



**Climate justice
is social justice**
**Rising Arts Agency's
Community Climate Action Plan
2025**

**Rising Arts Agency coproduced this plan with underrepresented creatives
aged 18-30 living in Bristol**



Introduction

The climate and nature crises are not just about the environment – they are a social crisis too, and it is vital to tackle them together. There is a huge opportunity for bold, transformative climate and nature action to reduce, rather than exacerbate inequalities, and to improve the quality of life for people locally and globally. This requires ensuring that diverse communities and those most affected by climate and nature breakdown are able to shape our response.

Bristol has a goal of reducing carbon emissions to net zero by 2030. The One City Environment Board published the One City Climate Strategy in February 2020, setting out a pathway of action on how Bristol can become carbon neutral and climate resilient.

Achieving Bristol's mammoth goal of being carbon neutral and climate resilient, whilst also improving the lives of its residents, especially those most disadvantaged, will require the collective skills, knowledge and energy of the whole city. This community climate action plan for Rising Arts Agency responds directly to this need. It centres the role of communities and community anchor organisations in this.

This plan has been developed as part of the [Bristol Community Climate Action Project](#), which enables communities in Bristol to reduce their carbon footprints, support nature recovery and bring social benefits to local people.



The project aims to contribute to three significant impacts:

- A reduced risk of catastrophic climate change
- A just and inclusive transition to net zero
- Improved quality of life for local people. For example, improved health and wellbeing, economic opportunity, resilience, social cohesion and improved biodiversity.

Who



The Community Climate Action Project is a partnership of community organisations across the city: **Ambition Lawrence Weston, Ashley Community Housing, Eastside Community Trust, Heart of BS13, and Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust**, coordinated by **Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership**, supported by the **Centre for Sustainable Energy and Bristol City Council (Sustainable City & Climate Change Service)**. This partnership sees **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.**

The five core organisations involved in the project represent communities experiencing multiple disadvantages who have traditionally been excluded from the climate change debate and responses to it. Across the city, it is also disadvantaged communities like these that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather events, disruption to critical services which they rely on, instability in living costs, and so on. Any city simply looking to reduce its emissions as rapidly as possible would not prioritise starting with disadvantaged and excluded communities, as households in these communities typically have the lowest emissions and environmental footprints in a city.

However, if our strategic response to climate change and nature breakdown is not informed by the critical insights and lived experiences of the diverse communities which make up our city, we risk designing solutions which further compound disadvantage; failing to respond to important social needs; creating new unintended barriers; and entrenching social and political division and which aren't fit for purpose.

The project's learning and mentoring programme was launched in 2023, with the aim of supporting more, and more diverse, community organisations across Bristol with their climate action journeys.



Since then 11 community groups of place, demography and interest have joined the programme and have been working with their local communities to co-produce climate action plans:

Cohort 2: Southmead Development Trust, Knowle West Media Centre, Windmill Hill City Farm, Hillfields Community Garden, and BRICKS (at St Annes House)

Cohort 3: Bristol Older People's Forum, Gloucestershire County Cricket Club & the Next Test, Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association, One Green Kitchen, Rising Arts Agency, and Shirehampton Action



What

During 2021, the core community partners, along with Bristol Disability Equality Forum, coproduced community climate action plans with the communities they represent, having done significant engagement with residents. They are now leading on local demonstrator projects, which respond to key priorities identified in their plans, and contributing to the city's new Community Leadership Panel on Climate and Just Transition. The project also includes a climate and disability strand, which centres Bristol's community of Disabled people in climate and nature action.

In 2024 five more community groups launched their climate action plans having participated in the learning and mentoring programme, with a further six community groups launching their plans in June 2025. These organisations have received a participation bursary but have had less financial resource from the project than the first round of partners. These cohorts are helping to identify a feasible level of resource needed to develop a community climate action plan process which can be replicated beyond Bristol.

This community climate action plan, and the approach to developing it, has been guided by the principle of a just transition to net zero which improves the quality of life and life chances of citizens, especially those experiencing disadvantage and inequality. Climate projects are often well intentioned, but are frequently extractive of disadvantaged groups by expecting time for free to help them become "more inclusive"; and whilst some climate actions and solutions provide social and economic benefits, others risk making life worse for communities who are already experiencing disadvantage.

The Community Climate Action Project seeks to do things differently, and believes the transition to net zero can and should be a once in a generation opportunity to challenge systemic inequality and improve the quality of life for local people. The project aims to build the knowledge, capacity and confidence of local community organisations, harness their knowledge and insights, and enable them to become leaders in the city's climate action.

The launch in 2023 of Bristol's Just Transition Declaration has created a strategic framework which further supports and guides the just transition ambitions of the community climate action plans and wider project activities. The Declaration sets out 10 principles that everyone working on climate change and nature loss in the city can use to make their plans as fair as possible.



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Why community led climate action?

Climate action requires collective action. By working together we can take powerful community climate action which reduces carbon and improves lives.

The action we take as individuals and households is critically important. And the actions of businesses and organisations, too. But we can't solve the climate crisis without community.

In Bristol, community has been key to so much the city has achieved. It's people working together that makes real change happen. With community we can achieve great things.

During the Covid crisis, community organisations in Bristol showed significant leadership, demonstrating the critical role communities can play in responding to a crisis. The climate and nature crises are no exception.

Community organisations are also experts of their place and the lived experience of their community. They are trusted by people, and so are well equipped to develop pragmatic and targeted solutions which work for their specific communities, rather than imposed from outside. Alongside governmental, business and individual action, community level climate action is a critical piece of the jigsaw if we are to meet the city's ambitious 2030 zero carbon ambitions and with a social mandate whilst also building resilience.



Statement from our Co-Directors

It has been a joy to witness how our community, team and board have been ignited, energised and mobilised by collectively dreaming about how we can do more to embed climate justice into our ways of working at Rising, in our sector and our city.

At a time when our community is facing multiple social, political and financial challenges and uncertainty, this work has further highlighted the burden that young people feel acutely about their futures. There have been times where this work has been joyful and needed, as well as being equally difficult and sobering.

As we prepare to hand over the leadership of Rising to new young people who we know will take the agency to greater heights, it's exciting to know that this work will have a legacy and will continue. We see this plan as a jumping off point, and hope it gives us all permission to be bold, brave, unapologetic and human AF.



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**Euella Jackson and Jess Bunyan
Co-Directors**



Our ambition

We see this community climate action plan as a living commitment to the earth and those who inhabit it. As a youth-led agency committed to supporting our community of underrepresented young creative thinkers to create social change, we see an urgent need for the sector, and society at large, to centre underrepresented young people's voices in conversations around climate change.

There can be no climate justice without social justice and we are committed to using our commissions, partnerships, agency and platform to advocate for those who are often left out of the conversation.

Through our ways of working, storytelling and practice, we strive to identify and address Rising's environmental impact while encouraging others to do the same. We are aware of the relationship between capitalism's incessant need for profit and 'growth for growth's sake' and the climate crisis we are living in. As a not-for-profit and community interest company, we will ensure that Rising grows mindfully, sustainably and in the direct interests of our current and future community members.

We do not claim to be experts but committed students in the fight for real climate justice. We will try our best to straddle the tension between working with what we have, and the urgent need to dismantle systems that contribute to the immense oppression that we see here in Bristol, and globally.

We are excited to see the ways that this climate action plan shifts and grows with and alongside our community in years to come.





Context: Our community

Rising Arts Agency is a social enterprise run by and for young people in Bristol. We advocate for sector and culture change through research projects, industry consultation and our creative agency services. We also support young artists aged 18-30 through a successful mentoring programme, professional development and leadership opportunities to achieve their ambitions. We see young people as leaders NOW not just in the future, and so our work is centred around supporting them to genuinely take up space as leaders, artists and producers in their own rights. Our community has things to say, and cares deeply about how the city is run and a range of different causes that impact them directly.

Since spring 2024, we've been supported by Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership to develop a community climate action plan that reflects the needs and interests of our community - past, present and future.

We know that currently our community is facing immense challenges and the intersectional nature of oppression makes our community's lived experiences of the climate crisis even more harrowing.

We are unique in that our community is a diverse group of 100+ young people aged 18-30 living across Bristol. They are creatives, artists, leaders, activists and change-makers. Our community is intersectional, dynamic and fluid, and they are underrepresented in the creative and culture sectors; and in mainstream spaces more generally. Our community is global-majority, LGBTQIA+, neurodivergent, disabled and working class. They often exist at the intersection of identities and lived experiences that are marginalised and underserved.



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Space is a major concern for us and our community. As the cost of living and renting in Bristol increases steadily, we're seeing more young people having to move out of Bristol and away from vital spaces and communities. Most of our community are privately renting, either in house-shares, or living with family. When it comes to issues around housing or energy, many feel that they are at the mercy of landlords or parents / carers so don't feel they have the agency to make sustainable choices about where and how they live. Access to affordable and safe housing is a priority but the community feel uninformed about how to challenge rogue landlords or meaningfully take up space that feels like theirs, when affordable housing is unable to meet demand.

While Rising was set up to support young creatives to access fair paid work opportunities, a lot of our community are still having to balance freelance work with entry-level positions and zero hour contracts.

