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Events

03/09/26 - 10AM - 11AM
'The Sacred Earth Calls: Voices of Faith for Climate Action' featuring Zarah Ross, Project Coordinator at Faiths4Change, and Abdur Razzak, Founder of ACT Bangladesh
Zoom - Online
Link to Book Tickets

16/09/26 - 10AM - 1PM
Solar and Storage Spectacular - Industry Event
The Storey, Lancaster
Link to Book Tickets

26/09/26 - 12 - 3PM
Climate Action Preston Sustainable Fashion Event
Plungington Community Centre
Link to Further Information

29/09/26 - 9:30AM - 2PM
Burnley Climate Week 2026 People's Emergency Briefing
Prairie Sports Village, Burnley, BB10 2FU
Link to Book Tickets

30/09/26 - 8AM - 11AM
Business and Biodiversity Challenges and opportunities in a changing world
Brockholes, Preston New Rd, Preston, England, GB, PR5 0
Meadow Lake Suite
Link to Book Tickets

18/11/26 (SAVE THE DATE)
LANDS Assembly
LICA Lancaster University
Link to LANDS Substack

The Young Foundation - Workshops

- The Midlands - 20/10/26 @ The Warehouse Birmingham (B5 5TH)
- South East - 22/10/26 @ PPL Hub London (SE1 2BG)
- South West - 29/10/26 @Temple Studios Bristol (BS1 6QA)
- North West - 05/11/26 @ Friends House Manchester (M2 5NS)
- North East - 06/11/26 @ Priory Street Centre York (YO1 6ET)

Link to Book Place

19/11/26
DanceSyndrome Show
The Quays Theatre at the Lowry, Salford Quays
Link to Tickets

LancsCAN Youth Newsletter

Hello from LancsCAN Youth!

This month we have been working on reshuffling some of our Youth Committee responsibilities, including the election of a Vice Chair from the existing committee. Congratulations to Joshua who will be taking on this additional role!

We have also been continuing with the 'Youth Empowerment for Local Climate Action in Blackpool' project alongside the Boingboing Foundation. There have been a number of workshops delivered throughout August, including a session on Conservation & Sustainability at Blackpool Zoo! Part of this workshop involved building willow ball enrichment for the gorillas, as you can see in the image.

You can read more about this session on the Boingboing Foundation website: **Youth Climate Workshop at Blackpool Zoo: Sustainability & Conservation in Action! — Boingboing Foundation**

If you would like to find out more about LancsCAN Youth's current work or opportunities for collaboration, please contact Maya at **lcymayal@zohomail.eu**. Thank you!

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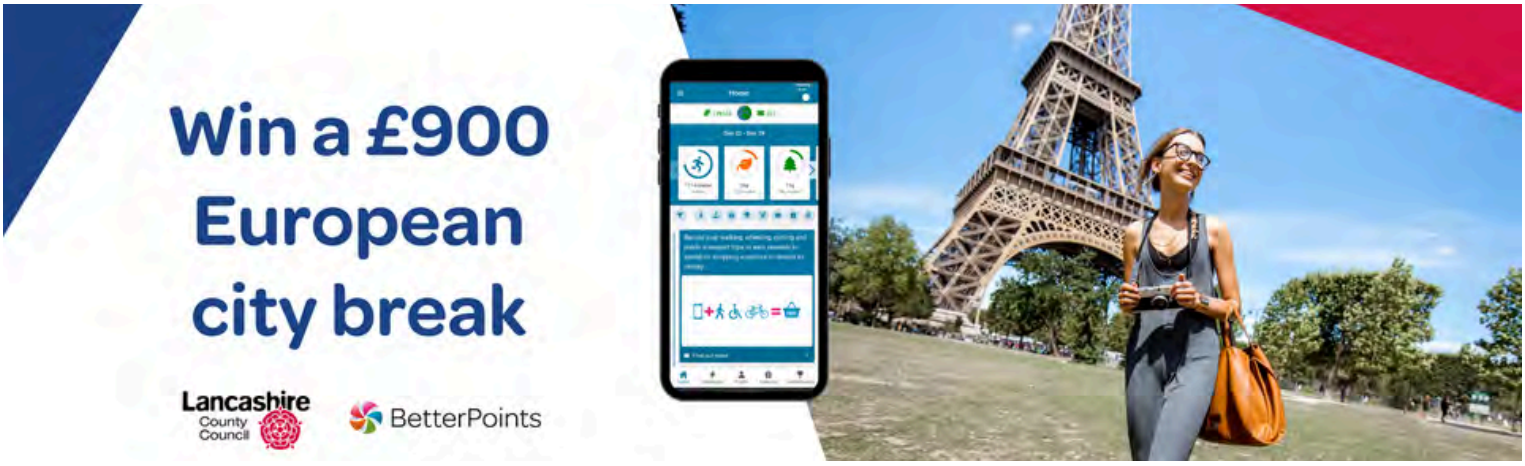

