham, PR1 9XE
28/05/26 - 6PM and 11/06/26
- [Email Kay for information](#)

03/06/26 - 9:30AM-4:30PM

Good for Growth - B Corp Fest

The Wellbeing Farm, Wheatsheaf Hill
Farm, Plantation Road, Edgworth, Bolton,
BL7 0BY

[Link to book](#) (paid event)

25/06/26

Sustainability Learning Conferences NM

Blackburn Rovers FC

[Link to sign up](#)

27/06/26 - 12PM

Three Degrees Festival

More Music Building

[Link to event info](#)

03/07/26 - 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Morecambe Bay Curriculum Annual Conference 2026

Great Hall, Lancaster University

[Event information](#)

LancsCAN Youth Section

FORUM FINDINGS

What makes youth engagement feel positive?

- Agency
- Hope
- Mutual respect
- New ideas
- Interactivity
- Decision-making power
- Sharing perspectives
- Energy
- Creativity
- Inspiration

What can young people and the wider community learn from each other?

- Life experiences
- Facts and statistics
- Adaptability
- Strength in numbers
- Different perspectives
- Technical knowledge
- Resource sharing
- Knowledge sharing
- Networking opportunities
- Shared goals and common ground

What will our attendees do next?

- Connect with local colleges
- Involve YP early in conversations
- Engage YP in research
- Prioritise youth engagement
- Develop new projects
- Engage with YP about future skills
- Make discussions/actions relevant for YP

LancsCAN Youth Newsletter

Hello from LancsCAN Youth and welcome to our second newsletter update! To begin, we would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported and attended our breakout session at last month's Climate Action Forum. It was amazing to see so much interest in youth engagement, and we are really excited to be working with some new contacts as a result of the event. We shared our findings from the Forum in a presentation at last month's Lunch and Learn event, and some of our main takeaways were as follows:

- Agency, hope, and mutual respect emerged as some of the most important factors in making youth engagement feel like a positive experience.
- Young people and members of the wider community can learn a lot from one another, including sharing different perspectives, resources, technical knowledge, lived experience, networking opportunities, and more.
- It can sometimes be difficult to engage with the 18-25 age range – and so LancsCAN Youth will continue to work towards engaging with more young people who are around these ages!

Throughout April our main priority has been building upon the connections we made at the forum and with other local stakeholders to develop some upcoming actions and activities. While we can't give away too much about these yet, please keep an eye out for more information on our Instagram account @lancs_can_youth and in future newsletters!

As mentioned previously, LancsCAN Youth are in the process of recruiting additional members. We would love to hear from young people aged 18-25 who are interested in joining our group, whether this is as a committee member with specific responsibilities, or as a more general group member. Please reach out to Maya at lcymayal@zohomail.eu to find out more. Thank you!

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People's Emergency Briefing Film Screening

The People's Emergency Briefing is a new film from the National Emergency Briefing – a public information initiative to ensure the UK is fully briefed on the climate and nature crisis. The film presents the national implications of climate and nature breakdown – along with credible, positive responses – in a single, accessible account designed for screening in communities across the UK.

There are screenings taking place across the country, including other events in Lancashire (see the screening map here: <https://www.nebriefing.org/screening-map>)

Specific Screenings

Lancaster & Morecambe Greenpeace are hosting a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing in Caton

A new film featuring Chris Packham, leading climate and nature scientists, a former general, and Jennifer Saunders - all being pretty frank about where things are heading and what can be done about it. Film followed by discussion, facilitated by Dr Jan Maskell, Psychologist and Sustainability Consultant

 The Victoria Institute, Brookhouse Rd, Caton, PR2 9QT

 Friday 15th May 7-9pm

 Free - booking required

 16+

Reserve your place here: <https://buytickets.at/greenpeace/2142730>

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People's Emergency Briefing Film Screening

Specific Screenings

People's Emergency Briefing Screening at Longridge

Wednesday 3rd June 7pm - Christ Church, Berry Lane, Longridge PR3 3JA

Longridge Environment Group is hosting a free community screening of the People's Emergency Briefing- an eye-opening film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence on climate and nature, and why it matters. After the 50 minute film, we will have a short open discussion about what it means for our community and what we can do.