While these types of positions offer some flexibility to pursue their creative pursuits, they are often insecure and precarious. Many of our community spoke about how inaccessible or unaffordable getting around the city is or how expensive it is to make sustainable lifestyle choices. We discussed their frustrations with feeling like the onus is on the individuals to make changes when large corporations are not being sufficiently held accountable for their capitalist drive towards profit at all costs. There is a drive among them to try and shop locally and support grassroots movements, makers and businesses, however, finances can sometimes be a barrier.

Something that often isn't spoken of or acknowledged, is the mental health impacts that the climate crisis is having on young adults. There is an expectation that being over the age of 18, you have the power to make a difference, however a lot of people feel powerless, especially when you're navigating uncertainty, financial / social precarity and structural barriers.



We spoke at length about eco-anxiety, eco-guilt and the ways that they're impacting young people's decisions on whether or not they start a family or take the next steps in their futures.

Despite all this, we feel privileged that our community are cultural makers, shifters and storytellers - contributing to Bristol's rich scene and activist spirit. From attending protests, volunteering and supporting the ecology through art and creativity; our community care about a range of issues - climate justice being a key one.

We are in a unique position in that we're able to build hope, tell stories and share the great work being done across the city to make it better for all. Against the odds, we're hopeful that this beautiful, dynamic and diverse community of ours can, and will continue to be, part of the solution.



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Our baseline community carbon footprint

Why is a community carbon footprint useful ?

Some people express concern or scepticism about the value of carbon footprints – and it is reasonable to be cautious. Individualised carbon footprints were popularised by British Petroleum in the early 2000s, to push responsibility for tackling climate change on the individual and away from that of the oil industry. However, there is also a history of ecological footprinting which came before this, which was driven by ecologists in the US who were increasingly concerned about the rapid depletion of natural resources. They were motivated by the belief that humanity needed a shared understanding of its environmental impact to inspire collective action. And that footprinting created an opportunity to translate complex environmental data into something more accessible, which everyone could understand and use.

Bristol's citizens care and want to take positive action, and footprinting can empower them by guiding them to the actions which they have power to take, and which will bring the greatest carbon reduction. They can also reveal where systemic changes are needed to enable individuals to take positive action.

The Community Climate Action Project focuses on taking action at the community scale, and so our carbon footprint is a community carbon footprint, telling us about the scale of carbon emissions associated with our whole neighbourhood.

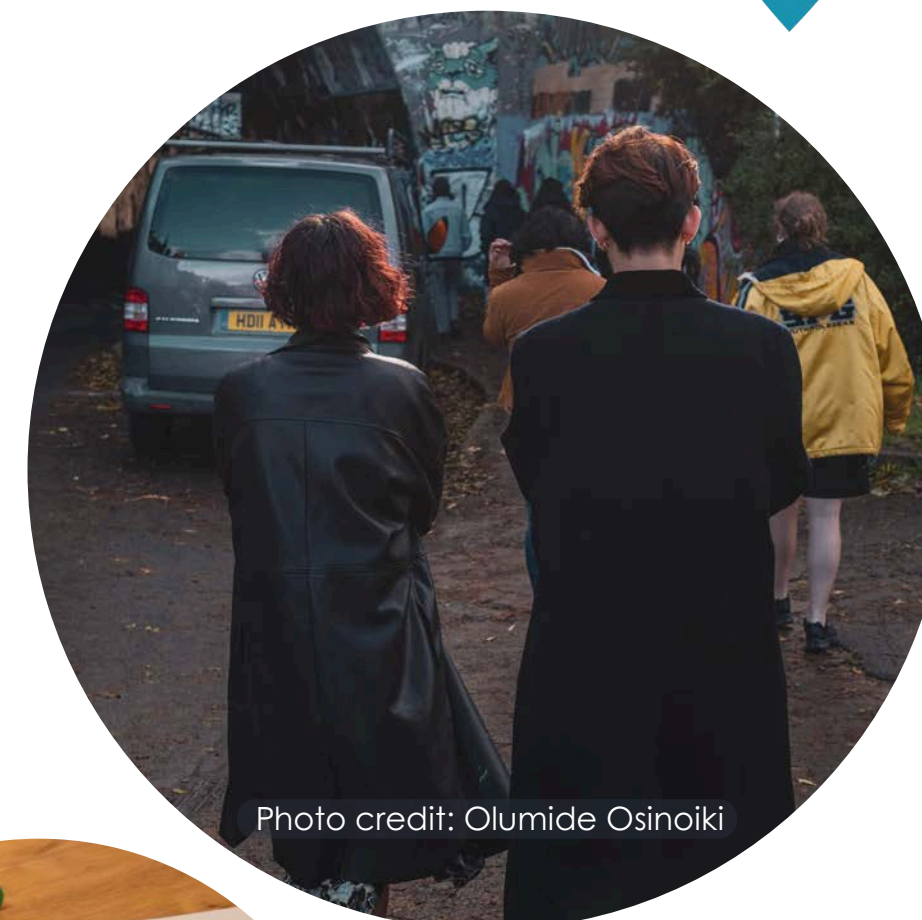


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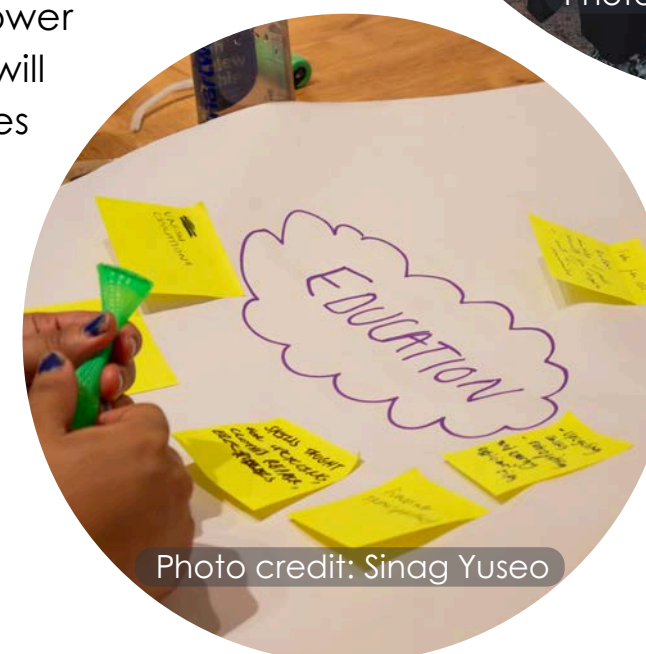


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What did it tell us?

Our carbon footprint report, produced by Bristol charity the Centre for Sustainable Energy, showed us the scale of our community's carbon emissions: how it compares to the Bristol average, and the main 'consumption activities' responsible for these emissions (e.g. the food that we eat, the transport that we use, and the services that we use). The 'community' that Rising Arts engages with and represents focuses on Bristol's underrepresented creative thinkers aged 18-30. However, because from a data perspective it is difficult to clearly define the community, for the purposes of creating a community carbon footprint, the Rising Arts community has been simplified to be Bristol's 16-30 year olds.

The results were calculated using a combination of [ONS Family Spending data](#), [Census data](#) and [Carbon Footprint statistics](#). Having a picture of our community carbon footprint helps us understand the activities which result in carbon emissions, and from here we can begin to think about the breadth of activities needed to reduce emissions, where to focus our attention, and to explore which activities are possible at the community-level, and which require Bristol-wide, national, or even global commitment and action.

The table below shows us data on our community's carbon footprint, both on a per person basis and for the whole community across Bristol.

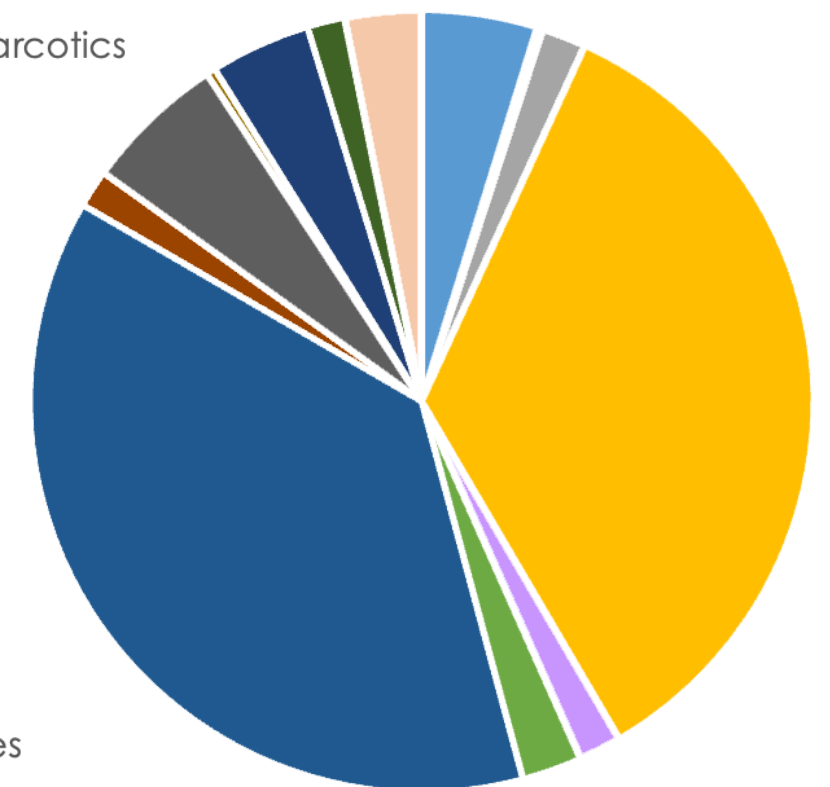
Community	Population in Bristol	Per person GHG emissions in Bristol (tCO2e/yr)	Community GHG emissions in Bristol (tCO2e/yr)
Young people (16-30 year olds)	114,647	14.0	1,601,300
Bristol Overall	457,862	13.5	6,159,900

[GHG = Greenhouse gas emissions]

[tCO2e = tonnes (t) of carbon dioxide equivalent, which is a standardized unit used to measure the climate impact of various greenhouse gases]

Below we can see how these emissions split out across our various consumption activities. We can see that transport accounts for the biggest proportion of our community's emissions, followed by housing, fuel and power.