Mode Shift Month promotion - Better Points

Leaving the car at home this September could win you a £900 European city break and a share of £400 in rewards with **BetterPoints Lancashire**.

BetterPoints Lancashire is a free and easy to use rewards app that encourages you to get around in healthier and greener ways.

By logging walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport trips you can earn guaranteed points and entries into prize draws – over 180 prizes are up for grabs this month alone, including a £500 Eurostar and accommodation voucher plus £400 spending money.

The points you earn can be redeemed for high street vouchers, spent with local businesses, or be donated to charities.

Download the free BetterPoints app today to get involved: **lancs.betterpoints.uk/stories/mode-shift-month**

Local News and Updates

DanceSyndrome Show at the Lowry on 19th November 2026

I am delighted to let you know that DanceSyndrome will be performing in the Quays Theatre (400 seats) at the Lowry, Salford Quays on **Thursday, 19th November at 7pm**, and tickets are already selling fast! I would be absolutely delighted if you can help to spread the word!

The Show, ORIGIN, A Mixed Bill is DanceSyndrome's biggest and most ambitious Show to date and is the culmination of a three-year project, iCreate, a groundbreaking, Arts Council England–funded programme that challenges perceptions of who can create, who can choreograph, redefining the future of dance.

Please join us to experience the premiere of six outstanding dance works created by dynamic choreographers from around the world. This pioneering programme brings together universal voices, international artists, respected creators, and diverse performers in a celebration of dance, artistry, and the many ways we move through the world.

Each piece offers a distinct perspective, showcasing innovative ideas, powerful performance, and world-class creativity developed through DanceSyndrome's iCreate project.

Tickets are on sale via the Lowry website - **Dance Syndrome Presents: Origin: A Mixed Bill | Lowry**

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Call for Projects - Lancaster Environment Centre

Do you have an idea you'd love to explore, but not the time, money or capacity to make it happen? Each year, postgraduate students from Lancaster Environment Centre undertake substantial research projects as part of their Masters degrees and many of these projects are delivered in partnership with external organisations.

These students specialise in ecology and conservation, environmental science, and geography. They bring strong skills in field and laboratory work, survey design, data analysis, interpretation and evidence-based recommendations. By proposing a project, you can gain a motivated student working full-time from mid-April to early September 2027, supported by academic supervision, while enabling them to complete a high-quality dissertation.

Projects should offer a meaningful research challenge, align with one of our areas of expertise and avoid unaccompanied fieldwork. Projects are typically free, apart from reimbursement of student travel expenses. Limited funding is available for essential research costs.

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Call for Projects - Lancaster Environment Centre

Areas of expertise

- Biodiversity
- Conservation
- Ecology
- Environmental Sustainability
- Environmental Management
- Plant & Soil Systems
- Energy & Environment
- Flood & Water Management
- Political Ecology
- Pollution Management
- Volcanology

What partners gain

- A dedicated postgraduate student working on your project
- Research activity beginning mid-April 2027
- Creative, proactive and enthusiastic students
- Academic guidance and supervision throughout
- A low-cost, low-risk way to explore ideas or gather evidence

Masters programmes that students will be studying: **https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/lec/graduate-school/taught-masters/**

Applications must be submitted by 25 September 2026.

If you have a project idea - even an early one - you can submit proposals using our Project Outline Form: **lancaster.tfaforms.net/217955** (You may submit multiple project ideas.)

For questions or an informal conversation, please contact Paul McKenna at **p.mckenna@lancaster.ac.uk** or 07964 079808.