Seats are free but limited, so please book in advance. Invite a friend, neighbour or family member: everyone is welcome. People's Emergency Briefing has recommended that the film is suitable for age 16 and over.

Tickets from: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/longridgeenvironmentgroup/2173730>

People's Emergency Briefing Screening at Penwortham

28th May and 11th June, doors open at 6PM for a 6:30PM screening

Location: The Venue in Penwortham, Liverpool Road, PR1 9XE

This is a great opportunity to watch a new film building on last year's National Emergency Briefing in Westminster Hall. A friendlier watch-together version; facilitated by Chris Packham on the climate and nature crisis. Top scientists say we need a response to the crisis on the scale of the Second World War. What do you think? This is your opportunity to hear the evidence from the panel of experts; then take part in a post-film conversation.

No booking required. For more information on the Penwortham screening email [Kay Johnson MBE @hello@kayjohnsonmbe.com](mailto:Kay.Johnson.MBE@hello@kayjohnsonmbe.com)

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Green Careers Fair Highlights Opportunities

On Earth Day (22nd April) The Blackpool Sixth Form College held its first Green Careers Fair. This event highlighted just some of the vast array of career opportunities for young people in the rapidly growing environmental and sustainability sectors.

Fourteen different organisations took part, including a number of LancsCAN members. Together they covered a diverse range of sustainability-related areas such as wildlife conservation, renewable energy, recycling and sustainable fashion.

All students and staff were encouraged to come and find out more from the experts about what they do and what they can offer as career routes as well as volunteering and work placement opportunities for young people.

The event was jointly organised by the college careers team, Futures, and the college's Eco Committee. Students from the Eco Committee and LancsCAN Youth also ran stalls at the event with activities designed to promote environmental awareness and climate action.

Sustainability Lead at the college and LancsCAN Schools and Colleges lead, Jon McLeod said, "We are immensely grateful to all the organisations who attended today. It's a great demonstration of how the shift to a 'greener' economy and society can bring new and exciting opportunities for our young people."

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Eco Barnoldswick Repair Café

At Barnoldswick Repair Café we are showing how small communities can make a big difference through simple, practical action. Built on the idea of reducing waste and encouraging sustainability, the café brings people together to fix broken items instead of throwing them away. In doing so it helps build a sense of community. We want people to think differently about consumption and move away from a “throwaway” mindset toward a more sustainable way of doing things. Our approach reduces waste and promotes a culture of reuse, which is increasingly important in a world facing growing sustainability challenges. Socially, it creates a welcoming space where people of all ages can meet, chat, and exchange knowledge.

The Repair Café which is kindly hosted by St Andrew’s Methodist Church and funded by donations is a volunteer-driven initiative. Skilled volunteers give their time to help others repair everyday household items such as toasters, lamps, clothing, clocks, and even small pieces of furniture. Sometimes we work with the owners so that they leave with not only repaired items but also with a better understanding of how things work and how they can be maintained.

The atmosphere at the café is relaxed and friendly. While waiting for repairs, you can enjoy a chat and a cup of tea as well as a piece of Gill’s delicious cake if you’re lucky.

Whatever you bring, whether it’s a clock for David to look at, a teddy for Joan to fix, a pair of shears for Wesley or a toaster for the electrical team we will have a go at fixing it. We also have a tool exchange where people can bring in tools, they no longer need and exchange them for tools that they might need.

In a time when convenience often leads to unnecessary waste, Barnoldswick Repair Café stands as a reminder that repair, reuse, and community spirit still matter. Its success shows how grassroots initiatives can inspire meaningful change, one repaired item at a time.