- Food & non-alcoholic drinks
- Alcoholic drinks, tobacco & narcotics
- Clothing & footwear
- Housing, fuel & power
- Household goods & services
- Health
- Transport
- Communication
- Recreation & culture
- Education
- Restaurants & hotels
- Miscellaneous goods & services
- Other





Bristol climate context

The science on the climate emergency is clear: we need urgent action to reduce our carbon emissions to limit global temperature rise to below 1.5°C, and to prevent disastrous impacts. Climate-related risks to health, livelihoods, homes, food security, the environment, our flora and fauna, raw materials, water supply and economic growth will continue to increase in severity. Even if we manage to limit change to 1.5°C (which now looks unlikely), the impacts will be felt differently in different regions. Populations most at risk are marginalised, disadvantaged and vulnerable. In Bristol, some of our most deprived wards will be the most exposed to the physical impacts of climate change. The potential impacts of climate change on our city and its residents are significant and wide ranging.

“The easiest way to get people on board to making change is to reduce effort for them. If there is more sustainable energy and fuel, this will be better for people and planet. Green spaces are essential for better mental health and for wildlife. Cutting down on car use will only come if it's more convenient and better value if transport is accessible and sustainable.”

- Survey Respondent, BS3

In the Bristol One City Climate Strategy (Preliminary Climate Resilience Assessment), evidence was gathered on physical climate risk to the city. Under a high emissions scenario, by 2080, Bristol's coastline is projected to increase by up to 72cm, winter rainfall is projected to increase by up to 48%, summer maximum temperature is projected to increase by over +9°C, and summer rainfall is projected to decrease by up to 68%.

This milestone is the age today's primary school children will retire. These climate hazards present serious risks to Bristol's homes, businesses, schools, community assets, and critical infrastructure, causing negative impacts to livelihoods, disruptions to our daily lives and a risk to life. These impacts will get progressively worse up to 2080.

Climate change is a complex challenge. We recognise the interconnected and global nature of the world, which exposes Bristol to potentially catastrophic climate risks arising well beyond the city's boundary. We also acknowledge our local, national and global responsibility to take bold and immediate climate action as a city, to increase the city's resilience in the face of these risks, and to share our successes and challenges openly and generously.

Taking action in Bristol – One City Climate Strategy

Bristol has committed to reducing its carbon emissions to net zero and becoming climate resilient by 2030. [Bristol's One City Climate Strategy](#) outlines the key changes across the city, and the UK, that will be needed to reach our climate change goals. Whilst Bristol's average carbon footprint is lower than the UK average, transport and food and diet is where emissions are greater than the average. Therefore, the community climate action plan has been an opportunity to engage members of our community in this important mission of tackling climate change, to explore how they can take the lead on changes in our community, and how we can ensure we maximise the benefits that can come from these changes – warmer and more affordable-to-heat homes, quieter and safer streets, cleaner air.

Our natural environment is critical to our wellbeing and the climate resilience of our city. Preserving and supporting the green spaces of Bristol will decarbonise the air we breathe, and improve our mental and physical health. It will also reduce the risk of flooding and extreme temperatures (the two major climate change risks facing Bristol in the coming years), and act as a carbon 'sink' (absorbing carbon from the atmosphere).

Taking action in Bristol – Ecological Emergency Strategy

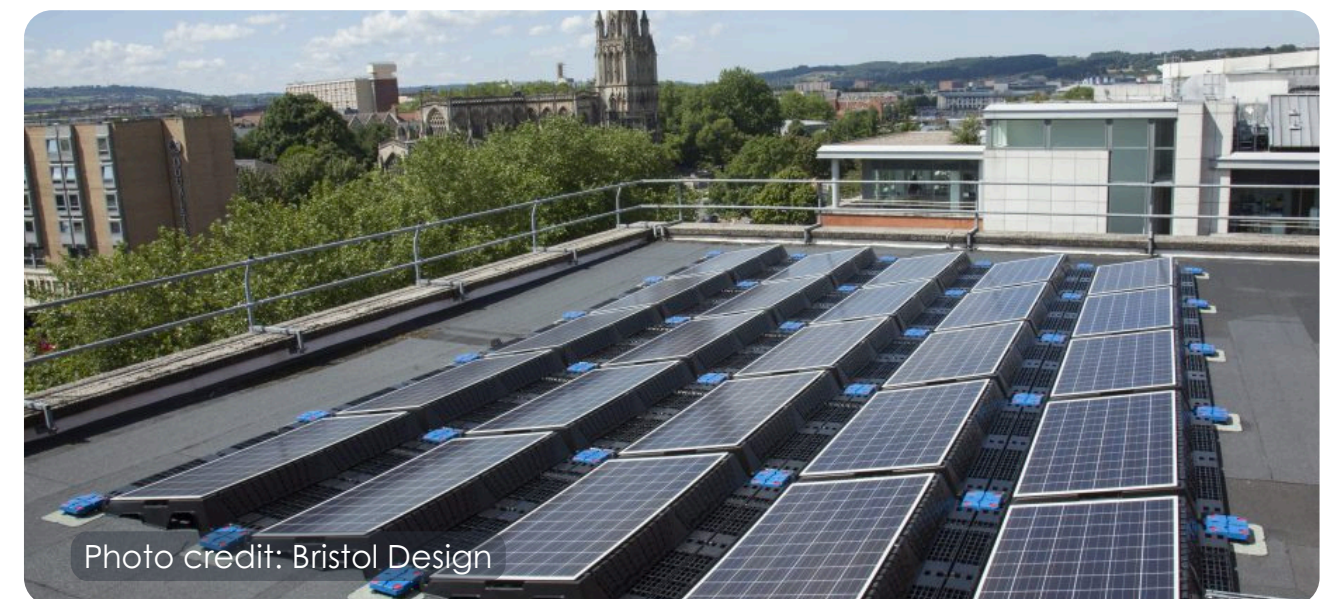
In February 2020, Bristol declared an ecological emergency in response to the decline in wildlife in the city. In September 2020, the Ecological Emergency Strategy for Bristol was launched as the city's first coordinated effort to confront the decline in nature.

The strategy sets out the key ecological actions we need to take to achieve a carbon neutral and climate resilient city by 2030 and consists of four goals:

- Space for nature - for 30% of land in Bristol to be managed for the benefit of wildlife.
- Pesticides - to reduce the use of pesticides in Bristol by at least 50%.
- Pollution - for all waterways to have excellent water quality which supports healthy wildlife.
- Our wider footprint- to reduce consumption of products that undermine the health of wildlife and ecosystems around the world.

[You can read a full summary of the recommendations from the Bristol's Ecological Emergency Strategy for the city here.](#)

We have given consideration to the ambitions of both these key strategies when developing the priorities of our community climate action plan.



Bristol City Leap

Another development significant to the communities working on community climate action is the Bristol City Leap programme. This is a 20-year joint venture partnership between Bristol City Council, Ameresco and Vattenfall Heat UK. It is designed to enable the delivery of over £1 billion of investment into Bristol's energy system at a time when the UK is struggling to match resources to the scale of change needed to address climate change and the energy/cost of living crisis.

What will City Leap do?

- Significant expansion of Bristol's Heat Network to provide the city with reliable affordable low carbon heat from sustainable sources.
- Solar panels and low carbon heating systems for local schools.
- The council's social housing will be made more energy efficient to tackle the cost-of-living crisis.
- Substantial investment will go into community-owned renewable energy projects.
- Provide funding to communities to support community energy projects.



Beyond Bristol

The West of England Combined Authority

The city of Bristol is located within the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) area and some significant climate and nature central government funding and policy comes through WECA and impacts Bristol communities. This includes some aspects of strategic transport, skills and development of major developments along with some aspects of land use planning and the planning of housing. The West of England Combined Authority covers the council areas of South Gloucestershire and Bath & North East Somerset, as well as Bristol. It does not have elected councillors, only the Mayor is elected. Similar two-tier arrangements are in place in most of the larger cities and regions across England.

In 2022, the [Climate and Ecological Action Plan](#) for the West of England region was launched, and in 2024 [the West of England Nature Recovery Strategy and Toolkit](#) were launched.

