

Cymru Cares

Global Day of Action for Climate Justice

Organised by Global Climate Justice Cymru

Global Climate Justice Cymru (GCJC) is a coalition of organisations across Wales committed to climate justice rooted in international solidarity. We work to ensure that Wales plays its part — not only in cutting emissions at home, but in standing with communities worldwide who are already living with the impacts of climate breakdown.

On 15 November, we join movements across the world for the <u>Global Day of Action</u> <u>for Climate Justice</u>, united under the message: This world is ours — and it is not for sale. From Wales to Brazil, from the Valleys to the Amazon, ordinary people are resisting extraction, exploitation, and inequality, and lighting the way towards climate and social justice.

We're inviting your group to take part by hosting a simple lantern-making session and either walking together with your lanterns or displaying them in windows, halls and hubs. Alongside the lanterns, we'll deliver or submit a shared letter calling on our political representatives to act with fairness, care and courage in the face of the climate crisis. Whether you're a school, chapel, youth group or community collective — this is a gentle, creative action that anyone can join.

Cymru Cares — Justice for All is our shared call. We stand in solidarity with communities everywhere facing floods, fires, war, poverty, and repression — especially those least responsible for these crises.

Our key calls to the Welsh Government are:

- Champion global solidarity including climate finance as reparations, loss & damage support, and debt justice for countries bearing the brunt of a crisis they did least to cause.
- Guarantee ethical public money ensuring procurement, pensions and investments do not fund deforestation or human rights abuses.
- Adopt a justice-led climate approach, centring the voices of those most affected and strengthen Wales' global solidarity programmes.
- Sign and promote the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and Introduce legally binding consumption-based emission targets for Wales to reduce our global footprint.

Wales has a long tradition of international solidarity, and today we carry that forward with lanterns of hope.

Step-by-Step Booklet for Community Groups in Wales – Before and on Saturday, 15 November 2025

Please note - we encourage community groups to prepare the lantern, letter and walk for the 15th November, however if this timing doesn't work for you, your group is more than welcome to run these activities throughout November (even into December if you like). Just keep us posted:-)

Community groups are welcome to tailor this activity to their own local area.

Contact Michi on michaela@climate.cymru with any questions and updates.

A. Before 15 November – Craft & Sign

- Host a lantern-making session (community centre, school hall, local hubs, churches, etc.).
- Provide materials and the letter template (below).
- If meeting in person, print a large A3 group letter for everyone to sign together.
- Offer home-making option; share the template digitally for e-signing.

B. 15 November – Walk or Window/Hub Displays

Option 1: Lantern Walk

- Choose an accessible loop (20–40 minutes). Start/end where you can gather safely.
- Read a short statement (30–60 seconds), template provided below
- Keep to pavements/parks; stewards at front/back.
- After the walk, hand-deliver the signed letter(s) to your MS/MP/Councillor office.
- Take photographs:
 - o A close-up of a lantern with the letter.
 - The group during the walk (make sure you obtain consent from all participants)

- Post your pictures with #climatejustice #cop30 #thisworldisours #globalclimatejusticecymru and your place name, e.g. #abertawe on social media. Please tag @climatejusticecoalition and @climatecymru
- Social media post examples you can use:
 - Lanterns lit in [your place name] for the Global Day of Action for Climate Justice the Amazon — this world is ours, and it's not for s

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 Walking tonight with neighbours in [your place name] to say loud and clear: Cymru Cares — Justice for All.

We stand with communities facing floods, fires, poverty and repression across the world.

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Option 2: Window & Venue Displays

- Light up home windows, chapel/community hubs, local shops, etc.
- Submit the signed letter(s) to your MS/MP/Councillor office digitally
- Take photographs:
 - o A close-up of a lantern (with the letter if you like)

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Resources & Templates

How-to: Recycled Lanterns



Jam jar lantern

- 1. Clean recycled jam jars (any size)
- 2. Wrap coloured tissue/greaseproof paper around the jar; glue or tape lightly (PVA glue & thick paintbrush for example)
- 3. Add cut-out letters (e.g., CYMRU CARES, CLIMATE JUSTICE).
- 4. Add LED inside; tie string handle.

Milk bottle lantern

- 1. Rinse and dry. Cut a small door/flap near the base for LED access.
- 2. Draw or stencil messages; add paper cut-outs.
- 3. Insert LED; tape flap closed.

Tetra Pak lantern

- 1. Rinse/dry. Cut out simple shapes (stars, hearts, Wales outline).
- 2. Line inside with thin paper; secure LED inside.
- 3. Punch two holes and add a string handle.

Tin-can star lantern (adult only)







- 1. Fill can with water and freeze (stabilises).
- 2. Using a nail, tap small holes in star/dragon patterns. Let ice melt.
- 3. Place LED inside; tape the rim if sharp.

Template Letter – "Cymru Cares for Global Climate Justice"

To: [Name of local MS / MP / Councillor]

From: [Your name / group name]

Date: 15 November 2025

Dear [Name],

On this Global Day of Action for Climate Justice, we join communities across the world in declaring: This world is ours – and it is not for sale. From Wales to Brazil, from the Valleys to the Amazon, people are resisting exploitation and rising up for fairness, dignity, and care.

Wales has a proud tradition of international solidarity — from miners supporting anti-apartheid struggles to communities welcoming refugees. Today, we affirm that spirit once more: Cymru cares — for our neighbours here in our community, and for our neighbours across the globe.

We call on you, as our representative in Wales, to lead with courage and integrity:

- Champion global solidarity including climate finance as reparations, loss & damage support, and debt justice for countries bearing the brunt of a crisis they did least to cause.
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At this time of overlapping crises — economic inequality, climate breakdown, war, and repression — we choose unity over division, care over profit, justice over extraction.

We light these lanterns to say: Wales will not look away. Wales will lead with solidarity.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name / Group / Community] [Address / Postcode] [Email]

Optional: attach photos from your lantern walk or display.

Lantern Walk Opening Script — "Cymru Cares, This World Is Ours"

(For a walk leader, teacher, steward, or child to read before setting off — steady and heartfelt, not shouty)

Thank you all for being here today.

We gather with lanterns in our hands — not just as decoration, but as symbols of hope, resistance, and care.

Today is part of a Global Day of Action for Climate Justice. Right now, people are marching and lighting lanterns in cities and villages across the world — from Wales to Palestine, from the Amazon to the Congo.

Together, we are saying: This world is ours — and it is not for sale.

We refuse a system that puts profit over people, that lets billionaires grow richer while families struggle to heat their homes, and that destroys land, water, and air for short-term gain.

Cymru cares — for our neighbours here in our community, and for our neighbours across the globe.

So we walk today not just in protest, but in solidarity and love. We walk for warm homes, fair bills, good green jobs, clean air, peace, and global justice.

May our lights be seen. May our message be heard.

Repeat after me — Cymru Cares! (pause) Climate Justice! (pause) This World Is Ours!

Let's walk together.

Disclaimer

Global Climate Justice Cymru is calling for communities across Wales to take part in lantern walks and displays as part of the Global Day of Action for Climate Justice.

However, all activities are organised locally and independently. Global Climate Justice Cymru is not responsible or liable for the planning, coordination, safety, or conduct of any events or individuals taking part.

Community groups and participants are responsible for:

- Carrying out their own risk assessments
- Arranging public liability insurance where required
- Ensuring appropriate permissions, safeguarding, and accessibility provisions
- Taking part at their own risk

By participating in any related activities, you acknowledge that you do so voluntarily and accept full responsibility for your own safety and conduct.