

Edinburgh Climate Festival 2019

6th July 2019 – Meadows

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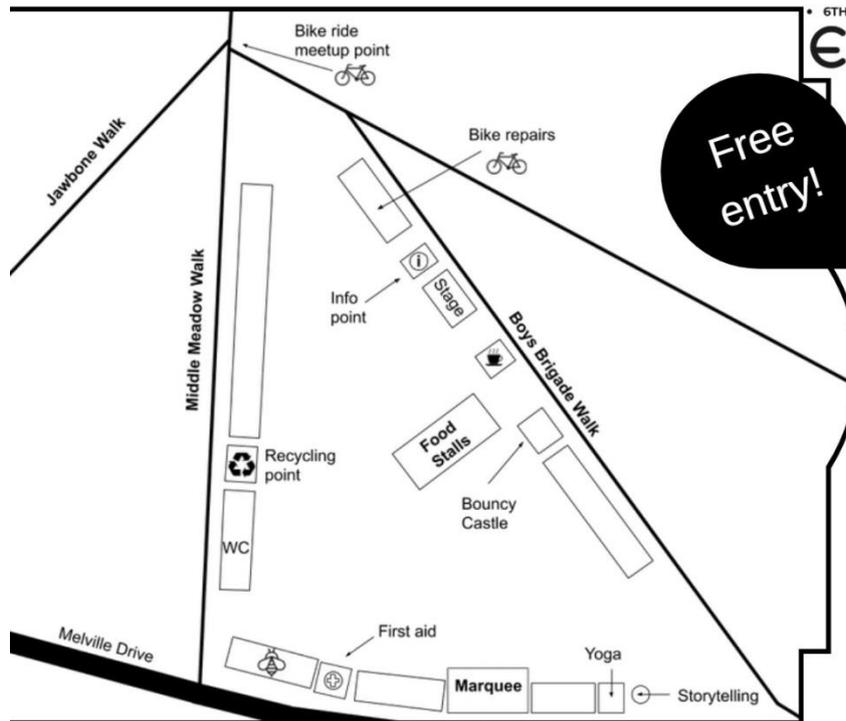


OUTSTANDING GUEST SPEAKERS • LIVE MUSIC & DANCE
FREE BIKE REPAIRS • MAIN STAGE • FOOD MARKET
FACE & HENNA PAINTING • UPCYCLING WORKSHOPS
FREE YOGA CLASSES • STORYTELLING AND ARTS & CRAFT • CYCLE RIDE
FREE CLOTHES REPAIRS • ELECTRIC BIKE TRIALS • BIG SWAP SHOP
BRING ALONG YOUR CLOTHES AND BOOKS TO SWAP • FAMILY & KIDS AREA AND MUCH MORE!

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Map and Programme:



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Welcome to the Edinburgh Climate Festival!

Be aware that the area around the stage will be loud, so please take necessary precautions to protect your ears.

Please take all your waste and sort it into the appropriate bins at the recycling point, where our volunteers are happy to help.

In case of fire, please head to the field west of the festival, between Middle Meadow Walk and Jawbone Walk.

This is a public event and we will be taking pictures and videos that will be used for marketing purposes.



Main stage

- 12:00 Welcome and Ross Greer MSP
- 12:10 ♪ The Sitar Project
- 12:35 Speaker: Extinction Rebellion
- 12:45 ♪ Dance Ihyami
- 13:05 Speaker: Scottish Youth Climate Strike
- 13:20 ♪ Samba Sene
- 14:00 Speaker: Dave Bell, Mad Challenges
- 14:10 ♪ The Hi-Hats
- 15:00 Speaker: Cllr Adam McVey
- 15:10 Poetry by Jane Aldous
- 15:12 ♪ Sandy Brechin
- 16:00 Speaker: Author Alastair McIntosh
- 16:10 ♪ The Victor Pope Band
- 17:00 Speaker: Dr Richard Dixon, director of Friends of the Earth
- 17:10 ♪ Chango Munks
- 18:00 Speaker: Chris Jardine, Greenpeace
- 18:10 ♪ Luke La Volpe
- 19:00 Speaker: Danielle Rowley MP
- 19:10 Speaker: Scottish Youth Climate Strike
- 19:20 ♪ Cat Named Jack
- 20:05 Speaker: Extinction Rebellion
- 20:13 Speaker: Scottish Youth Climate Strike
- 20:20 ♪ Edinburgh Carnival's samba drumming bands: Gwanaval & Bombrando
- 21:00 Vote of thanks

Marquee

All day:

- Face painter
- Free clothes repairs (2-8pm)
- 12:00 Climate change quiz
- 12:00 Make shower scrubs from natural herbs, essential oils & salt/sugar
- 12:00 Plant seeds in pots to take home (kids)
- 12:30 Sustainable cooking demo
- 13:15 Singing workshop with Caro Bridges
- 14:00 Plant Propagation Workshop
- 14:10 Street theatre
- 14:30 Make your own elder flower cordial
- 14:30 Upcycle a T-shirts into a tote bags (ends 5)
- 15:30 Circus performance
- 16:00 Queen Bee Wax Wraps - how to use and look after your wraps
- 16:30 Conservation Wise - how to reduce your impact on the environment
- 17:00 Fresh Green Clean - make your own cleaning products
- 17:30 Vegan Lifestyle - how to live a healthy vegan life
- 17:00 Fun climate change game (kids)
- 17:30 Rebellious Singers' workshop. Learn harmony songs for climate change events