National context

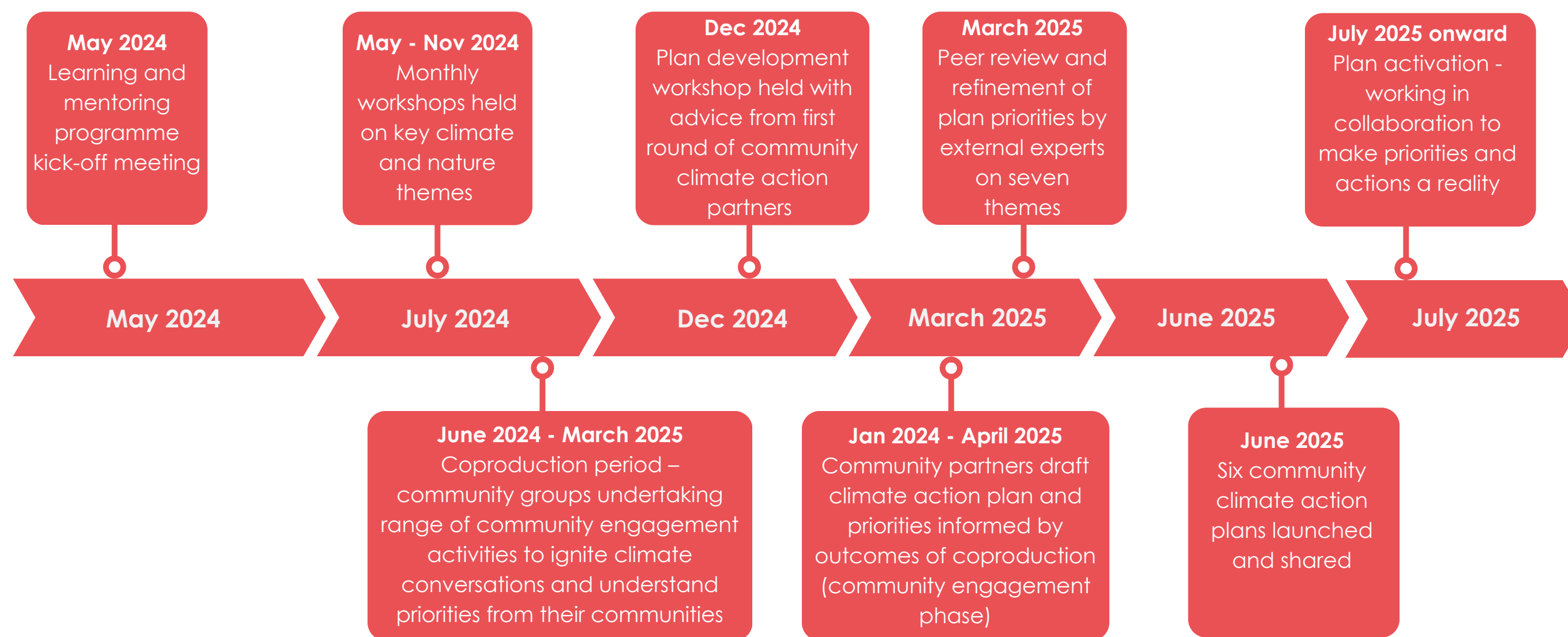
Many of the actions communities want to see are not under the remit of local councils or Combined Authorities. We feel it is important to include these nonetheless - often local authorities can play a role allying with local communities to lobby central government for legislation, funding or policy change. Greater devolution of powers and budget from central government are planned for the coming year.





How we developed this plan

This plan was developed as part of the learning and mentoring programme, delivered by Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership, as part of the Community Climate Action Project. The six partners involved in the learning and mentoring programme (cohort 3) met monthly for themed workshops on climate and nature issues, and engaged with their communities from summer 2024 to spring 2025. The flowchart below captures the main elements of the methodology to create Bristol's third round of community climate action plans:



Throughout:

Connecting city partners through monthly workshops with city experts, and support from Bristol City Council and Centre for Sustainable Energy



Our methodology

To develop our community climate action plan, we took a multi-pronged approach to ensure we were hearing from a range of perspectives about how they are engaging with climate issues. As Rising transitions its leadership every five years, it was important to us that the community felt a deep sense of ownership over this plan and that the responsibility for implementing it didn't just sit with the current Rising team. In our annual community survey, climate change scored as one of the top three highest causes that our community cares about - giving us even more motivation to co-create a plan that represents everyone's needs and interests.

We paid community members to input into the plan in ways that felt best for them and we had multiple feedback processes for them to shape the plan from the beginning. In addition to this, Rising's board were brought into this process very early-on to feed into and understand Rising's responsibility to deliver climate action with and for our community.

Over the course of five months, we ran events, workshops, labs, commissions and sense-making sessions where our community and board could better understand the breadth of the issue of climate change, how it's impacting our community and the wider impact it's having globally. Every summer, Rising has an 'August of Rest' where the agency closes for rest, reflection and to get out into nature. During that time, we held a board and team Away Day at St. Werburghs City Farm and dreamed together about what infrastructure the agency needs to truly resource the climate justice we want to see in our lives, work and city.



In October we ran a community lab called 'Let's Talk About Climate Justice'. There, we brought community members together over hot food to explore how climate change is affecting them and what climate justice looks like to them. From this, we formed a Climate Justice Steering Group of 10 members of our community to support us to take these ideas forward, frame our wider engagement with the city and make sense of our findings. Our Climate Justice Steering Group has been instrumental to holding the agency accountable to this process and building in additional capacity when it's been needed. From there, we identified an internal need for additional strategic oversight for implementing the climate actions, so we recruited two new board members to specifically support this, one of which is also part of the Climate Justice Steering Group.

Together, we co-designed an online survey for young people aged 18-30 across the city to find out how climate change is impacting them and what changes they want to see in the city. As well as asking multiple choice questions, there were open-ended questions where we could hear directly from other young Bristolians about what they'd be excited to see and what climate issues matter to them. We also paid members of Rising's community to help circulate and share the survey to ensure we got a wider reach, as well as incentivising participation through a prize draw for an £100 All4One voucher.

We worked with the steering group to pull out key themes and findings from the results. Using the survey, the notes from the labs and workshops, as a jumping off point we began dreaming and working together to establish some key priorities and actions to go into the plan based on what came out of the survey, community labs, commissions and minutes from the board meetings / away day. From here, we have been able to test our key priorities and actions with a range of city partners, experts and stakeholders, through the support of Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership.



Climate action heroes

Ella Trudgeon

Ella Trudgeon is one of Rising's community climate heroes and a member of our Climate Justice Steering Group. She is a multi-disciplinary creative, environmentalist, and community facilitator, making work about climate and social justice through her creative practice and various job roles.

Over the years, Ella has worked on a number of projects, initiatives and creative commissions that centre climate and ecological justice, liberation, human and non-human personhood independently and through Rising.

"We are nature. Our relationship with nature and climate is our relationship with each other. How we care for ourselves, other humans and non-humans, and our shared home is political. For most of us, our relationships have been severed – by colonisation, displacement, extraction, systems of hierarchy. Repairing these ruptures is collective repair. Climate justice is social justice.

For me, my relationship with nature is my relationship with my loved ones, with strangers, with other animals, with people across oceans, with shared histories, with shared futures. It's anti-oppression and anti-genocide. It's learning how our liberation is shared, beyond borders and species and all imagined systems that teach us we're separate.

We're part of an ongoing global story that often feels like it's being written without us. A community climate action plan means refusing to passively live within the imaginations of power-hoarding billionaires. It gives us a chance to collectively reimagine and reorganise our relationships with each other, with local land, and with our futures."



Climate action heroes

Nathan Hardie

Nathan Hardie has been a member of Rising's community since 2023, and since then has been part of a number of projects within Rising from co-facilitating workshops with the national trust to consulting on what space is needed in the city for young creatives.

Born and raised in Bristol, Nathan is a presenter and film critic whose work focuses on comms & outreach within independent film and cinema. Through his work, Nathan has witnessed some of the unsustainable practices that the film-making and film-exhibition industries have been built on and that need to be challenged. Nathan has been part of our Climate Justice steering group since the beginning of this process - supporting us to develop and promote our survey - and feed into this climate action plan.

"My relationship to the climate and why participating in a community action plan is important goes hand in hand: recognising the most pressing issues we face are environmental.

On a personal level, I have made the changes in my control, and I cannot affect things globally, but hopefully I can make some difference by contributing to this action and help on a community level."



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Climate action heroes

Emmanuella Blake Morsi

Emmanuella has been part of Rising's journey from the very beginning. Our founder, Kamina Walton, worked with Emmanuella when she was just 14, and was inspired to start Rising because of Emmanuella's story and those of the other young people she was working with at the time.

Emmanuella has always been a fierce advocate for climate justice and this is demonstrated by the projects she has worked on as a multi-disciplinary creative and producer - supporting environmentally impactful projects and campaigns to be made. Up until recently, Emmanuella was one of Rising's Non-Executive Directors, and has supported Rising's leadership to think expansively and creatively about how we can do more to make a difference. Emmanuella now sits on our Climate Justice Steering Group and continues to highlight the impact of climate change on marginalised communities.

"People are overwhelmed with not knowing what to do – I wish we had more accessible education and options for how to reuse, repair and recycle different materials. Bristol has appalling public transport and city areas have poorly linked routes, making travel inefficient and neighbourhoods segregated.

Limited access to affordable healthy food options for more disadvantaged areas, which are overpopulated with fast food takeout options. Would love to see more affordable energy options especially with a shift to increase sustainable energy – where government take on more responsibility of ensuring taxes support the disparities in switching to more green alt options (or even towards more community-generated energy.)"