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Discover Lancashire with Eco Escapes

Over the summer, Community Rail Lancashire has been working with the Forest of Bowland National Landscape team to promote Eco Escapes and encourage more people to explore Lancashire sustainably.

But what is Eco Escapes?

Eco Escapes is a collection of sustainable, car-free days out and short breaks, designed to help people explore some of Lancashire's most beautiful places by train, bus, bike and on foot.

Each Eco Escape provides a ready-made itinerary, making it easy for visitors to plan a day out or short break without relying on the car. The downloadable guides include suggested walking and cycling routes, public transport information and recommendations for places to visit, eat and stay. The Forest of Bowland is the perfect place for an Eco Escape. Visitors can enjoy spectacular countryside, fascinating heritage, wildlife and welcoming local businesses, all while reducing the environmental impact of their journey.

There is something for everyone, from gentle woodland walks and accessible routes to challenging hikes and multi-day adventures. Highlights include the historic village of Chipping, Spring Wood near Whalley, Pendle Hill, the Hodder Valley and the Ribble Valley Jubilee Trail.

Richard Watts, Chair of Community Rail Lancashire, said:
"We're thrilled to collaborate with the Forest of Bowland National Landscape on the Eco Escapes itineraries, based around Clitheroe and Whalley stations on the Clitheroe Line. This project promotes sustainable travel and encourages more people to discover this beautiful area by train, bus, bike and on foot."

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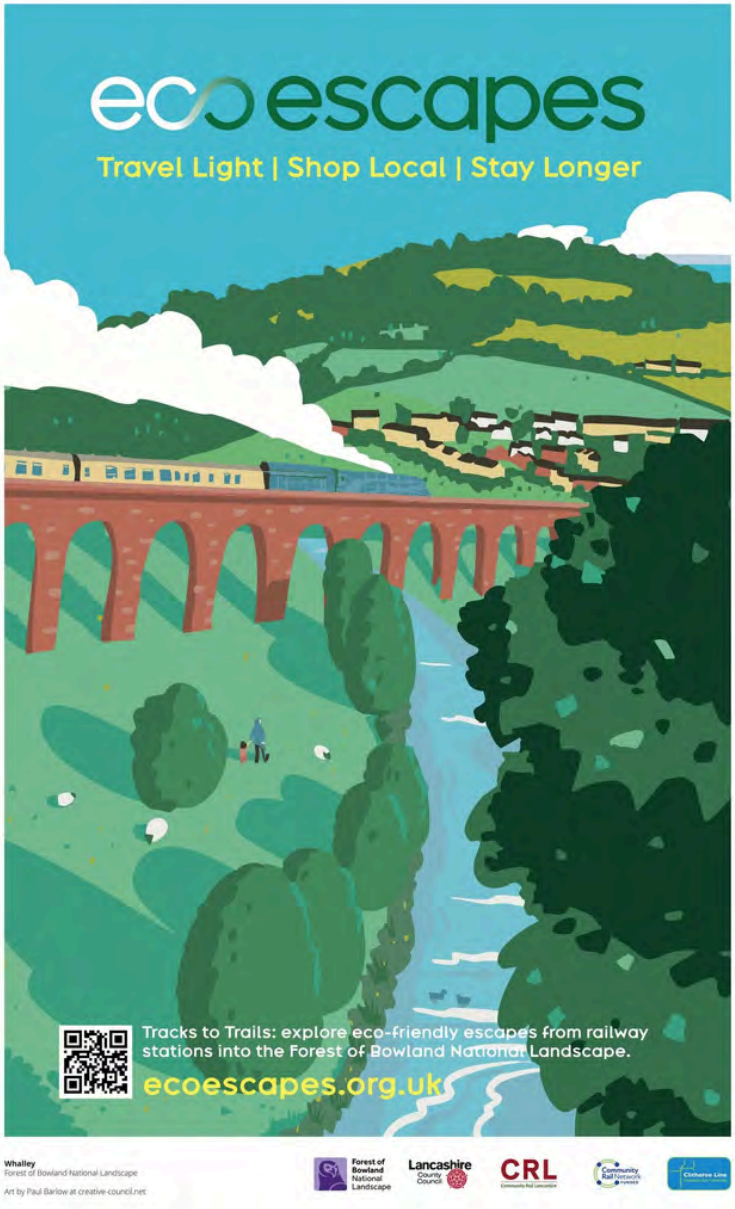
Hetty Byrne, Sustainable Tourism Officer for the Forest of Bowland National Landscape, added: "Eco Escapes is all about making it easier for people to get out and enjoy Bowland in a way that's both rewarding and kind to the environment. Whether you're hopping on a bus, catching a train, or setting off on foot or by bike, it's a fantastic way to explore without the car and to connect more deeply with the landscape, wildlife and local businesses."