Other Activities

- 12:00 Dr Bike: Bike repairs (see back) (ends at 4)
- 12:00 ScoreScotland: make your own rag wreath out of fabric scraps
- 13:00 Peace & Justice Centre: Make recycled origami cranes
- 13:30 Green Grass Yoga (see back)

All day:

- The Remakery: Furniture upcycling demo
- Vintage Vibes: Sewing activities (kids welcome)
- Meadows community garden: Plants & sapling giveaway & activities for all, by the tennis courts
- Neal's Yard: Zero waste beauty workshop (£10) at 12:45pm; 1:45pm; 2:45pm; 3:45pm

- 13:30 Bike ride to Dr Neils Garden (see back)
- 13:00 NKS: Basket weaving
- 13:00 Remakery: upcycled fridge magnets
- 14:00 Storytelling: Giants! (see back)
- 14:00 Fashion Revolution: Create new garments out of clothes waste
- 15:00 Be a Giant! Storytelling workshop for children & parents (see back)
- 15:00 Fashion revolution: personalised embroidery & mending
- 15:00 Introduction to beekeeping (see back)
- 15:00 Remakery: Build a bug hotel (ends at 5pm)
- 15:00 Upcycled world: design & play games (ends at 6pm)
- 15:30 Yoga for seniors (see back)
- 15:30 NKS: Bathmat making, pagree making & upcycling (ends at 5:30pm)
- 15:30 Bike ride to Dr Neils Garden (see back)
- 16:00 Storytelling: Local Legends & Nature Tells (see back)
- 16:00 Fashion Revolution: Self-care/Planet-care: Your clothes can improve everything!
- 18:00 Yoga: Eco-warriors of Ashtanga (see back)
- 18:45 NKS: Climate change puppet show
- 19:30 Yoga: Vinyasa Ocean Flow (see back)
- 18:00 Big litter picking!!! Meet at the Marquee

And more!

Summary:

The Edinburgh Climate Festival 2019 was a free, family friendly & community-led event taking place for the first time in the Meadows on Saturday 6th July. It aimed at celebrating and inspiring climate action. Featuring live music, performances, stalls, kids' and adults' activities, and much more. Highlights of the festival included:

- Main Stage live music and dance
- Outstanding guest speakers
- Family/Kids area
- Market and food stalls
- Upcycling workshops
- Face painting, henna painting, etc
- Storytelling and arts and craft
- Cycle ride
- Free clothes repairs
- Free bike repairs
- Electric bike trials
- Big swap shop – bring along your clothes and books to swap!
- Free Yoga classes

Outcomes:

- Estimated attendance of 6-8,000 participants.
- Solar powered main stage with 11 bands and 16 speakers.
- 66 stalls and activities from a variety of environmental groups.
- 6 eco food vendors
- Supported by over 40 volunteers.

Organisers:

The event was organised by a consortium of CCF projects and led by ELREC. Event organisers included ELREC, The Welcoming, Scorescotland, NKS, and Leith Crops and Pots.

Roles:

ELREC: Overall coordination, budget/finances, venue, stalls/activities, programme, music, speakers, power, stage, security, first aid, PR, social media, waste, promotion, report.

Leith Crops in Pots: Food stalls, Gazebos / tables, vegware bins, promotion.

Welcoming: Tea and coffee, food stalls, litter picking event, 'waste point' sign, printing, delivery, promotion.

NKS: Risk assessment, 'info point' sign, promotion.

Scorescotland: Volunteers' coordination, promotion.

The organisers received support from CEMVO Scotland throughout the organising of the event.

Funding:

The event was funded by the Climate Challenge Fund and the National Lottery Fund.

Awards for All: £10,000 from ELREC's application.

Climate Challenge Fund: £2,500, each project contributing £500 from their budget.

Finances and Budget:

Approx. income: £17,400

Approx. expenses: £16,500

Some invoices are still to be received. All invoices will be sent to the CCF with the final finance table. A decision will be made by the organisers regarding the use of any potential underspend.

Expenses (some of those costs are estimated):

Site	Estimated
Site fee	£ 1,000.00
Power generation	£ 3,042.00
Stage and PA including sound engineer.	£ 2,355.00
12*18m Marquee, 12 picnic benches	£ 2,853.12
grass marking	£ 97.19
On site medical service	£ 288.00
20 Toilets	£ 1,704.00
paper for programme.	£ 34.75
Waste	£ 828.72
Video (lawrence) 12hrs, £12)	£ 175.00
Performers	£ 400.00
Vollunteers food vouchers	£ 350.00
bouncy castle	£ 225.00
vegware bins.	£ 91.46
vegware welcoming	£ 29.34
council licence	£ 487.00
facebook ad	£ 300.00
Tea coffee	£ 150.00
samba sene	£ 75.00
Promotion	£ 150.00
Van hire	£ 67.84
Peachy keen	£ 1,380.00
Alastair mcintosh travel	£ 15.32
Tailor cost	£ 60.00
Sewing machine	£ 150.00
Volunteer Expenses	£ 4.70
Upcycled World.	£ 200.00
van hire welcoming?	£ 60.00

Eventbrite fees	£ 13.85
Total	£ 16,587.29

Income:

Existing Project Contributions	
Project	Estimated Contribution
scorescotland	£ 500.00
ELREC	£ 500.00
NKS	£ 500.00
The Welcoming	£ 500.00
tea and coffee dondation (welcoming has the cash)	£ 176.83
Community Croft and Pots	£ 500.00
ELREC's Award for All	£ 10,000.00
Donation from eventbrite updated 18/06/19	£ 195.50
Total	£ 12,872.33

Exhibitors/vendors	
Estimated No.	Estimated Income
Home Energy Scotland	£ 150.00
Farming World compassion	£ 50.00
RSPB	£ 75.00
Edinburgh bicycle cooperative	£ 100.00
Changeworks	£ 150.00
forestry commission	£ 150.00
Global Action Nepal Sophia	£ 60.00
Gaia group	£ 50.00
Green Party	£ 75.00
fashion revolution	£ 50.00
Scot E3	£ 75.00
Refillery	£ 75.00
The Herbivore Kitchen	£ 136.00
Real nappies project	£ 40.00
eco congregation	£ 75.00
Centre for ecology and hydrology	£ 150.00
Society Zero Waste CIC	£ 50.00
Go Vegan	£ 50.00
united house scotland	£ 50.00
SRUC	£ 100.00
Changeworks	£ 150.00
Spokes	£ 50.00
Edinburgh Larder	£ 150.00
shrub	£ 150.00
friends of the earth	£ 100.00
UoE Sustainability Department	£ 400.00
Fala Hall Farm, Midlothian	£ 150.00
Gjn edinburgh	£ 50.00
Fresh Green Clean	£ 150.00
peace and justice	£ 30.00
Water Witness international	£ 50.00
Seed for the soul	£ 150.00

XR edinburgh	£ 150.00
slyfox	£ 150.00
Harajuku	£ 150.00
henna artist charlotte hope	£ 65.00
Woodland Trust	£ 75.00
namaste	£ 150.00
Neals Yard	£ 150.00
slumdog	£ 150.00
Punjabi junction	£ 150.00
East Coast Organics	£ 50.00
Total	£ 4,531.00

Waste:

The goal was to generate as little waste as possible. We contracted Hamilton Waste to provide the bins. We had bins for General Waste, Dried recycling, Glass, Food Waste and Vegware. The general waste was to be incinerated and turned into energy. From Hamilton's website: "As a company we recycle up to 99.% of everything that comes into our site, and around 13% of the 99% is RDF (refuse derived fuel) i.e. material that is taken away to be burned to be used for fuel that will produce heat and electricity."

As anticipated, it proved difficult to separate the Vegware from the wooden and paper cutlery and plates at the food market but attendees made a conscious effort to recycle their waste. There was little rubbish left to be collected at the end of the day.

A big litter picking event started at 6pm which also helped to reduce litter.

Power:

Smart Power UK was contracted to provide large battery packs, solar panels and a generator to power the stage, food vendors and the bouncy castle. The stage was fully powered by solar energy. Food vendors were powered by the generator.

Security:

The security was assured by the Police throughout the day thanks to Sergeant Stuart Mitchell from Police Scotland. There were no incidents during the event.

First Aid:

The medical service was delivered by Burnside Event First Aid Ltd. No major incidents were reported, only a few bruises.

Photography & Videography:

Photo album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Q4gWm9HQwtkQWhA79>
 Official photographers: Olivier Adams and Alberto Alvarez.

[Instagram photos here](#) and [here](#)

Livestreaming by Channel7: <https://bit.ly/2LaUnPz>

Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUUZPdqvFSk&list=PLmIM-jZcADHggPb1SQdWfOQaFNX4vyRmK>
Videographer: Lawrence Darwish

Promotion and Social Media:

The event was advertised on social media with the hashtag #EdinburghClimateFestival.

There was a lot of activity on twitter on the day. Most of it can be seen on the official twitter account: [@EdClimateFest](https://twitter.com/EdClimateFest)

The Edinburgh Climate Festival facebook page rapidly grew to reach over 1K followers: [@EdClimateFest](https://www.facebook.com/EdClimateFest)

The Facebook event reached over 138K people received 8.7K responses.
Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2261408987509612/>

We ran a facebook ad which was very successful: <https://bit.ly/2MrPEc0>

In addition to promotion through social media activity, emails, posters and word of mouth, the event was promoted by a number of media sources:

What's on section of Radio Forth website and mention on Air.

Keep Scotland Beautiful: <https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/events/sustainability-and-climate-change/climate-challenge-fund/edinburgh-climate-festival/>

Edinburgh Evening News: <https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/edinburgh-climate-festival-2019-here-s-what-to-expect-at-this-free-summer-event-at-the-meadows-1-4938848>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20190613025502/https://www.scotsman.com/news/environment/edinburgh-climate-festival-2019-here-s-what-to-expect-at-this-free-summer-event-at-the-meadows-1-4938848>

Edinburgh Live: <https://www.edinburghlive.co.uk/best-in-edinburgh/whats-on-news/edinburgh-climate-festival-take-over-16369678>

Creative Carbon Scotland: <https://www.creativecarbonscotland.com/event/edinburgh-climate-festival/>

CVS Falkirk: <https://www.cvsfalkirk.org.uk/edinburgh-climate-festival/>

That's TV Scotland: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Px7_M6s_O-g

North Edinburgh News: <https://nen.press/2019/05/17/edinburgh-climate-festival-at-the-meadows-this-summer/>