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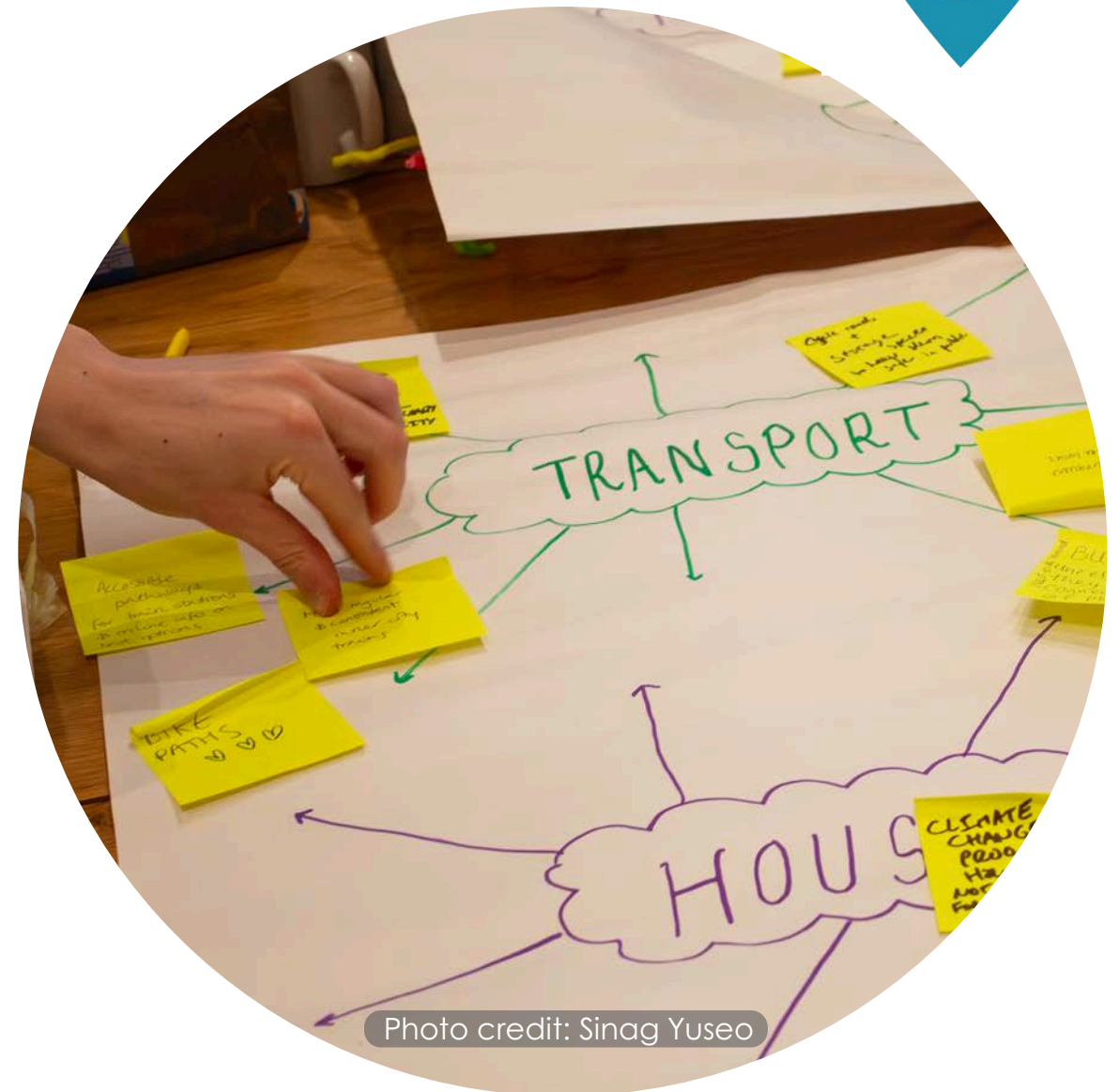
Priorities and actions



Residents' priorities and actions to achieve them have been grouped into eight key climate themes – Transport, Homes & Buildings, Energy, Food, Waste & Resources, Nature, Business & Skills and Adaptation & Resilience.

The following priorities and actions were developed with the local community through our community engagement process and refined with support from Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership and various community climate action partners from across the city. There is also crossover and connection with the priorities developed by partners in other geographic neighbourhoods in the city and with the citywide priorities in the community climate action plan of Bristol's Community of Disabled People and Bristol's community of refugees and asylum seekers.

We have scored the recommendations according to the monetary cost (Resource: Cost), staffing and effort required to achieve it (Resource: People), potential reductions in carbon emissions (Impact: Carbon) and positive impact on the community through social benefits (Impact: Community). While not exhaustive, we have also listed some key stakeholders and potential collaborators, many of whom are already doing work related to the priority and whose support and leadership will be critical to success. Some of these stakeholders have not yet been involved in developing the plan. Rough timescales for implementation of priorities have also been noted to highlight quick wins alongside significant strategic changes that will take sustained, long-term and citywide action. Where possible the priorities and action have been broken down into 1) organisational 2) community wide 3) citywide.



Scoring definition

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high/significant

Timescale

1-2 years (quick win)

3-5 years (medium term larger scale)

5-10 years (significant or complex)

Criteria scored

Resource: cost
Impact: carbon

Resource: people/time
Impact: community



Priorities: Transport

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high/significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE
<p>1. Increased public transport services that are affordable and accessible, particularly for those who work outside 9-5 (Gig economy etc)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Bus • West of England Combined Authority (WECA) 	<p>5</p> <p>This would require quite a bit of government subsidy</p> <p>As well as review of current services and current gaps in provision</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Private bus services</p> <p>Community climate advocates</p> <p>Activists</p> <p>WECA, policy makers, local and central government</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Reduced car usage</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Reduced inequalities and increased connectivity</p> <p>Removing barriers</p> <p>Better transport links</p> <p>Improved air quality</p>	<p>3-5 years</p>
<p>2. Free / affordable passes for young creatives aged 16 - 30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One City Transport Board • Praxis • First Bus • Youth council • Local colleges 	<p>4</p> <p>Subsidy Implementation / Roll out</p> <p>Consulting with local young people</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Would need to be synergy between the groups to be co-develop the offer, and understand where subsidy / incentives might come from</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Reduced car usage</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Removed financial barriers to opportunities</p> <p>Increased connectivity</p>	<p>5-10 years</p>



Priorities: Transport

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high/significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE
3. Raising awareness of local train stations among community through murals and youth-led creative campaigns and advocating for increased services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GWR Bristol City Council - Arts Development Team Create Signs Bristol Legible City 	<p>3</p> <p>Commissioning artists</p> <p>Sustainable art materials</p> <p>Licensing</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Rising Agency Producer</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Reduced car usage</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Increased connectivity across the city and access to nature</p> <p>Improved public spaces</p>	1-2 years
4. Introducing carpooling / travel buddies for Rising events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rising's Community 	<p>1</p> <p>Setting up systems, processes and communication channels</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Rising Community Producer</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Reduced greenhouse gas emissions - through reduced car use</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Reduced greenhouse gas emissions</p> <p>Reduced social isolation</p> <p>Increased safety</p> <p>More community cohesion</p>	1-2 years
5. Bike equipment donation points and community bike / wheelchair fixing workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bristol Bike Project LifeCycleUK The A.P.E. Project CIC Fixx it Bristol Bike Workshop BASE 	<p>2</p> <p>Bike equipment / tools</p> <p>Paying experts time</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rising Community Producer</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Reduced greenhouse gasses through reduced car usage</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Opportunities for physical activities</p> <p>Skill creation through training and shadowing</p>	1-2 years



Priorities and actions: Transport

PRIORITY 1. Increased public transport services that are affordable and accessible, particularly for those who work outside 9-5 (Gig economy etc)

CITYWIDE / OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ACTIONS:

- a. Audit / Review of current services and travel provisions across the city to identify gaps
- b. Lobbying West of England Mayoral Authority to focus on plugging the gaps through a targeted approach in collaboration with private transport companies
- c. Local campaigners and community to advocate for increased service for vulnerable groups - i.e disabled people, and young people working outside standard hours

PRIORITY 2. Free / affordable passes for young creatives aged 16 - 30

CITYWIDE / OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ACTIONS:

- a. Conduct Feasibility study of the impact of free / affordable transport for 16 - 30 years olds
- b. Campaign key stakeholders (private transport companies) and local authority to explore the possibility of subsidy

PRIORITY 3. Raising awareness of local train stations among community through murals and youth-led creative campaigns and advocating for increased services

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Form partnerships with GWR and signage companies to promote local stations
- b. Commission Rising artists to design murals and creative campaigns

PRIORITY 4. Introducing carpooling / travel buddies for Rising events

OUR COMMUNITY ACTIONS:

- a. Rising to start a whatsapp group and create comms encouraging buddying systems for Rising events
- b. Community to organise meet-ups and carpooling

PRIORITY 5. Bike equipment donation points and community bike fixing workshops

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising to form partnerships with Bristol Bike Project and Bristol Bike Workshop
- b. Rising to get funding to run workshops for the community and encourage cycling in the city



