

CLIMATE ACTION: HAVING OUR SAY



Harnessing data to drive positive behaviour change



- A student led survey which provides secondary schools with an understanding of how their students currently think and feel about climate change, what students are doing to take climate action, and what would motivate and enable them to do more.
- Students are supported, through step-by-step resources, to use the survey insights to identify what needs to change in their school to encourage more students to carry out climate action, and then make decisions about how best to achieve change.



“When enough people come together, then change will come and we can achieve almost anything. So instead of looking for hope – start creating it. Now the real work begins, and we will never give up, ever.”

Greta Thunberg
November 2021, response to COP26

Key findings from our Climate Action Survey

To help enable 11 to 18 year olds to take climate action, InterClimate Network first set out to ask for their views, behaviours, and motivations around the climate crisis. The resulting Climate Action Survey has seen some 3,800 young people respond between 2020 and 2021.

During COP26 we launched findings from the large-scale survey of almost 4,000 school students.

The report can be found on our website:
www.interclimate.org

More than 8 in 10 young people are concerned about climate change.



8/10 think climate change is already having a negative effect on people's lives around the world.



3/4 believe climate change will affect their life in the future.

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1 in 2 young people are already choosing to act on climate change.



Many strongly advocate that we all have a part to play, and joined-up actions are needed.



97% of those already acting are doing so in their homes.



Only 2/10 are acting on climate change in their school and 1/10 in their community.

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What would further motivate young people to act in school?



Install more equipment that make it easier to undertake action.



Track results and showcase the positive impact of our actions.



Greater engagement with students so they understand the rules and how they will help.



Linking climate action to other campaigns that make life better.

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What is stopping climate action by young people?

1 Young people expressed strong views that governments, businesses, and other adults are not doing enough.

2 1/2 are unsure of how they can personally help.

3 8/10 feel insufficient time is provided in school for positive climate action.

4 Many feel individual actions have little impact without wider structural change, and that their views don't carry much weight in society, school or even their social group.

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Young people feel that, as they are the ones who are going to have to live with the reality of climate change, their views should have more of an influence.

Who inspires young people to take climate action?



Schools provide the most inspiration on climate action, with teachers cited as role models.



9/10 of those acting in the home are supported to do so by their families.



1/4 said that Greta Thunberg and David Attenborough had influenced their thinking on climate change.

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Four enablers for climate action



Opportunity



Community



Knowledge



Being Positive

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Use our Climate Activation Framework to help inspire and enable more young people to take positive action for the climate

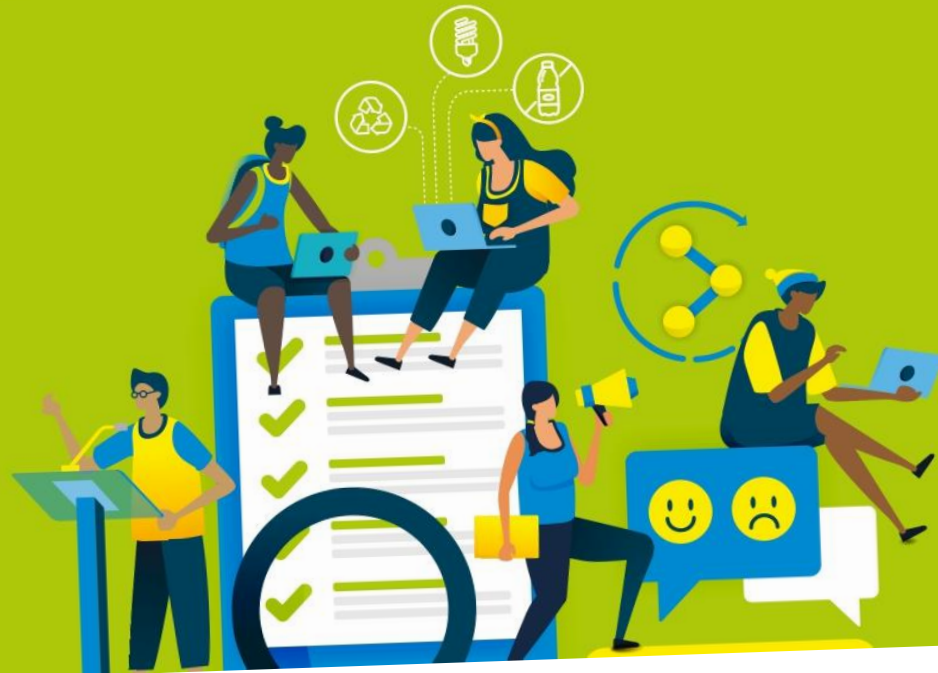


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SOLIHULL'S YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION SURVEY

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD



Solihull Council have set the ambition to be **net zero** across the whole Borough by 2041 and in response are developing plans to reduce emissions across the local area. You can find out more here:
www.netzerosolihull.co.uk

To help achieve this goal we want to hear from young people, aged 11 - 25, and are running a survey in partnership with the charity **InterClimate Network**.

This is a chance for you to have a genuine say on climate action, and the results will impact how the subject is addressed in your local community.

But don't worry, you don't have to know about or be interested in climate change to take part - we want to hear from everybody.



TAKE THE SURVEY*

It only takes 10 minutes to complete
surveymonkey.co.uk/r/solihullclimate

Solihull's Youth Climate Action

Almost 500 young people, aged 10 to 25, from across Solihull have completed the survey so far. Here is a sneak peek of some of the responses.....



Do students think Solihull Council should act on climate change?



80% Yes

3% No

17% Don't know

Which are the top 3 activities that students think Solihull Council should focus on?

- Plant trees which can act as a sink for carbon dioxide.
- Help protect the local environment e.g. planting bee-friendly plants and collecting litter.
- Support larger scale projects that reduce emissions across the local area e.g. develop renewable energy schemes such as heat networks or solar power.

Who most inspires students to get involved in climate action?



1 TV



2 Family



3 Social media



4 Charities



5 School

Almost 8 in 10 students (79%) expressed concern regarding climate change.

Over half (65%) of students are already taking climate action.

62% would like to get more involved in climate action in schools.

Over half of students (64%) are unsure of how they can personally help.

7 in 10 students don't feel they have enough time in school to carry out climate action.

Please promote the survey

There is still **one more week** to get as many **10- to 25-year-olds** to fill in the survey:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/solihullclimate

Interested in finding out more?

Please contact Cecily.Etherington@interclimate.org

We look forward to looking through all the responses!