The Spurtle: <http://www.broughtonspurtle.org.uk/events/edinburgh-climate-festival-0>

Common Space: <https://www.commonspace.scot/articles/14447/first-outdoor-edinburgh-climate-festival-seeks-empower-people-realise-their-choices>

Eco-congregation Scotland <https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/event/edinburgh-climate-festival-2019/>

Warmworks August Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/9885374427a4/communities-newsletter-august-2087457?e=db3f65662f>

Granton Church of Scotland: <https://www.grantonchurch.org.uk/edinburgh-climate-festival-at-the-meadows-this-summer/>

The List: <https://www.list.co.uk/event/1337465-edinburgh-climate-festival/>

Centre for Ecology and Hydrology: <https://www.ceh.ac.uk/news-and-media/blogs/bringing-ceh-science-edinburgh-climate-festival>

ECCL: <https://edinburghcentre.org/events/edinburgh-climate-festival-2019>

All events: <https://allevents.in/edinburgh/edinburgh-climate-festival-2019/1000061568115892>

Edinburgh Carnival: <https://www.edinburghcarnival.uk/programme/artists/edinburgh-festival-carnival-at-edinburgh-climate-festival.html>

European Movement Scotland:
<https://www.euromovescotland.org.uk/events/event/edinburgh-climate-festival/>

Forres Local: <https://forreslocal.com/edinburgh-climate-festival-2019-heres-what-to-expect-at-this-free-summer-event-at-the-meadows/>

Whats on Today: <https://www.whatsontoday.uk/edinburgh/whats-on-today/6eb830d6-f315-4e0f-b4cb-7caea6e15046>

Scotland Tops Hostels: <https://scotlandstophostels.com/event/edinburgh-climate-change-festival/>

Protest in Harmony: <https://www.protestinharmony.org.uk/event/climate-festival-at-the-meadows/>

Evensi: <https://www.evensi.uk/edinburgh-climate-festival-2019-meadows/310574383>

Mapado: <https://www.mapado.com/en/edinburgh/edinburgh-climate-festival>

Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament:
<http://www.banthebomb.org/index.php/component/eventlist/details/1286-climate-festival-on-the-meadows?Itemid=218>

Neighbourly:

<https://www.neighbourly.com/project/5c0f9de2c7ac8e155c834678/events/5cdc13b9c7ac8e3298555c4b>

Volunteers:

Volunteers were key to the success of the festival. A volunteer's meeting was organised on 4th July to brief volunteers about the event and volunteers' roles on the day. The volunteers' roles were organised as follows:

- Set up
- Clear up
- Waste management.
- Stewarts
- Photography
- Videography
- Live streaming
- Cycle ride leaders
- Info point
- Tea and coffee.
- Water collection.
- Main marquee.
- Stage.

ELREC volunteers: Diline, Margaret, Maisy, Camille, Laeticia, Dimitria, Madeleine, Martyna, Faye, Fran, Catalina, Cristina, Tone, Mona, Alberto, Wioleta, Raina, Eilid, Rebecca, Magdalena, Sophie, Mizan, Rajni, Zahra, Jim, Craig, Olivier, Sandy and Tanya.

Welcoming volunteers: Danilo, Nawras, Ed, Chirs, Stephanie, Tarek, Roba, Mhairi, Christine

ScoreScotland volunteers: Natasha, Liam.

Leith Crops in Pots:

NKS:

A volunteers' celebration was organised on 25th July at the Community Croft to thank volunteers for their involvement.

Volunteers' feedback:

"I truly loved every bit of it and hope there will be more events like this in future. Was a pleasure to be a part of :)" Maisie.

"I really enjoyed working with you all. It was a great event. And I was so happy to be able to help in a small way."

"Enjoyed the festival at the weekend, lots of interesting aspects of climate change and activity to move forward with." - Jim

"I would like to congratulate you and the whole team who organised the Edinburgh Climate Festival it was a great event and I truly enjoyed it !" - Laeticia

“Just to say thank you for the opportunity on Saturday, it was a wonderful event and all the families I work with said they had a great time. Very well done for organising it.” - Diline

“Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to volunteer with you. Well done to everyone who made the Edinburgh Climate Festival such a success!” - Faye

“It was a pleasure, a really good event to play a part in! If there is anything else I can help with please just let me know!!” – Sandy, Channel 7 Streaming

Speakers:

We had 16 speakers from different backgrounds throughout the event:

- Ross Greer MSP.
- Evie Murray, Crops in Pots.
- Extinction Rebellion (2).
- Dylan Hamilton, Arron Barclay, Emil Griffin and Kenneth MacIver, Scottish Youth Climate Strike.
- Dave Bell, Mad Challenges.
- Cllr Adam McVey.
- Poet Jane Aldous.
- Alastair McIntosh.
- Dr Richard Dixon.
- Chris Jardine, Greenpeace.
- Adil Ibrahim, the Welcoming.
- Danielle Rowley MP.
- Zarina Ahmad, CEMVO Scotland.

The event was hosted by Jean-Mathieu Gaunand from Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Council.

“I thought it was great, very well done to you and the team. Thanks for the photos, always useful. Of course, I would be delighted to take part in other things in the future. Please ask.”
Dr Richard Dixon.