Priorities: Food

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE
<p>1. More access to shared and affordable local food for the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rising community (Mutual Aid) in Discord / Whatsapp Local food vendors / shops fruit + veg stores Communal making and eating and sharing spaces / kitchens 	<p>1</p> <p>More sustainable food choices</p> <p>Hiring of community kitchens</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Rising Community producer</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Reduced food waste and consumption habits</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Reduced waste going to landfill</p> <p>Increased food security for individuals</p> <p>Increased access to local seasonal produce</p>	<p>1-2 years</p>
<p>2. Turn disused restaurants in buildings owned by the council into sustainable community kitchens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owners of premises Advice from Artspace Lifespace ACH Caterers 	<p>5</p> <p>Disused spaces</p> <p>Kitchen equipment and utensils</p> <p>Energy costs</p> <p>People / time costs</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bristol City Council</p> <p>Local developers</p> <p>Community Advocates</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Reduced food waste</p> <p>Altered dietary patterns</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Reduced social isolation</p> <p>Community brought together / community cohesion</p> <p>Skill creation through volunteering</p> <p>Opportunities for local investment</p>	<p>5-10 years</p>



Priorities: Food

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE
<p>3. Supporting food sovereignty among our community through education and workshops</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitators (local gardeners; growers etc.) Rising community skill-sharing to each other Nature Queerdos Incredible Edible 	<p>2</p> <p>People time</p> <p>Space / Venue Hire</p> <p>Tools equipment</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Rising Community Climate Steering group</p> <p>Rising Community producer</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Food education to reflect the needs of diverse communities</p> <p>Reduced meat (and dairy) consumption</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Skill creation through volunteering and training sessions</p> <p>Educational opportunities for young people</p> <p>Community brought together</p> <p>Reduced social isolation and improved mental health / wellbeing</p>	<p>1-2 years</p>
<p>4. Develop a food waste policy for Rising Arts Agency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bristol Waste Arts version Albert, Resource Futures Julie's Bicycle Bristol Food Network 	<p>1</p> <p>Staff time</p> <p>Community Time / Pay</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rising Co-Directors, Board and Steering Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Altered dietary patterns and reduced food waste</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Reduced food waste</p> <p>Greater community influence in climate decision-making in the agency</p> <p>Food security</p>	<p>1-2 years</p>



Priorities and actions: Food

PRIORITY 1. More access to shared and affordable local food for the community

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Create a whatsapp group for the community who wants to be part of sharing food
- b. Create a food waste management template for every event
- c. Partner with local initiatives to raise awareness and co-deliver food events (e.g. community dinners) and pot-lucks

PRIORITY 2. Turn disused restaurants in buildings owned by the council into sustainable community kitchens

CITYWIDE / OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ACTIONS:

- a. Build partnerships between community organisations and council teams managing property.
- b. Do an audit of disused restaurants in the city and launch a feasibility study
- c. Identify key sites that would be eligible and serve a local community
- d. Put out a tender for consortiums of community organisations to 'take over' disused restaurants at a subsidised rate - following training on how to manage and maintain the spaces / food safety

PRIORITY 3. Supporting food sovereignty among our community through education and workshops

OUR COMMUNITY ACTIONS:

- a. Climate Steering Group to suggest ideas for a programme and garner interest from the wider Rising community
- b. Rising's community producer to apply for funding to facilitate
- c. Rising to make strategic partnerships / resources from Incredible Edible etc

PRIORITY 4. Develop a food waste policy for Rising

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising to draft waste policy using resources from Resource Centre, Bristol Waste and Julies Bicycle
- b. Check the policy with key stakeholders, e.g. steering group and partners
- c. Commission community member to illustrate and active policy to the wider community



Priorities: Nature

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE
<p>1. Greater visibility and citywide buy-in of Festival of Nature by local authority and local businesses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bristol City Council Local Stakeholders Bristol Natural History Consortium 	<p>3</p> <p>Investment into making it bigger and more impactful</p> <p>Range of city-wide activity that goes beyond the city centre</p> <p>Resource to boost and amplify the work that's already happening</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bristol City Council Campaigns</p> <p>Working with local businesses to get buy-in</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Reduced energy demand from buildings</p> <p>Altered consumption patterns, buying less and re-using / repairing more</p> <p>Altered dietary patterns and reduced food waste</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Opportunities for local investment</p> <p>Reduced social isolation</p> <p>Improve mental health / wellbeing</p> <p>Educational opportunities</p>	<p>1-2 years</p>
<p>2. Upskill people in caring for nature, gardening and growing food - queering* ecology in Rising's community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incredible Edible Malcom X Community Garden Black Seeds Network Hip Hop Gardens NYCE Black 2 Nature (etc.) 	<p>2</p> <p>Paying for people's time</p> <p>Materials / Equipment</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rising Steering Group</p> <p>Rising Community producer</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Food education to reflect the needs of diverse communities</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Educational opportunities for young people</p> <p>Reduced social isolation</p> <p>Skills creation through volunteering and training</p> <p>Community brought together</p>	<p>1-2 years</p>

* Queer ecology is a field that explores the intersection of queer theory and ecological thought, challenging traditional, heteronormative assumptions about nature and the environment.



Priorities: Nature

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE
3. Accessible nature retreats for Rising's community during August of Rest. 'Reset Day'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Pools Farm • Folly Farm • Jamie's Farm 	3 Access costs for attendees Transport Activities and venue hire	3 Rising Co-Directors & Community Producer	3 Hugely reduced energy demand from buildings	5 Reduced social isolation Improved mental health / wellbeing Improved nature connection	1-2 years
4. Maps for accessible natural spaces in the city	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Park • Bristol City Council - Parks • Healthier with Nature 	3 Commission young artists Sustainable materials Dissemination and sharing	4 Rising Agency Producer	2 Promote biodiversity	4 Removing barriers to green spaces Paid opportunities for young artists	3-5 years
5. Advocate for accessible, safe parks for disabled people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One City Environmental Board • Parks Forum • Friends of Park Groups 	2 People time	3 Rising Community Steering Group	3 Reduced energy demand	4 Improved green spaces Minority voices amplified and able to influence decision-making	1-2 years



Priorities and actions: Nature

PRIORITY 1. Greater visibility and citywide buy-in of Festival of Nature by local authority and local businesses

CITYWIDE / OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ACTIONS:

PRIORITY 2. Upskill people in caring for nature, gardening and growing food - queering* ecology in Rising's community

OUR COMMUNITY ACTIONS:

- a. Work with Rising's Community Producer to build partnerships and get funding to deliver projects
- b. Develop an annual timetable of climate related events and activities to promote to the community

PRIORITY 3. Accessible nature retreats for Rising's community during August of Rest. 'Reset Day'

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising team to plan, fund and organise nature retreats for the community
- b. Work with local partners to make connections to accessible green spaces around the city, and reduce barriers to access for the community

PRIORITY 4. Maps for accessible natural spaces in the city

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising to work with local partners like Your Park to commission a Rising creative to create a illustrated map of accessible natural spaces in and around the city
- b. Utilise Rising's community to disseminate it and share it on social media

PRIORITY 5. Advocate for accessible, safe parks for wheelchair users

OUR COMMUNITY ACTIONS:

- a. Be vocal about advocating and lobbying for accessible safe green spaces through One City Environmental Board
- b. Collecting and sharing stories about the impact of green spaces for young people
- c. Share the stories out via social media and our networks



Priorities: Waste and Resources

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE
1. Rising to understand and improve how they manage and contribute to waste in the sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie's Bicycle 	<p>1</p> <p>Staff time</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Rising Co-Directors</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Hugely altered consumption patterns, buying less and repairing /re-using more</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Reduced waste going to landfill</p> <p>Opportunities for skills and training</p> <p>Improved business efficiency</p>	1-2 years
2. Equipment swaps / Equipment Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share Bristol Community Repaint Scrapstore Saffron Records Sustainable Fashion Week Bristol Repair Cafes Bristol Waste 	<p>2</p> <p>Setting up systems and processes</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rising Co-Directors</p> <p>Rising Community Producer</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Safe disposal of older appliances</p> <p>Hugely altered consumption patterns - buying less and re-using more</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Removing barriers to jobs for young creatives</p> <p>Equal access to equipment</p> <p>Less waste going to landfill</p>	1-2 years
3. Organisational waste policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie's Bicycle Resource Futures Bristol Waste Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership 	<p>1</p> <p>Staff time</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rising team</p> <p>Rising Climate Steering Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Hugely altered consumption patterns - buying less and re-using more</p> <p>Greatly increased recycling rates to achieve circular economy model, taking plastics out of the waste stream</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Improved business efficiency</p> <p>Opportunities for local investment</p> <p>Reduced waste going to landfill</p>	1-2 years



Priorities and actions: Waste and Resources

PRIORITY 1. Rising to understand and improve how they manage and contribute to waste in the sector

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising doing research through Julie's Bicycle and working with One City Cultural Board to advocate for better waste practices across the sector
- b. Tracking work-related travel and consumption habits of the team and the community

PRIORITY 2. Equipment Swaps / Equipment Library

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Working with spaces like Share Bristol to create an accessible kit library for creatives
- b. Making partnerships with Community Repaint to manage waste through creative commissions
- c. Encourage the community to share kit
- d. Get advice around insurance impacts for community members sharing kit

PRIORITY 3. Organisational waste policy

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising to draft an organisational waste policy
- b. Organisational waste policy to go through community climate steering group, board and stakeholders for feedback
- c. Once it's complete, run workshops with the community about how to embed best practice when dealing with waste in their own work and create their own waste policies