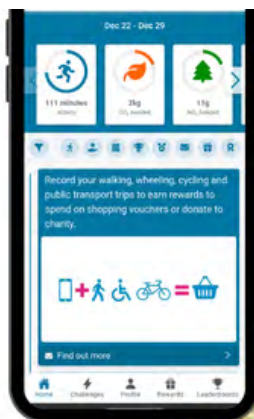
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Walk to win prizes

Lancashire
County Council



 BetterPoints



BetterPoints Lancashire

Celebrate National Walking Month with BetterPoints!

This May, you can earn guaranteed rewards and win a share of £1,400 in prizes just by walking and wheeling.

Download the free BetterPoints app, register, and start earning points and prize draw entries. Spend your points with local shops, major brands, or donate to charity.

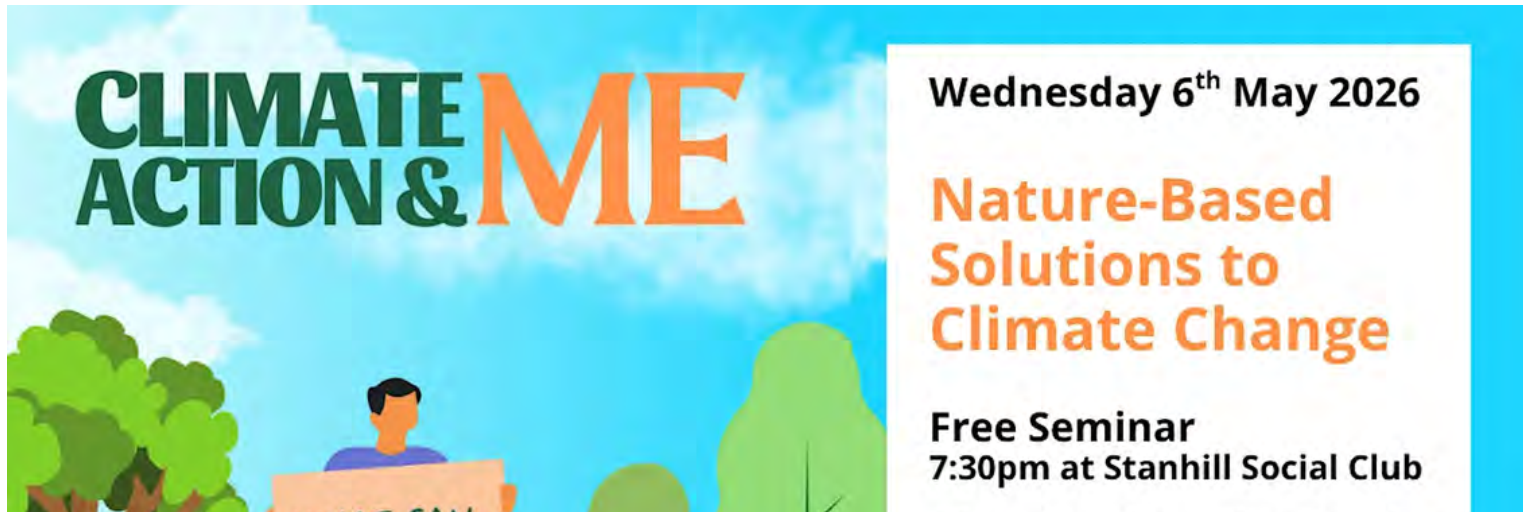
Walking boosts physical and mental health while supporting cleaner air and stronger communities.

By taking on simple daily challenges - building from 10 to 30 minutes of walking - you will earn rewards and have the chance to claim a share of 320 National Walking Month prizes.

Invite friends to join for the chance to win £50 each week and take part in the #WalkOut event on 29 May for even more prize opportunities.

Ready to step out, get active, and start winning? Then download the BetterPoints app to join the BetterPoints Lancashire community today: lancs.betterpoints.uk

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Climate Action & Me - Nature Based Solutions FREE SEMINAR

Join us for free seminar on **May 6th** about how Mother Nature is our greatest ally in the fight against climate change.

Climate change and biodiversity loss are both accelerating at a frightening rate, and it's more important than ever that we take action within our own homes and communities. Luckily, nature is on our side - from the smallest wildflower lawn to the Amazon rainforest, healthy ecosystems are the key to solving some of the greatest challenges of our time.