“Many thanks again for inviting us to the Climate Festival yesterday - we had a great day. I hope there'll be many Climate Festivals in the future!” - Chris Jardine

“Thank you for having me! Happy to be involved in anything you do in future too. Well done on such a great event”- Danielle Rowley MP

“Delighted to speak at @ELRECUK #EdinburghClimateFestival in the Meadows about @Edinburgh_CC approach to becoming #ZeroCarbon & catch up with TommySheppard 🌱”
“Thanks for having me, anytime”. ”- Cllr Adam Mcvey

“Thanks for everything and for organising the event. We would definitely be up for other related events.” Scottish Youth Climate Strike.

“Thank you for your very kind note. It is encouraging to see depth appreciated.” Alastair McIntosh

Music:

11 Bands played for 45 minutes each.

- Sitar Project
- Dance Ihyami
- Samba Sene
- The Hi-Hats
- Sandy Brechin
- The Victor Pope Band
- Chango Munks
- Luke La Volpe
- Cat Named Jack
- Edinburgh Carnival's Samba drumming bands

The stage, PA, backline and sound engineering were provided by [GBR Scotland](#). "We'd be delighted to be back again next year. As soon as you have a date please let me know and I'll get it in the diary - we can hold it for you provisionally if needs be". GBR Scotland.

Food vendors:

We had 6 food stalls providing a range of vegan / vegetarian mostly organic and locally sourced food:

- Edinburgh Food social
- Punjabi Junction
- Slumdog
- Harajuku kitchen
- Slyfox
- Namaste

Food vendors were required to provide paper or vegware cutleries and to inform consumers of which bin to dispose of their waste.

Stalls, workshops and activities:

We had 66 stalls and activity providers, most of them ran one or more activities or workshops (e.g. free bike's repairs, bikes and ebikes' trials, swap shop, discussions, energy efficiency games, eco activities, upcycling, clothing repairs, cycle rides, garden tour, climate change games etc...):

1. Home Energy Scotland
2. Changeworks
3. The University of Edinburgh
4. PeachyKeen
5. Spokes, the Lothian Cycle Campaign
6. Compassion Edinburgh - Local Volunteer Group
7. Bikes for Refugees - Scotland SCIO
8. Edinburgh Bicycle Cooperative
9. The Bike Station Edinburgh

10. Just Eat Cycles
11. Go Vegan Scotland
12. The Herbivore Kitchen
13. Slow Food Edinburgh
14. Greening Our Street
15. Eco-Congregation Scotland
16. Granton Goes Greener
17. The Refillery
18. SHRUB Coop
19. Seeds For The Soul
20. East Coast Organics
21. Neal's Yard Remedies Edinburgh
22. Society Zero
23. Low impact living
24. Edinburgh Real Nappy Community
25. The Edinburgh Remakery
26. Remode Collective
27. Fashion Revolution Scotland
28. Vintage Vibes Edinburgh
29. IntelliDigest Ltd
30. Centre for Ecology & Hydrolog
31. Croft Carbon College
32. Upcycled World
33. Fresh green clean
34. Friends of the Earth Scotland
35. RSPB Scotland
36. The Woodland Trust
37. Forestry and Land Scotland
38. MAD Challenges
39. Water Witness International
40. Youth Vision
41. Giants Storytelling Project
42. Global Justice Now Scotland / Global Justice Edinburgh
43. Greenpeace Edinburgh
44. Extinction Rebellion Edinburgh
45. Scot.E3
46. Ignite Life Community
47. Edinburgh Green Party
48. Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre
49. Edinburgh Garden Partners
50. UN House Scotland
51. Gaia group
52. Communities For Conservation
53. Welcoming a Greener Future Project
54. SCOREscotland
55. Organic Cabinet
56. Food Sharing Edinburgh
57. NKS Networking Key Services
58. CEMVO Scotland
59. Summerhall Yoga and Pilates Edinburgh
60. Permaculture Scotland
61. TCV Scotland
62. TTV Photography
63. Henna painting / face painting
64. Bouncy castle

65. 2 led cycle rides to Dr Neil's garden.

66. Free sewing repairs: 4 trousers, 3 jeans, 1 jeans, 1 skirt, 1 skirt, bodysuit, 1 dress, 2 jackets, 3 long dresses, 1 legging, 1 tshirt, 1 cardigan, 1 mens jumper, 1 backpack.

"Lots of fun stalls and interesting discussions at the #EdinburghClimateFestival today!" - @2050climate group

"It was our first time out in the food truck and it was a great experience. The business went well, but I mostly enjoyed serving the community. I was impressed by the commitment to waste reduction. People went around picking compostable packaging out of the trash. As far as I know, something like that has been unheard of at a festival." The Edinburgh Food Social

"It was a great day! It was our best ever festival/market day - so can't complain! Organisation was good!" - Herbivore kitchen

"Thank you for having us! We had a great time and was fantastic to engage with so many interested people. We had some great conversations and was great to exchange skills and give advice on taking action. Loved teaching these inspirational teens new mending and making skills yesterday at the Edinburgh Climate Festival. They were keen to keep their favourite clothes for longer" - Fashion revolution

"Our #FashionRevolution stall at last weekend's #EdinburghClimateFestival was EPIC! We deconstructed, we reconstructed, we mended, we embroidered, we chatted the ears off of dozens of current and future fashion revolutionaries... THANK YOU to all that joined us on this brilliant day, and here's to many more ☐☐☐" Have you attended any Fashion Revolution events this summer!? With last week's @barnardosretail study claiming that Brits buy over 50 million single-use outfits for summer, it's important to slow down, make, mend, and care for the things we own. You can find events near you on our website, and even upload your own." - Fashion revolution (pictures: <https://bit.ly/2SkLLqn>)