Priorities: Energy

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE
1. Upskilling community in energy-efficiency through creative workshops (e.g insulating curtain-making workshops)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centre for Sustainable Energy Eastside Community Trust Bristol Energy Network 	2 People time Venue hire Materials	3 Rising Community Producer	4 Reduced energy demand from buildings Changed attitudes and approaches to energy usage	2 Skills creation through volunteering and training sessions Community cohesion Reduced social isolation	1 - 2 years
2. Community Energy Generation - local and national government-funded incentives for supporting independent energy generation (e.g an energy-generating gym)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pervasive Media Studio Good Energy Bristol City Leap 	5 Feasibility study Equipment Space People Implementation	5 Good Energy Bristol City Leap Community Consultants Artists and Designers Funder	5 Decarbonised power generation Widespread, actively managed and planned carbon storage strategies Affordable heating Energy use is from renewable sources	4 Security in energy supply More community pride Equal access and removing a barrier or new barriers	5 - 10 years
3. Advocacy: Rising to support other organisations to change their energy usage / and how have we done it through our training offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bristol Energy Network Transformational Governance Community Bristol One City Culture Board 	2 People time	2 Rising Co-Directors	3 Hugely reduced energy demand from buildings	3 Increased business efficiency Lower energy costs for creative sector	3 - 5 years



Priorities and Actions: Energy

PRIORITY 1. Upskilling community in energy-efficiency through creative workshops (e.g insulating curtain-making workshops)

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Partnering with local makers and organisations like Centre for Sustainable Energy / Energy Champions to run creative workshops

PRIORITY 2. Community Energy Generation - local and national government-funded incentives for supporting independent energy generation (e.g an energy-generating gym)

CITYWIDE / OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ACTIONS:

- a. Lead an initial feasibility study into the scope and potential of an independent energy for communities
- b. Explore funding options - either the possibility for investment or government funding
- c. Test and trial potential creative and community-led options for energy generation through Pervasive Media Centre and / or Bristol City Leap
- d. Explore what infrastructure is needed and how to gain community buy-in

PRIORITY 3. Advocacy: Rising to support other organisations to change their energy usage / and how have we done it through our training offers

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising to expand its Caring Work Culture training offer to include support around how organisations can embed climate justice in their strategic planning with a particular focus on energy usage for smaller / creative businesses



Priorities: Business and Skills

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE
<p>1. Challenging and incentivising companies to employ young people as climate leaders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Employment Charter (WECA) • Bristol One City • Catalyse Change • Bristol Future Talent Partnership 	<p>2</p> <p>Staff time</p> <p>Money to pay young people</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Rising Co-Directors</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Carbon impacts would depend on business type</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Skill creation through jobs and training</p> <p>Greater community voice, agency and influence in decision-making</p>	<p>3-5 years</p>
<p>2. Creating climate leadership opportunities and upskilling young people into leadership / creative roles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising's Partners 	<p>3</p> <p>Commissions for creatives</p> <p>Training</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rising Agency Producer</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Carbon impacts would depend on business type</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Skill creation through jobs and training</p> <p>Greater community voice, agency and influence in decision-making</p>	<p>1-2 years</p>



Priorities: Business and Skills

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE
<p>3. Creating resources and workshops about how to 'green your practice' and circular jobs series and set up green businesses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie's Bicycle Heritage Crafts WECA Green Business Hub Business & IP Centre 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rising Community Producer</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Altered consumption patterns, buying less & re/using and recycling more</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Education opportunities for young people</p> <p>Removing barriers</p>	<p>3-5 years</p>
<p>4. Empower young people about creative green jobs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Schools 	<p>3</p> <p>People time</p> <p>Materials</p> <p>Developing resources</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Rising Community Producer</p> <p>Community Artists</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Altered consumption patterns, buying less & re/using and recycling more</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Education opportunities for young people</p> <p>Removing barriers</p> <p>Skills creation through volunteering and training sessions</p>	<p>3-5 years</p>



Priorities and Actions: Business and Skills

PRIORITY 1. Challenging and incentivising companies to employ young people as climate leaders

CITYWIDE / OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ACTIONS:

- a. Pulling together a list of benefits of employing young people as climate leaders
- b. Forming partnerships between Bristol Future Talent Partnership and One City Environment Board / Business board to incentivise the creation of these roles

PRIORITY 2. Creating climate leadership opportunities and upskilling YP into leadership / creative roles

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising's Agency Producer to advocate for paid opportunities for Rising's community to work on meaningful projects exploring the relationship between creativity and climate justice

PRIORITY 3. Creating resources and workshops about how to 'green your practice' and circular jobs series, and set up green businesses

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising's Community Producer to work with local partners and artists to create training and workshops to explore how to make your creative practice more green and explore the circular nature of many freelance careers
- b. Rising to offer free support to write funding applications for our community to get started and bring together a library of resources on green business practices

PRIORITY 4. Empower younger young people about creative green jobs

OUR COMMUNITY ACTIONS:

- a. Build relationships with local schools
- b. Rising to support artists to create relationships with local schools and share their career journeys and how to get into 'green creative jobs' series



Priorities: Homes and Buildings

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE
1. Improve confidence in our community in occupying disused buildings and spaces for creative / community projects sustainably	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Platform Places Projects Resources Artspace Lifespace 	<p>2</p> <p>People time</p> <p>Pooling together resources and information</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rising team</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Hugely reduced energy demand from buildings, including heritage assets</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Greater voice, agency and influence of communities in climate decision-making</p> <p>Skills creation through volunteering and training sessions</p>	3-5 years
2. Empower community to tackle unsustainable rental housing practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acorn Bristol Energy Network Centre for Sustainable Energy Retrofit West 	<p>2</p> <p>People time</p> <p>Developing and disseminating resources</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Rising Community Producer</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Improving home to EPC standard C</p> <p>Increased / improved insulation on housing stock</p> <p>Empowered renters</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Equal access and reduced inequalities</p> <p>Educational opportunities for young people</p> <p>Influencing change with landowners</p>	3-5 years
3. Write access to nature into housing law and redevelopment guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town and Country Planning Association BCC Regeneration Team Parks Team at BCC 	<p>2</p> <p>Campaigning time</p> <p>Bureaucratic procedure</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Local government</p> <p>Lawyers</p> <p>Community Activists</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Widely adopted agricultural practices that reduce emissions & increase soil carbon and protect / promote diversity</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Improved access to green spaces</p> <p>Reduced social isolation</p> <p>More opportunities for physical activity</p>	5-10 years



Priorities: Homes and Buildings

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE
4. Provide free spaces for people to eat, connect, create and refill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bristol Warm Spaces Co-Working Spaces 	<p>3</p> <p>Regular Space Subsistence</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Rising Community Producer</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Reduced energy demand</p> <p>Affordable heating</p> <p>Creating cool spaces during heatwaves</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Reduced social isolation</p> <p>Reduced fuel poverty</p> <p>Bring community together</p>	1-2 years
5. Raise awareness around housing insecurity for young people in the city	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KITFORM Centrespace People's Republic of Stoke's Croft 	<p>3</p> <p>Campaigns</p> <p>Resources</p> <p>People time</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rising Community team</p> <p>Community</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Raising awareness of smarter and more flexible management of energy demand</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Skill creation through jobs and training</p> <p>Bring the community together</p> <p>Greater community voice, agency and influence in decision-making</p>	3-5 years
6. Support renters to advocate for more energy efficient homes, and understand actions they can take	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACORN Centre for Sustainable Energy Retrofit West 	<p>1</p> <p>Upskilling staff</p> <p>Staff time</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rising Community Producer</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Improving homes to EPC standard C</p> <p>Increased / improved insulation on all housing stock</p> <p>Affordable housing</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Reduced fuel poverty</p> <p>Security in energy supply</p> <p>Greater voice, agency and influence of communities in climate decision-making</p>	1 - 2 years



Priorities and Actions: Homes and Buildings

PRIORITY 1. Improve confidence in our community in occupying disused buildings and spaces for creative / community projects sustainably

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Upskilling the Rising team around occupying disused building and running projects in spaces for community
- b. Making the information open-source for the community who are interested in taking this further

PRIORITY 2. Empower community to tackle unsustainable rental housing practices

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising to gather existing resources to support renters
- b. Consult with community about remaining knowledge gaps
- c. Build partnerships organisations like ACORN and Retrofit West to support us to build a resource library for our community

PRIORITY 3. Write access to nature into housing law

CITYWIDE / OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ACTIONS:

- a. Campaigning and lobbying local government
- b. Launching a petition about the importance of access to nature for local MPs
- c. Advocate for writing access to nature into housing law

PRIORITY 4. Provide free spaces for people to eat, connect, create and refill

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising to partner with different (warm and cool spaces) organisations across the city, where our community feel safe to work and connect, running regularly monthly workshops and meet-ups
- b. Rising to get funding from trusts and foundations to sustain engagement work

PRIORITY 5. Raising awareness around housing insecurity for young people in the city

OUR COMMUNITY ACTIONS:

- a. Rising to get funding and partnerships to support the community to put on a creative exhibition around housing insecurity in the city for young people to raise awareness and spark conversation
- b. Community to curate and put on the exhibition, having their voices heard about how housing insecurity impacts them.
- c. Rising and community to invite local stakeholders to build on the conversation