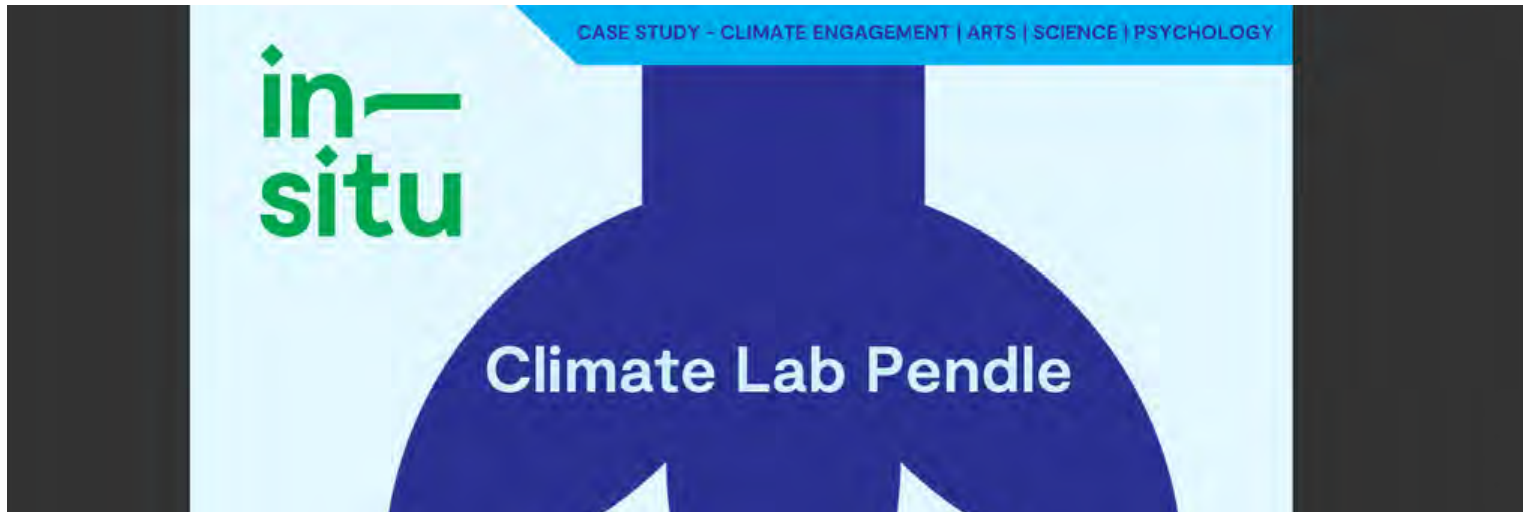
Join Abigail Gunson from the Ribble Rivers Trust and Brookside Restoration Officer Alice Pooley at the **Stanhill Social Club on May 6th** for a free seminar all about how we can use nature-based solutions in our homes, at Brookside, and beyond!

This event is part of the Brookside Restoration Initiative. The Brookside master plan involves several kinds of nature-based solutions, many of which we will be discussing at this event.

Doors will open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

[Book your tickets here](#)

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Climate Lab Pendle 2026-2029

We're happy to announce that In-Situ has received funding from Reaching Communities, National Lottery to continue Climate Lab Pendle, a programme we piloted in Nelson with Pendle Borough Council in 2023. We have been awarded £429,000 funding over four years, to deliver the next phase of Climate Lab Pendle.

Climate Lab Pendle will creatively and collaboratively develop local responses to the intersecting crises of climate, inequality and hate through a mass engagement programme promoting knowledge, discernment, listening, respect and collective action.

Local people will form a Community Collective who will work in partnership with In-Situ, Building Bridges Pendle, The People Speak and Catalista to deliver the programme.

It will be the first time we at In-Situ have explored how to extend our internal flat leadership model to incorporate a Community Collective in the leadership of a creative programme, making funds available to cover their time.