"Some brilliant captures by @DylanBier of our team at the @EdClimateFest last weekend. What a beautiful, inspiring day it was!" - The Remakery

"Congratulations for all the hard work and thanks for given so many organisations the opportunity to reach people through the festival. UNHS is preparing a POP, one page document, to be sent to the parliament based on the festival." - UN house for scotland

"The Climate Festival was a great success on Saturday! Here is a short summary:

1. We received 69.05kg of clothes and 10.5kg of books
2. We donated 17.23kg of clothes and 2.6kg of books
3. We donated 29kg of bread, fruit and vegetables
4. We generated £104.35 in cash donations
5. 17 people signed up to the mailing list
6. The stall was supported by 6 volunteers
7. The stall was consistently busy during its operating hours (12-6pm)
8. The majority of people who approached us had never heard of SHRUB coop before, and seemed keen to visit us at some point
9. A handful of people showed an active interest in becoming volunteers, and were given relevant email addresses" -SHRUB

"Thanks for having us. We had a great response to sustainable travel. From all of us at Edinburgh cycle hire 🚲" - Just Eat Cycles.

“Thank you for making us a part of such a worthy cause. We will be happy to assist in the future with all your endeavours!” - Dance Ihyami

“The Scottish Greens had a stall and ran a series of discussions. I listened in to the one on plastic waste where they were encouraging people to volunteer to explore solutions. The overall emphasis of the festival seemed to be suggesting a wide variety of small individual actions which, if carried out by large numbers, would lead to significant results. I appreciated the positive attitude towards the behavioural changes we're going to have to make. A greener lifestyle can be fun.”

“Slow Food Edinburgh’s presence at the Edinburgh Climate Festival is a step forward in proving the importance of buying local and the necessity of being politically active as a movement in the context of dealing with the effects of #climatechange and finding longterm solutions to mitigate such a global issue in a very local and unique context.”

“The event was lovely, and I really enjoyed my day. On a positive note, there was a lovely atmosphere and people really enjoyed it!! “ Fresh Green Clean

“Thanks for having us. We had a great response to sustainable travel. From all of us at Edinburgh cycle hire, Just Eat Cycles. 🚲” Just eat cycles

“Great to be a part of this 🌱🍷🍷🍷”- Neals Yard Remedies

“A HUGE thanks for inviting us to the festival and congratulations to everyone for making it such a big success. I hope it's the first of many and I'm sure lots of learning for next year. “ - BFR

“Today was great!” - Summerhall Yoga

“I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the work that went into making today’s wonderful festival happen. We had a wonderful day as stall holders and everyone we spoke to had a great day too. (also on facebook: What a brilliant day! We had such a great time. Thank you organisers, volunteers and everyone who came along for making it such an inspiring day! 🍷🌱🍷🍷)” - Lower Impact Living

“We had an amazing fun at the #EdinburghClimateFestival last Saturday! We couldn't ask for more - sun, live music, delicious food, free workshops and of course @cyclehire_edi available for everyone to enjoy a more active weekend” - @wearemascot

“We are proud to be part of such a vibrant community of climate activists here in Edinburgh, and we hugely enjoyed all the conversations and juggles at #EdinburghClimateFestival. Thanks to @JoanneSCraven for facilitating the Great Climate Juggle.” - Water Witness

“We had a great time - thank you and you should be proud of the amazing team who put it together” - Water witness

“Was a great event and very well organised. Some of the bands were great too! Put us down for next year.” - East Coast Organics

“We had a great time - thank you and you should be proud of the amazing team who put it together.”

“It was a fab day, and we really enjoyed meeting everyone at our stall and at our talk! 🐣🐣 well done guys!!! 👍👍”

“We had a very productive day at Climate Festival at the Meadows last Saturday. Met lots of inspiring, like-minded people and projects. Big THANK YOU to all Swap Shop volunteers for your hard work🐣🐣🐣. Lots of planning and work had been put into Climate Festival and we do appreciate being able to participate.

I have checked the record and made some estimation with my volunteers coming to this figures;

-Clothes donated on the day-92 kg.

-Clothes recycled on the day-75 kg

They are approximate figures based on estimation.” - Granton Goes Greener

“It was the first time Granton Goes Greener project had taken part in a city-wide event. New experience to all our staff and volunteers meant we did not know what to expect in terms of attendance and public engagement. To start with, the event was extremely well organised covering and being clear with all the logistics like allocated area for the project, toilet, first aid point etc. The stewards wearing visible vests were also very helpful and knowledgeable directing people to relevant stalls/ workshops etc. It was lovely to see so many like minded projects and individuals taking part in the festival with lots of free family oriented workshops and activities. Music and performers were really engaging and reflecting diverse communities involved. We are really grateful to Jean-Matthieu and his team for the opportunity to take part in the festival. We have seen about 25-30 of our service users based in Granton attending the event and engaged with many other projects and individuals. It was a great opportunity for us to meet people from outside our area and make them aware of what we do. We went back with lots of new donations, connections with different people and unforgettable memories. If such event would be organised in the future we would more than happily support it and take part.” - Granton goes greener