Priorities: Adaptation and Resilience

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE
1. Citywide campaigns by Rising's creatives about heat vulnerabilities & climate risks in the city	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK Climate Resilience Programme University of Bristol ResNet Bristol City Council (Keep Bristol Cool Framework) 	<p>3</p> <p>Commissions for local artists</p> <p>Dissemination and sharing</p> <p>People time</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Rising Agency Producer</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Widespread and actively managed & planned carbon storage strategies</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Educational opportunities for young people</p> <p>Increased community resilience</p>	3-5 years
2. Develop a climate crisis relief fund for Rising's community - for joy and relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rising supporters Community 	<p>3</p> <p>Setting up systems and processes for people to donate</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rising Co-Directors</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Increased community resilience</p> <p>Moments for bringing the community together and joy</p>	3-5 years
3. Rising to develop a 'climate disaster / events' policy for team and community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie's Bicycle 	<p>2</p> <p>People time</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rising Co-Directors</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Improved business efficiency</p> <p>Improved community resilience</p>	1- 2 years



Priorities and Actions: Adaptation and Resilience

PRIORITY 1. Citywide campaigns by Rising's creatives about heat vulnerabilities & climate risks in the city

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising to work with partners like Climate Resilience Programme and University of Bristol to raise awareness of high-risk areas of climate change in the city
- b. Rising to commission artists to deliver creative commissions to create engaging ways of communicating to the city

PRIORITY 2. Develop a climate crisis relief fund for Rising's community - for joy and relief

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising to work with Rising Alliance, trusts and foundations to build a climate relief fund for members of our community who are being impacted by the realities of climate change and create opportunities for joy and relief - to be co-budgeted with the climate steering group
- b. Rising to host 'Grief Cafes' for our community to come together to be together to explore the realities of climate crisis

PRIORITY 3. Rising to develop a 'climate disaster / events' policy for team and community

OUR ORGANISATION ACTIONS:

- a. Rising to draft a policy that will be added to the staff handbook and the community agreement
- b. Rising to check the draft for feedback with the staff, board and community

'Would love to discover what exactly are the green jobs available and I think people should have access to healthy locally produced foods which has an effect on fuel usage and fairer jobs in local communities. Less cars are used when there are accessible and sustainable transport options.'

–Survey Respondent, BS8



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Evaluation and wider objectives

This plan was developed as part of the Bristol Community Climate Action Project coordinated by Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership, and supported by Bristol City Council and the Centre for Sustainable Energy.

The evaluation objectives of the project are:

1. Communities will better contribute to Bristol's 2030 carbon neutral and nature recovery ambitions.
2. There is wider and deeper climate change engagement and leadership in diverse communities.
3. Climate community action will support transitions towards a more just and inclusive society.
4. Community climate action will support increased community resilience to immediate climate and social challenges.
5. Climate community action is recognised as an essential strategic approach towards achieving net zero goals in Bristol, the West of England sub-region (WECA area) and nationally.
6. Communities in Bristol and beyond are inspired and supported to take community-led climate action.

The development phase of the Community Climate Action Project (October 2020 – April 2022) focused on the development of six coproduced community climate action plans by six Bristol community organisations (ACH, Ambition Lawrence Weston, Eastside Community Trust, Bristol Disability Equality Forum, Heart of BS13 and Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust) and extensive evaluation data was collected during the project through a suite of 10 surveys using the online Makerble platform.

An insights report was produced at the end of the development phase of the project (April 2022), and a full evaluation report will be produced at the end of the programme (September 2025).

The Community Climate Action Project has been supported by the National Lottery Community Fund's Climate Action Fund. The overall objectives/outcomes of the fund are:

1. More – and more diverse – people engage with climate issues and understand what climate change means for them.
2. More – and more diverse – people have hope that things can change and take action on climate change.
3. Community-led climate action initiatives grow and develop.
4. Carbon emissions are reduced through action at the local level.
5. Community-led climate action is fair and generates co-benefits for people's quality of life.
6. Learning on good practice is captured and shared.
7. The National Lottery Community Fund and others across the sector (including funders) integrate support for community-led climate action into their wider activities.
8. Evidence of increased support for climate action.
9. Local communities develop increased resilience to immediate climate impacts.

List of community benefits



Health & wellbeing

- Reduced fuel poverty
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Reduced noise pollution
- Reduced air pollution
- Improved dietary health
- Increased community pride
- Reduced social isolation
- Improve mental health/wellbeing

Economy

- Job creation
- Green jobs training and apprenticeship opportunities (young people)
- Improved business efficiency
- Improved household finances
- Opportunities for skills and training
- Money retained in the local economy
- Opportunities for local investment
- Lower energy costs
- Lower energy tariffs
- Better public transport links

Environment

- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Improved green spaces
- Reduced overheating risk
- Reduced flood risk
- Increased biodiversity
- Reduced waste going to landfill
- The creation of more attractive public spaces

Resilience

- Security in energy supply (fewer power cuts)
- Security in energy supply (less reliance on international imports)
- Food security (security in local food supply)
- Flood risk mitigation

Community Resilience

- Security in energy supply (less power cuts)
- Security in energy supply (less reliance on international imports)
- Security in energy supply (opportunities to access renewable energy sources)
- Food security (security in local food supply)
- Food security (less food waste)
- Skill creation through volunteering and training sessions

Society

- Reduced inequalities
- High level decision makers (ie national gov) influenced to make positive changes
- Community brought together / community cohesion
- Improved public sector finances
- Greater voice, agency, and influence of communities in climate decision-making
- Educational opportunities for children and young people

Equalities

- Equal access
- Preventing the creation of new barriers
- Removing a barrier
- Minority voices amplified and able to influence decision-making



List of carbon impacts

Energy

- Hugely reduced energy demand from buildings, including heritage assets
- Smarter & more flexible management of energy demand, including storage
- Decarbonised power generation
- Decarbonised heat delivery
- Widespread, actively managed and planned carbon storage strategies
- Reduced energy demand
- Affordable heating
- Energy use is from renewable sources
- Improving all homes to EPC standard C
- Displacement of fossil fuel energy by using locally generated electricity from renewable sources

Buildings/Housing

- Hugely reduced energy demand from buildings, including heritage assets
- New buildings and developments that achieve net zero emissions, including associated transport
- Improving all homes to EPC standard C
- Increased/improved insulation on all housing stock

Food

- Altered dietary patterns & reduced food waste.
- Widely adopted agricultural practices that reduce emissions & increase soil carbon and protect & promote biodiversity
- Food education to reflect the needs of diverse communities
- Reduced meat (and dairy) consumption

Waste and Consumption

- Hugely altered consumption patterns, buying less and re-using/repairing more
- Greatly increased recycling rates to achieve a circular economy model, taking plastics out of the waste stream
- Altered dietary patterns and reduced food waste.
- Less demand on shop bought edibles
- Less packaging and waste
- Safe disposal of older appliances that contain Freon Gas which depletes the ozone layer
- More food waste going to biomass production



Glossary of key words

Adaptation: Process taken to adjust to the actual or expected climate and its effects

Biodiversity: All the different kinds of life you'll find in one area—the variety of animals, plants, fungi, and even microorganisms like bacteria that make up our natural world

Carbon emissions: The carbon dioxide gas that planes, cars, factories, etc. produce which contribute to climate change

Carbon footprint: A tool to help us understand what changes we need to make to cut our emissions. They show us which actions result in emissions, and how much

Green jobs: Green jobs are those which are in some way contribute to reducing the consumption of energy and raw materials, limit greenhouse gas emissions, minimise waste and pollution and protect and restore ecosystems

Greenhouse gases: Carbon dioxide, and other 'greenhouse gases', trap heat in the atmosphere and keep the earth warm (which is why they're called greenhouse gases). These gases, which occur naturally, make the earth a habitable place – without them it would be too cold to live here

Just transition: Ensuring the transition to a low carbon society/economy is equitable, that any benefits are shared widely, whilst supporting those who stand to lose out economically

Natural habitat: The natural environment in which a species of plant/animal/fungi etc lives

Net zero and carbon neutral: This means that any carbon dioxide that is emitted by the activities taking place is balanced by the same amount of carbon dioxide being absorbed from the atmosphere (sometimes achieving net-zero carbon dioxide emissions is referred to as 'carbon neutrality')

Renewable energy: Energy that is generated from natural processes that cannot be exhausted and is constantly renewed (including solar/sunlight, geothermal heat, wind, tides, water)

Resilience: The capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from the impacts of climate change.

Retrofit: The introduction of new materials, products and technologies into an existing building to reduce the energy needed to occupy/use that building

Wildlife corridors: A strip of natural habitat connecting populations of wildlife otherwise separated by cultivated land, roads, housing etc

'Bristol has a number of very polluted roads with heavy traffic use. This creates loud, stressful environments with poor air quality for pedestrians— which bad for both health and mental health when experiencing these conditions daily. Many of these roads are next to schools, hospitals and parks. Reliable and efficient public transport could cut down the number of cars on the roads and improve air quality, congestion and make roads generally safer. I believe a lot of climate-orientated solutions can, in turn, create solutions for other problems Bristol faces. Energy efficient and well insulated homes could allow people to have access to cheaper energy bills, use less energy and generally cut down on overall energy consumption (whether this electricity/ energy comes from a sustainable source or not). I believe everyone should be entitled to heat and warmth in their home, or place of residence.'

-Rising Community Member, Survey Respondent, BS15