A Green and Happier Future: One Green Kitchen's Climate Action Plan

At One Green Kitchen C.I.C., we use food to engage women and elderly individuals from underrepresented communities in conversations about well-being, sustainability, and empowerment. Although climate change affects everyone, its worst impacts fall on those already facing poverty, poor health, language barriers, and past trauma. Yet, their voices are too often excluded from climate action.

The ambitions and actions in this plan addresses this imbalance. Starting with food, we promote low-carbon living and practical, community-led solutions through workshops, hands-on learning, and open dialogue—empowering those most affected to lead change.

THIS IS A SUMMARY OF OUR COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2025
THE FULL VERSION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE LINK

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WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE

WHOSE PLAN IS THIS?

One Green Kitchen C.I.C. is leading this community-led Action Plan, developed in collaboration with a diverse steering group and key partners including the Bangladeshi Bristol Women's Group and the Pakistani Welfare Organisation.

Our goal is to empower marginalised women and elderly individuals from less representative community to take climate action through green meals and inclusive food hubs.

Bristol's global majority makes up 18% of the population, with half being women of colour aged 25+ (ONS). Yet many face barriers to engagement—language, culture, and access. Based in St. Paul's, Henbury, and other areas in Bristol, we support 60+ members from African, South Asian, Somali, Chinese/Hong Kong, Kurdish, and Malaysian backgrounds—many facing poverty, isolation, and trauma.
This Action Plan is a first step toward a healthier, more sustainable, and inclusive Bristol—co-created by and for the community.

OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Using data from The Impact Tool, our carbon footprint report —produced with the Centre for Sustainable Energy—shows which everyday activities drive emissions in our community. This helps us focus on where we can act locally and where wider change is needed.

WHERE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS COME FROM	% of total average emissions from local households
Food and drink we buy	14%
Things we buy and services we use including waste	18%
Gas and electricity in our homes	26%
How we travel	42%

GREENHOUSE GASES?

Greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide trap heat in the atmosphere and keep the earth warm enough for humans to live here. However, rapidly rising levels of greenhouse gases have led to climate change which is making the planet hotter and harder for humans and other life to survive and thrive.

HOW THE PLAN WAS FORMED

The Community Climate Action Plan engaged 65 women aged 40 to 70+ from diverse, underrepresented backgrounds in St. Paul's and other areas across Bristol. Led by a steering group of six women, it included workshops, surveys, and community conversations.

The plan incorporated creative workshops, translation support, and feedback from participants. Key insights were gathered from marginalised groups facing challenges like poor health and social isolation. The next steps involve refining the plan and implementing solutions based on community input.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

The One Green Kitchen community climate action plan is one of 17 plans written by communities across the city as part of the Community Climate Action Project, coordinated by Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership, with support from Centre for Sustainable Energy and Bristol City Council. The plan helps us map out our collective next steps, laying out actions we can take together as a community, as well as actions we are calling on government and other decision makers to take, to make our neighbourhood happier and healthier for the people who live here and for our planet.

Transport

What the community wants to see

- Reliable and affordable buses
- Alternative bus, solutions e.g. community bus
- Support Women from Underrepresented Communities to Drive Sustainably
- Enhance Safety for Elderly and Women from Underrepresented Communities

Ideas from the community

Our organisation- Host quarterly Community Climate Breakfasts to engage vulnerable women and elderly residents in discussions on transport challenges and sustainable mobility. connect participants to car clubs, cycling libraries, and walking buddy schemes. Invite experts on topics like night-time safety and gather community feedback from policymakers.

Our community and city stakeholders- Train ambassadors to assist elderly and vulnerable passengers with seating, luggage, and accessible routes. Collect transport challenges from elderly, refugee, and migrant women through One Green Kitchen or other grass root groups and map priority routes and unmet needs.

Food

What the community wants to see

- Improve residents from diverse backgrounds access to healthy, affordable, and sustainable food within underprivileged areas
- Expand affordable & culturally inclusive food options
- Promote environmentally sustainable eating habits
- Empower local food businesses in underrepresented communities, a holistic approach is needed—beyond financial support.

Ideas from the community

Our organisation - Run Healthy Green Food Hubs with affordable, diverse meals, led by local women and elderly. Include cultural cooking, climate-friendly tips, and multilingual resources. Support vulnerable residents with home deliveries and group shopping trips.

Our community and city stakeholders -Expand access to culturally inclusive, affordable food through community gardens, local farm partnerships, and shared kitchen spaces. Support community cooks with training, green workshops, and multilingual materials, while promoting diverse food cultures through markets and events.

Litter and waste

What the community wants to see

- Inclusive recycling policies & support for vulnerable groups, new migrants, and refugees

Ideas from the community

Our organisation - Act as a hub for community feedback on waste and recycling. Lead the Clear Street Campaign with multilingual materials and litter-picking. Partner with local groups to deliver awareness-raising campaigns and workshops.

- Reduce litter and waste on streets and shared spaces
- Expanding recycling & waste awareness in economically deprived areas & schools

Our community and city stakeholders - Share simple, multilingual recycling guides in key community spaces and online. Partner with schools to raise awareness among children and families. Support inclusive policies, financial incentives, and free bins for vulnerable groups. Fund grassroots initiatives.

Homes, buildings and energy

What the community wants to see

- Reinvesting in existing housing to address Cold Home issues
- Enforce stricter energy efficiency regulations and home energy improvement for landlords, ensuring all rental properties
- Insulation of housing to save money on bills

Ideas from the community

Our organisation - Secure funding for expert-led surveys and home visits to identify cold homes and energy inefficiencies. Use Climate Cafés to gather resident insights and raise awareness through multilingual workshops. Act as a host hub, connecting advisory organisations with those most in need.

Our community and city stakeholders - Raise awareness with multilingual materials on energy efficiency. Partner with local groups and energy companies to support green projects. Engage in Energy Champions workshops and strengthen energy standards for housing. Secure funding through grants and community initiatives.

Nature

What the community wants to see

- Ensure well-maintained parks & open spaces in underprivileged areas
- Ensure inclusive & diverse representation in future green spaces planning & development
- Ensure community benefits from land given to commercial developers

Ideas from the community

Our organisation - Connecting Nature with Community Priorities -Support access to the Community Garden and promote inclusive green space use. Align nature with transport by advocating for better public access and discounted travel to green areas. Encourage developers to include public green spaces, rooftop gardens, and sustainable design in new projects.

Our community and city stakeholders - Green Space & Community Investment - Partner with sponsors and volunteers to maintain parks. Ensure developers reinvest locally through binding agreements and create green space job opportunities.

WHAT'S NEXT?

If you'd like to get involved, please email
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