Tom Deacon, Catalista, one of our partners, says: "We are living through a time of intersecting crises, playing out at both global and local levels. The entanglement of growing inequality alongside escalating divisions and hate in our societies can feel overwhelming; all exacerbated by the deepening climate crisis. Climate Lab Pendle is a vital opportunity for us to explore healthy and connective ways to face these very real challenges together.

This project sits on the exploratory edge of how to live both healthily and respectfully in this time of deep uncertainty, as well as growing a community cohesion that will empower a clear community voice to steer local decision making."

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Climate Lab Pendle 2026-2029

This programme will model alternative ways of approaching climate at a community level. We will challenge mis and dis information and publicly explore new narratives, working collectively from the ground up to navigate these collective and intersecting challenges which include the politics of the Climate Crisis as well as the emotions we feel as we navigate this.

We are designing a project that emphasises the wellbeing and safety of everyone; valuing reflection, seasonal energy, sustainability and healthy working boundaries, and will work in dialogue with Art of Small Talk in Islamabad, Pakistan, to share learning across continental boundaries.

We've kicked off our Spring and Summer season of listening and co-learning events with a refresher and meet-up for our trained Climate Fresk Facilitators. Climate Fresks are workshops exploring the science and politics behind climate change and empowering people to take action. Our facilitators will be delivering fresks across the area between now and July.

We'll have a public launch of Climate Lab Pendle at this year's Festival of Culture in Nelson on 27th June, with artist Dana Olărescu, climate trainer and activist Tom Deacon, Art Collective The People Speak and Creative Collaborator Temujen Gunawardena.

Climate Lab Pendle's programme is working cyclically with the seasons to promote a healthy way of working together that gives space for emergence and values time for co-learning and delivering as well as rest and reflection.

Do get in touch with anna@in-situ.org.uk if you want to know more.

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Influencing Decarbonisation in Cumbria: Policy and practice briefings for multi-stakeholder action

This recent project explored four of the most significant barriers to accelerating decarbonisation and identified practical steps that could help unblock them and enable scalable, long-term solutions. Developed collaboratively by the University of Cumbria and Futureproof Cumbria as part of the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership, the four briefing papers each focus on a different dimension of the challenge: influencing policy and practice, improving data and evaluation, strengthening civil society action, and securing the funding and resources required for sustained progress. The main project outcome is a set of clear levers for change at local, regional, and national levels, along with recommendations to advance decarbonisation across Cumbria.

For further details: <https://zerocarboncumbria.co.uk/projects-and-resources/cumbria-decarbonisation-policy-practice/>

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Nature Discovery Challenge - how many nature observation records can Lancashire schools make in the summer term?

From counting pollinators to recording grassland plants, help build a picture of wildlife in school grounds and be part of real scientific research – we don't know what's currently living on school grounds, and you will be discovering the answers!

Schools, colleges and nurseries across Lancashire can be part of an exciting project to record the nature on their site. The National Education Nature Park are encouraging all education to observe, monitor and celebrate their local biodiversity, whilst also supporting national community science projects and increasing regional ecological records. The surveys can support young people to develop a connection to nature, increase curiosity, communication and ecology skills, as well as being a tangible (and fun) action for school Climate Action Plans.

There are three biodiversity surveys to choose from - each comes with support resources and ideas on how schools could use the data and observations in other curriculum subject areas:

- Pollinator Count- <https://www.educationnaturepark.org.uk/resource/pollinator-count>
- Grassland Plant Survey - <https://www.educationnaturepark.org.uk/resource/grassland-plant-survey>
- iNaturalist (great for a bioblitz!) - <https://www.educationnaturepark.org.uk/resource/record-wildlife-your-site>

Across Lancashire 330 education settings have already joined the Nature Park - we're so excited to discover more about the biodiversity living within these sites! The National Education Nature Park is a free programme for all schools, colleges and nurseries to join - we'd love to see more Lancashire settings join the Nature Park!