“Having a wonderful time in the sun at Edinburgh Climate Festival! We had a wonderful time, with lots of interest in our stall and many productive conversations. There was a lovely atmosphere in the park, you all did a great job. It was definitely worthwhile for us and I hope we can be involved in future events.” - EcoCongregation

“I heard it was a fantastic event! We very much enjoyed taking part and thank you again for including us.”- Woodland trust

“Delighted to be part of [#EdinburghClimateFestival](#) yesterday. Lots of interesting stalls, activities and speakers. So much for kids and families to do and the sun was out too. Many thanks once again to all our partners, volunteers and funders.” - The Welcoming Edinburgh

“I heard you had a successful event and there was a big turnout.” - Forestry Commission

“A huge well done for such a brilliant and well thought out event. Everyone I spoke to was very impressed and inspired by the day. The music and speakers were great and there were a fantastic range of stalls. Brilliant!” - Real nappies project.

“I am writing to thank you for the opportunity to collaborate and partner. Congratulations on putting together the climate festival, I know it comes with challenges.” Edinburgh Carnival.

“Wonderful day at the Edinburgh Climate Festival We were non-stop chatting to people from the time we set up. Most conversations were focused on the morality of using animals rather than the environment, even though this was a climate festival, which is interesting. Lots of

people reading the environmental info, commenting on things they hadn't realised and taking pics for reading over later too. 😊" - GoVegan

"It was a good event thank you. Lots of engaged people talking with us at the stall and we got three new members! Well done and thanks for organising!" Friends of the Earth

"Thank you so much for having us, our young people really enjoyed the experience and working with the community. Loved the day, so interesting and so much fun." Youth Vision

"Thank you for having us! We had a fantastic day too, really enjoyed ourselves and were thrilled to see so many people along and engaging with all the different organisations and their messages on the day. Really glad to hear it was such a success and I'll be sure to pass on details of your training to any relevant contacts. Thanks again for including us - looking forward to next year already!" Remakery

"It was a fabulous day for us, we enjoyed it very much. Customers certainly seemed to appreciate our stock so thank you for having us. There was a lovely atmosphere and people seemed to be very engaged with the issues covered. From our point of view everything worked really well, volunteers were all helpful and cheerful. I think you all deserve a huge thank you for putting on such a relevant and enjoyable event. And please keep in touch." Shanti Shanti Colours of Nepal

"Thank you very much for organising the Edinburgh Climate Festival. It was a fabulous day and we felt very privileged to be part of it. The turnout was fantastic and we were busy all day chatting with people. There was a real feeling of energy and the atmosphere was positive and warm. We would love to take part next year and if there are any other events throughout the year that we could be involved in please let me know." - Compassion in World Farming

"Well done for a brilliant event!!!!" - Cemvo Scotland

"Thanks so much for organising the event on Saturday, it was a really good day and we got a good number of people engaged with the work that Changeworks does. The vibe was great and seemed like there was a great collection of like minded people there." - Changeworks

"We all really enjoyed the event, the feedback we had from visitors was that it was fantastic! I managed to sneak away for a look around in the afternoon and was really impressed with the variety of stalls. Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to be there! I hope that there are plans to run the festival again next year. If so, I think we at CEH would really love to get involved again." - Centre for Ecology and hydrology

"We all really enjoyed the Climate Festival. Great event, well organised, lots of interesting stalls. We had a great response to our stall and the weather was great so will certainly be happy to come again." - Gaia Group

"We had a great day! We ran out of rice after a few hours and needed to get more. Everyone was really friendly." Punjabi Junction

"This day was an absolute success. We sold much more than we anticipated, we were sold out after 4 hours, and all the people were so nice, no one complaining. If you do it again, please let us know." Harajuku Kitchen

Participants' feedback:

"That was the best Climate event held in the Meadows. Probably one of the best of all time. One or two early events held in Glasgow were good. Where people in the Islands came down to talk about their polytunnels and how they had to create a new one that could withstand the weather. Yours really did attract an audience that had never been before and it made it possible for people with young children to attend. Congratulations again."

"There was a feeling of some good, joined-up thinking, towards a common goal. Well done to the organisers; I was really pleased to see so many folk visiting, joining in and enjoying the event."

"#EdinburghClimateFestival was lovely and hopeful."

"Hope this event is not a one off. Look forward to seeing other such events soon."

"Really enjoyed the festival....."

"You have Excelled yourself! Everyone seemed to have a GREAT time. Well done."

"It was inspiring to see all the different things happening in Edinburgh. I'm planning to visit/contact some of the organisations at the event to get advice about developing some similar activities in Linlithgow."

"The clothes swap/2nd hand clothes stall reminded me of the great bargains you can find in charity shops. So I'll definitely be buying more 2nd hand clothes and attending any clothes swap events locally."

"Meanwhile we thank you for organising the Climate Festival to which we all enjoyed contributing. The children, in particular, really gained a lot from the activities and discussions!"

"Just wanted to say thank you for a brilliant event! Lots of interesting activities, workshops and stalls - really interactive and fun! We had 3 generations there and all loved it. Thanks for all your work in making it happen :)"

"I think it was well attended. More events like this needed and perhaps more thought in terms of variety of reasonably priced food and less emphasis on commercialism in terms of the selling of quite expensive food and clothing in my opinion. More emphasis on food sharing/reduction of food waste and businesses like the remakery as well as clothes swap initiative too!!!"

