

# OPPORTUNITY: Join the COP26 Local Champions Network

Young Scot Hive (#YSHive) are looking for young people from across Scotland aged 11-25, to be part of the COP26 Climate Co-Design Group as Local Champions.

## Project information



11 to 26 Years



September 2021 - March 2022



Anywhere in Scotland

### About the COP26 Local Champions Network

Young Scot, Keep Scotland Beautiful and YouthLink Scotland are working with the Scottish Government to deliver a programme of youth co-design and engagement centred around COP26 which is due to take place in November 2021.

This programme aims to ensure that young people play a key role within the work that is done in Scotland relating to COP26 and in Scotland's response to the climate emergency by increasing awareness of climate change and supporting young people to get involved with climate action and decision making locally, nationally, and globally

As part of the programme, young people across Scotland will have the opportunity to get involved through the COP26 Local Champions Network. We are looking to recruit ten local champions in each local authority area across Scotland, creating a network of 320 youth climate activists to raise awareness of COP26 for young people at a local level and highlight youth climate action across their local community and promote it nationally.

### What you'll do as a Local Champion

As a COP26 Local champion you will ensure that young people and organisations in your community know about COP26 activities, and together with 9 other Local Champions in your area, you will:

- Support, where appropriate, local COP26 events within your local authority, voluntary sector or other youth work teams

- Promote COP26 themes in your local area and among your peers
- Get people involved in COP26 activities – nationally and globally
- Showcase the amazing efforts of young people by collecting and sharing positive images and stories of climate action in your local area
- Record your activities using blogs, vlogs, and social media with the support of youth workers

You will be supported to develop a deeper understanding of climate related issues through climate change training from our partners Youthlink Scotland and Keep Scotland Beautiful. You don't need any experience to apply to become a COP26 Local Champion, but it would be great if you had an interest in at least one of these areas:

- Volunteering
- Making voices of young people heard
- Organising events
- Climate change, COP26 and climate action/activism
- Promoting equality and/or involvement in projects or activity challenging discrimination

Additionally, during this project, you can work towards Youth Scotland Achievement Awards, Dynamic Youth Awards, Duke of Edinburgh Awards or Participative Democracy Certificates. You can also use volunteering hours for a Saltire Award.

[For more information see the full role description.](#)

### **Volunteering as a Local Champion**

Becoming a COP26 Local Champion means you will be joining a supportive and inclusive team, with opportunities to learn a range of skills, take part in training, and develop confidence in yourself.

A dedicated youth worker will support you throughout your volunteering experience.

We are happy to make reasonable adjustments to enable all young people to take part, and there will be an opportunity when you apply to tell us about any support or adjustments you need to contribute fully.

We will ensure we are a safe and trusted place for you to volunteer. We do not accept any form of discrimination or prejudice to anyone on our volunteering projects based on your life experience, background, culture, or identity. This includes age, disability, gender identity, parenting and caring responsibilities, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

## **Sign up**

If you would like to be part of the Local Champions Network, then you can apply using the [online application form](#). This sign-up form is also available in other formats, please get in touch if this is required.

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