If you have any questions, the North West regional team (Jenny and Simon) are here to help:
northwestnaturepark@rhs.org.uk

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TENDERFOOT
THEATRE**Tenderfoot Theatre - Ecolab Students Response to LCCAF**

LancsCAN member organisation Tenderfoot Theatre are an environmental arts company based in West Lancs, and the company in residence at The Arts Centre, Edge Hill University. Their annual Ecotheatre Lab is an intensive theatre-making course with a focus on sustainable making and climate-based storytelling, in which Tenderfoot support undergraduate students from Edge Hill's Creative Arts department to develop an original piece of dramatic art in response to a shared climate concern. This year, the Ecolab students attended the LCCAF on 4th March and, with support from the Tenderfoot Theatre team, produced a short film in response to the themes and topics discussed at the conference. The piece touches on some of the concerns facing young people today - plastic and litter, AI usage, and our waterways. Featuring original poetry and spoken word by the partaking students, the film encompasses the feeling of worry and concern they began the process with - and the ultimate strength, joy, hope, and community they found during their time at the LCCAF. With thanks to Tenderfoot Theatre CIC, the Lancashire Arts Network for Developing Sustainability (LANDS), and the fabulous Ecolab 2026 cohort: Robert Dymond, Kenneth-Michael Conroy-Hargreaves, and Olivia Furness.

[View the Ecolab 2026 film here](#) (half way down the page)

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Reducing Carbon In your Research Practices

Reducing carbon in your research is no longer just a sustainability goal — it's a strategic business imperative. This one-hour action learning set on carbon reduction delivered by the Centre for Resource and Waste Management Team will raise awareness of real-world ways to cut carbon across research supply chains, using participants' own challenges as live case material. Using structured peer learning and guided reflection, attendees will leave with clearer priorities, actionable ideas, and renewed confidence to influence their research partners and internal stakeholders alike.

Talk on the circular economy on Tuesday 19th for the University of Lancashire's Research and Knowledge Exchange Festival. **[Book your place here.](#)**

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New Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Community Benefit Fund – Public Consultation

Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd is pleased to announce the launch of the Community Benefit Fund Consultation for the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm. The project is committed to creating lasting, positive outcomes for the communities connected to its development and operation. As part of this commitment, the project proposes to establish a Community Benefit Fund (CBF) designed to ensure that local people share in the long-term advantages of the windfarm.

Located approximately 30km off the Lancashire coast in the Eastern Irish Sea, the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm will contribute clean energy to the UK. Alongside this, through the Community Benefit Fund, the project is committed to supporting initiatives that reflect local priorities, strengthen community assets, and deliver meaningful social, educational, environmental, and economic benefits.

GrantScape, has been appointed to independently lead the full community consultation process. During 2026, GrantScape will gather views from local residents, organisations and key stakeholders to inform how the CBF is structured, prioritised and delivered.

The CBF commitment is as follows:

Substation Community Benefit Fund (Substation CBF) – Up to £530,000 will be made available during the project's construction phase. The Substation CBF is expected to open for applications in 2027 at the earliest (subject to the project's construction programme) and will support communities within a defined radius of the onshore substation located near Newton-with-Scales, Kirkham and Freckleton (this is the yellow section in the map below).

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New Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Community Benefit Fund – Public Consultation

Annual Community Benefit Fund (Annual CBF) – An annual Community Benefit Fund of up to £200,000 will be available each year of the wind farm's operation. This fund will support projects across a large area of Fylde and Blackpool, and small parts of Preston and South Ribble (these are the yellow and blue shaded areas in the map below). The Annual CBF area will include communities within the Substation CBF radius. It is expected that the wider fund will open for applications once the project is operational. As set out in the application for development consent, the Morecambe project is expected to be fully operational in 2030 at the earliest.

Please be aware that delivery of the project, and the associated CBF, is still subject to a positive development consent for the Transmission Assets, which is expected in April 2026.

The consultation is now open. The first stage of the consultation is a survey and is open until 22 May 2026.

Who do we want to receive views from?