"Spent the afternoon at Edinburgh Climate Festival yesterday, listened to live music and did a yoga class for the first time. (Then had to spend £22 on a taxi to get to work in Musselburgh on time because buses were diverted away from Newington. But totally worth it) 9/10 would recommend." - Mellowscotjulia

"Great positive day with a large amount of awareness about veganism as a moral position and the Rights of other animals not to be used as things"

"We had a great time! All the different music, chilled out atmosphere, lovely food (although I could totally have done with a hot coffee!). Our kids like the henna tattoos the most. And it

was amazing to have so many different stalls, a great buzz. I swapped the top I was wearing with a fabulous 'new' top at the cloth swap stall. I'm a volunteer Trustee for Transition Linlithgow. It was inspiring to see all the different things happening in Edinburgh. I'm planning to visit/contact some of the organisations at the event to get advice about developing some similar activities in Linlithgow. The clothes swap/2nd hand clothes stall (forgotten what shop it was) reminded me of the great bargains you can find in charity shops. So I'll definitely be buying more 2nd hand clothes and attending any clothes swap events locally. (What could we improve next time?) A big display board/canvas with festival programme schedule details please! The food and drink facilities were pretty poor. Long queues and inefficient. I was expecting a water fountain to be able to fill up a water bottle considering the type of event, apologies if there was one then it wasn't well signposted. A zero waste food facility would have been ideal. A map or advertising board of some sort detailing who was at the event would have been good. (What did you like the most about the event?) Interactions and activities for kids, in particular getting cress and an onion plant for my friends son to take home. Looking forward to coming along again next year!"

"Congratulation on bringing so many people together! Outstanding ability to work with and support all in attendance. It wonderful to view so many people on the shalls displaying living and sharing climate change in their lives."

"This band (The Hi Hats?) was excellent! We were dancing along at the tea and coffee tent just next door!"

"I was there it was good!"

"Great day out thank you!"

"Great day! Listening from our bell tent 🌸🌸💖"

"Thoroughly enjoying it!!"

"Fantastic festival sitting enjoying live music while eating my lunch"

" I was there for both drumming groups. They totally were absolutely amazing!"

"They were amazing! Well done to the organisers for yesterday!"

"Great to be a part of this 🌸💖👩🏻🌸"

"It was a great success! Amazing vibe and really inspiring"

"Great day out for us all 💖😊☐"

"It was a nice event- given the state of climate management in and on the world- I wish more had attended though."

"Just wanted to say thank you for a brilliant event! Lots of interesting activities, workshops and stalls - really interactive and fun! We had 3 generations there and all loved it. Thanks for all your work in making it happen :)"

"Had an awesome time with my fab friends thanks for organising this"

“Really glad I went - a brain-tingling array of folk with inspiring and interesting things to say.”

“Thank you. It was a great day out with heaps of brilliant ideas on how to prevent climate change and live a more fulfilling lifestyle 😊”

“Enjoyed the day and look forward to the next one. Hope to hear some more expert speakers and curated debate maybe? Some climate films maybe too? Solution focus good and important. Lovely vibe and always good to hear live music ☐”

“Was there, a good day”

“Fantastic day at the Edinburgh Climate Festival! Lots of interesting stands and awesome people. “

“ Great day yesterday @EdClimateFest “ - @CyclingRoadhog

“#EdinburghClimateFestival was lovely and hopeful.”- @jimthevic

Met the very impressive @_syscs today #EdinburghClimateFestival - doing brilliant work engaging the public on one of the greatest challenges of our time #systemchangenotclimatechange -@DnaArya:

“Great to hear @adamrmcvey speaking at the #EdinburghClimateFestival today. Together with @Imacinnessnp and @Daisynmurphy making real, positive and sustainable transformation to our beautiful city.” #Thanks - @davidfkeySNP

“I just wanted to say what an amazing event it was on Saturday, I was only there a few hours but spoke to lots of people that were so impressed by the amazing event. It must have taken so much work, well done though as I think it was great” – Young People Against Hate. “It was a great event and we are really happy, we could be part of it♥♥♥♥” - Ypah

“Great to spend a couple of hours exploring the @Edinburghclimatefestival today.”

Lessons and discussions:

- Too much space between the stalls? It could have been made more intimate. Space required for health and safety. Measurements could be more exact to free up room for more stalls.
- Water collection for the tea and coffee from the cafe wasn't ideal but no better solution was found.
- Lack of water for refills for public - Something to point out to the council? A water source in the meadows would be beneficial to the area.
- Pros and cons of fencing off the event. Ability to count people. Having to consider budget and overnight fees and security
- One neighbour's complaint about the noise which is common for festivals. However, no complaints from the council.
- Event finishing too late. An earlier finish would be good.
- Workload - Needs to be more equally organised, so that not so much falls on ELREC

- Amount of cars on site - a permit system to restrict car access? We need to limit the amount of cars - offer alternative transport / incentive for taking public transport?
- Food stalls did not follow the rules particularly well. A discussion needs to be had regarding what to enforce, and what we actually can enforce. Clearer rules and inspection of food stalls?
- Stall costs – internal discussion about a strict sliding scale and making the event more accessible to charities. There has been no complaints from stall holders. Charge the food vendors more?
- Long-time organising charities would like to be notified next year regarding funding applications.
- More marketing to increase the scale of the event.
- The recycling system needs to be more thought through and potentially a team needs to be assign to control the bins at all times to make sure they are used properly.

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