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# Climate Community Summary



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*'At ACH Our vision is to empower refugees and migrants who reside in the UK to lead self-sufficient and ambitious lives.'*

# Introduction

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The community ACH serves are often left out of the climate change conversation despite the fact the amount of climate refugees is increasing every year. Our aim is to involve the people of our community in the conversation about climate change, educate them on the context of climate change in the UK and globally, allow them to see and learn about the job opportunities coming out of the green sector.





# Climate Action Project

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Together with 5 community partners ACH took part in a project aimed at seeing Bristol's communities stepping into a leadership role in the city demonstrating their ability to respond to the challenges of climate change with effective, community-led action.

During the project we created a set of accessible materials to allow the community to learn about climate change. This is located on ACH's online learning platform and is available for free to members of the community who wish to learn more about climate change.

Throughout this project we also conducted a survey where we asked members of our community their opinions about climate change. We used this feedback to establish what the communities climate change priorities are.

# PRIORITIES

The most important aspect of this process for us was the ensuring that our communities priorities were heard, using the feedback we received we collated priorities to fit into 7 themes.

# Priorities

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## Transport Actions:

- | Increase affordability of public transport and increase routes
- | Create liveable neighbourhoods
- | Decrease traffic outside schools

## House and Buildings Action:

- | Insulation of housing to save money on bills
- | Create minimum standards for rented accommodation
- | Increase availability of longer-term leases to prevent frequent moving.

## Energy:

- | Increase affordability of energy bills
- | Equitable distribution of green economy jobs (solar panel fitting etc.)
- | Access to money saving energy tools (solar panels on houses)



## Food:

- | Increase affordability of healthy food
- | Access to green spaces to grow food (for those with out gardens)
- | Food education in schools

## Waste and Consumption:

- | Enable access to low food packaging (affordability and location)
- | Distribution to food waste from restaurants etc.
- | Fly tipping / rubbish in more economically deprived areas

## Nature:

- | Quality of green spaces (parks) in less economically well off areas
- | Nature education in schools
- | Affordability of “green” activities

## Economy/Business/Jobs/Education

- | Equitable access to “green” jobs
- | Less focus of green funding on “preaching to the converted”
- | Recognition that the weight of responsibility for climate change lies with business





# Climate Heroes

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ACH's tenants on average produce less than half the amount of carbon than a Bristol resident. For ACH our tenants are our climate heroes and it important that we highlight the fact that this is often not by choice.

Our tenants belong to a group very left out of the narrative that is framing current discourse when they are the people most affected as ones who live in low income and often high pollution areas. They contribute the least to climate change yet pay the heaviest price.

This mimics current global trends whereby the global north are the biggest contributors of carbon, yet the global south continue to pay the price of climate change.

At ACH we are in a unique position to really understand the refugee experience and to create products to enable them to join the climate change journey which in turn aid their own integration journey rather than allowing them to remain in situations where they continue experiencing the consequences of the situation they are not contributing to in a large way.





*An image from the video from Bristol Festivals, which is up on our blog page along with some more information about the Community Climate Action Project.*

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