We are seeking views from a wide range of stakeholders, including:

- Individuals and residents
- Voluntary and community organisations
- Local charities
- Sports clubs and wildlife groups
- Local Authorities
- Parish Councils
- Elected representatives
- Schools, colleges, and other educational establishments

If you are based within the defined CBF area – or if you deliver projects within it – we are especially keen to hear from you.

You are welcome to participate in the consultation even if you are located outside the proposed benefit area. Please note that the CBF boundaries have been carefully defined and these are not anticipated to change significantly.

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However, if you believe there is a strong strategic or fundamental reason why the proposed area of benefit should be reconsidered, you will have the opportunity to outline your reasoning as part of the consultation process.

What is involved in the consultation?

The consultation process has three stages:

Online Survey – NOW OPEN

Stage One of the consultation process is **an online public survey**. This is now open until 22 May 2026. Anyone can get involved and answer the survey, although please consider the above carefully and you may also wish to refer to our '**Frequently Asked Questions**' page.

Meetings with Key Stakeholders

Stage Two will involve meetings with key stakeholders such as Local Authorities, Parish and Town Councils, voluntary and community infrastructure organisations, to discuss the findings of the Stage 1 survey. These meetings are expected to be held in July and August 2026.

Public Events

In September and October 2026, we plan to host a number of in-person public events within the CBF areas. These drop-in sessions are open to anyone who would like to learn more about the CBF or discuss potential project ideas.

To ensure wider access, we will also hold two virtual events for those unable to attend in-person.

Full details – including venues, locations, dates, and times for both the in-person and virtual events – will be published on this website in May 2026.

Insights gathered across all three stages of the consultation process will play an important role in shaping and finalising the CBF criteria.

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Lunch & Learn: Learning from South Yorkshire as Lancashire's Local Government Changes

Thu 21 May 2026 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM BST Online, Teams

This month's Lunch and Learn theme relates to the upcoming changes to local government in Lancashire.

Local government in Lancashire is set to change significantly through Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). These changes will affect how decisions are made and how climate and sustainability work is supported across the county. For Lancashire Climate Action Network and its members, this is a key moment to understand the new landscape and consider how best to engage with it.

Jess Thomas is Operations Director at the South Yorkshire Sustainability Centre (SYSC), a partnership between South Yorkshire's two universities and the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority. SYSC has successfully worked within changing regional political structures to connect research, policy and practice and deliver sustainability impact at a regional level.

In this session, Jess will talk about how SYSC has embedded itself within South Yorkshire's governance arrangements, built strong partnerships, and navigated political and structural change. The session will focus on practical lessons that LancsCAN and its members can take from South Yorkshire's experience, and how similar approaches might help support climate action and sustainability in Lancashire as LGR progresses.

This session is designed for LancsCAN members, local authority officers and councillors, researchers, community organisations and anyone interested in how sustainability can be strengthened during periods of local government change.

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Lunch & Learn: Learning from South Yorkshire as Lancashire's Local Government Changes

As always there will be opportunities for Q&A, and for networking and sharing your news at the end of the presentation.

Whilst this special event has only one speaker, most of our Lunch & Learn events are designed to allow members to showcase what they're doing, spread the word about upcoming opportunities, and support peer-to-peer learning. We also hope they will strengthen the network through interaction and help build the LancsCAN community. If you would like to get involved in future events, please contact the LancsCAN volunteers.

You can book your place here -

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lancashireclimateactionnetwork/2190868>

Further details about LancsCAN can be found online - <https://sites.edgehill.ac.uk/lancscan/>

May Newsletter Entries

Your Chance to Contribute!

Thank you to all the April Newsletter contributors. We have a packed 20 page newsletter this month. It is wonderful to see the vast number of projects and events taking place across Lancashire!

We encourage you all to take a look and support other members projects and events, it's a wonderful way to connect, support and build community.

For the next May Newsletter we are looking for entries, events and projects to share, so please get in touch via email: **lancscan@lancashire.ac.uk**

We look forward to seeing all your May contributions!

LancsCAN Leadership Team