Discover all 15 Eco Escapes and download your free guides from: **Eco Escapes**



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The Youth Foundation - Workshop Invitation

The Young Foundation

WORKSHOP INVITATION:

How can climate and nature action help us to live better today and be more prepared for the future? What is already happening, and what is most important in taking our communities and places towards a fairer and more sustainable future?

Join one of five workshops across the differnet regions of England to bring together community-led knowledge and evidence and to identify region-specific priorities for climate and nature action, to influence policy and practice:

- The Midlands - Tue 20th Oct @ The Warehouse Birmingham (B5 5TH)
- South East - Thu 22nd Oct @ PPL Hub London (SE1 2BG)
- South West - Thu 29th Oct @ Temple Studios Bristol (BS1 6QA)
- North West - Thu 5th Nov @ Friends House Manchester (M2 5NS)
- North East - Fri 6th Nov @ Priory Street Centre York (YO1 6ET)

Sign up to take part in the workshops: bit.ly/can_workshops

Link to sign up to workshops: **bit.ly/can_workshops**

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FAQs

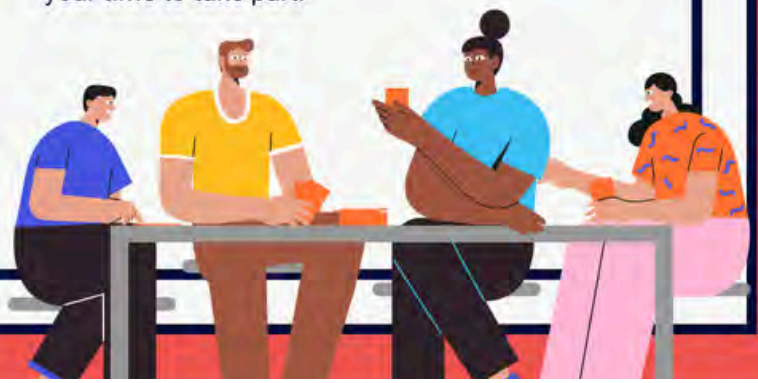
What is climate and nature action? It's about improving our lives and protecting the future of our communities, places and nature. Climate and nature action is not only about caring for the environment. It's also about more affordable energy bills, sustainable homes, better access to green/blue space, green skills or qualifications, or helping people in times of change or disruption.

Is this workshop for me? If you have a stake in or are involved in supporting local communities or places to live better today and be more prepared for the future, then join us! You don't have to explicitly be working on climate and nature-related activities or have climate and nature-related knowledge.

What will I get from it? You'll join a one-day workshop alongside a range of people and organisations taking action in their communities and places. Together we'll map out local assets, existing climate and nature action, how to help more people benefit, and priorities for the region.

What will it lead to? We want climate and nature policy to better take into account community knowledge and experience. We'll be sharing insights and priorities that you surface directly with Net Zero Hubs and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero so they have more community-led evidence to help shape how they work and what they support. We also hope it will be an opportunity for you to create connections with others from across the region, and after the workshops we'll share back case study examples that we collect from across England.

Is there support to take part? All of our workshops are designed with accessibility in mind. We are able to support organisations who lack core funding to cover your travel or your time to take part.



Link to sign up to workshops: **bit.ly/can_workshops**.

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MFT News posted 3 August, 2026

Working towards the NHS net zero target by reducing "gas and air" waste

Manchester University Foundation Trust: Working towards the NHS net zero target by reducing "gas and air" waste

Researchers at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) are working with Lancaster University to help hospitals reduce "gas and air" waste. This follows a £1 million award to the university by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR), to lead this research.

The project will explore how the NHS can reduce its carbon footprint by addressing waste associated with gas and air in maternity services, without restricting access to pain relief and while recognising the importance of choice in childbirth.

🔗 **Working towards the NHS net zero target by reducing "gas and air" waste - Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust**

In Addition, NHS England has published an updated Health Technical Memorandum for Medical gas pipeline systems, with sections on net zero and sustainability.

🔗 **NHS England » Health Technical Memorandum 02-01: Medical gas pipeline systems**

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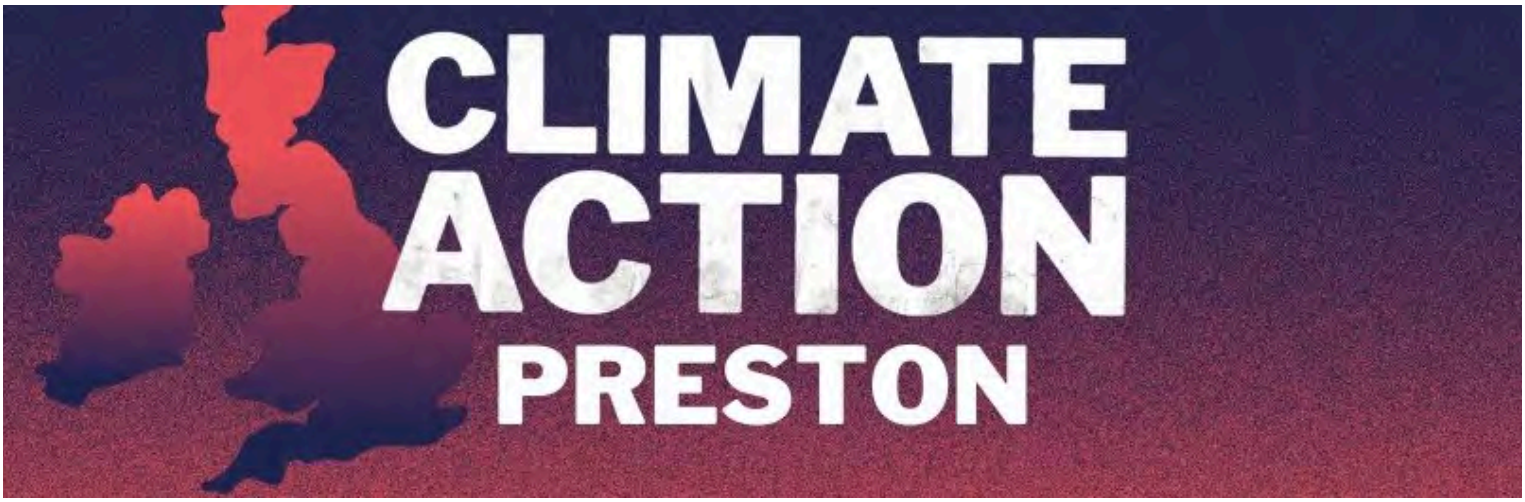

Climate Action Preston Sustainable Fashion Event

Climate action Preston is arranging a local event to coincide with sustainable fashion week.

On the 26th of September, they will be holding a clothes swap, upcycling, decorating and mending clothes at **Plungington Community Centre from 12 until 3pm**.

There will be 3 activities:

1. A clothes swap (bring clothes, get voucher, take clothes)
2. Upcycling/decorating old t shirts, bags, and similar by stencil printing with fabric paint
3. Mending station - using a selection of funky pre-made patches e.g. for jeans

Skilled volunteers including an artist will be on hand.

This event will coincide with Sustainable Fashion Week: **https://www.asinglethread.org/sustainable-fashion-week**

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Burnley Climate Week 2026 People's Emergency Briefing

The Climate & Nature Crisis Threatens all Aspects of British Life from National Security to Food Supply, but Solutions Exist.

Viewing on Tuesday 29th September 9:30AM - 2PM at Prairie Sports Village, Burnley.

Information and Link to tickets here

September Newsletter Entries

Your Chance to Contribute!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the August newsletter, we have featured some wonderful projects and stories this month.

LancsCAN has also published their Have Your Say: Future of LancsCAN survey this month. Please ensure you participate and have your say in the shape of LancsCAN in the months and years to come.

Link to LancsCAN Future Plans Survey: LancsCAN 2026 Future Plans Feedback – Fill in form

For the next September 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 September contributions!

LancsCAN Leadership Team