



Climate Action Link: Summary & What to Expect

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About Climate Cymru

[Climate Cymru](#) is a movement of thousands of individuals and a network of hundreds of organisations from all sectors in Wales, brought together by shared values and a recognition that the climate and nature emergencies require urgent, fair action. We believe that action should be guided by science and the voices of people across Wales.

Hosted by [Cymru Global](#), Climate Cymru draws on Cymru Global's experience of connecting people with global issues and turning concern into practical action. Cymru Global's wider vision, that everyone in Wales can contribute to a fairer, more peaceful world, sits at the heart of how Climate Cymru operates.

What we do

- Putting pressure on those with power to take concrete action
- Engaging productively with the Welsh Government
- Making sure voices from across Wales are heard and represented
- Inspiring and connecting our network
- Amplifying and accelerating our partners' work
- Sharing important information and opportunities with our network and the wider public
- Learning from society in Wales, and beyond
- Building broad public support for action
- Representing Welsh voices and organisations nationally and internationally

If you're joining us as a volunteer or school, you're joining a network that turns ideas into action, locally, nationally and beyond.

Climate Action Link

Climate Action Link is part of Climate Cymru's growing programme designed to empower young people to take climate action through volunteering. Our sessions introduce students to the idea that climate action isn't just for experts — *anyone* can get involved, make a difference, and build confidence and skills through community-based volunteering.

CAL connects our volunteers with schools across Wales to spark climate action, build youth leadership, and link school communities to our youth initiative, the [Youth Climate Ambassadors for Wales \(YCA\)](#) and wider Climate Cymru support. The Climate Action Link schools project is now the core focus of our volunteer work. This is our chance to inspire the next generation and show how climate action can be positive and practical.

Our volunteers are not experts - they are passionate about inspiring young people to take climate action in their communities. They are guided by the belief that national action starts locally, and want to inspire the same belief in students across Wales.

For more information, please see our website pages: <https://climate.cymru/schools/>

Purpose of the Project

Why we're running Climate Action Link

CAL exists to create real, lasting connections between schools, young people, volunteers and wider communities so that climate action becomes routine, inclusive, and youth-led. Rather than one-off sessions, CAL builds a pathway from classroom conversation to ongoing leadership, volunteering and meaningful influence.

Our core purposes

- Remove barriers to youth volunteering: Make it simple for pupils to access local volunteering opportunities and to see how they can help.
- Create youth leadership pathways: Encourage students to join the Youth Climate Ambassador (YCA) programme and local YCA groups.
- Embed positive, hopeful climate education: Move beyond fear to equip young people with practical skills, peer support, and next steps they can actually take.
- Strengthen school & community links: Use volunteers and local partners to connect schools to community projects, events (e.g., GBGW) and local climate initiatives.
- Support volunteer development: Provide training, safeguarding, well-being support, and progression routes so volunteers can grow in confidence and impact.

What to Expect

Before the Session

- We arrange the workshop at a time that suits your timetable
- A Climate Cymru coordinator or volunteer will confirm the age group, class size, any access needs, date and time
- We prepare a version of the workshop tailored to your learners — from KS3 to sixth form or college — ensuring the session is age-appropriate
- For key stage 3 and above - Topics can include how young people can get involved locally, an introduction to the Youth Climate Ambassadors, and a workshop where students themselves design a project, campaign or event for their local group or school eco-club - completely designed by students, for students.
- For key stage 2 - the session is based around being an ‘earth protector’, and follows a superhero style. Students must create their own earth protector with a secret power that protects the environment around them. They are also showed that all of this can be achieved through volunteering groups.
- For any questions regarding workshop specifics, please reach out to sali@climate.cymru and she can show you a preview.

During the Session

Our volunteer-led sessions are designed to be:

- Volunteer-centred - highlighting what volunteering looks like, why it matters for the climate, how it builds confidence, and how they can get involved
- Positive & Practical – focusing on solutions, local action, and real examples of young volunteers making change in Wales
- Interactive – involving discussion, quizzes, group tasks, and design challenges that help students explore their own ideas for taking action
- Age-Appropriate – tailored to your year group, from year 3 to sixth form

By the end of the session, students will:

- Understand the role volunteering plays in tackling climate and nature issues
- Explore simple volunteer actions they can take at school, at home, or in their community
- Learn about opportunities available to them, including eco-committees, local youth groups, and (for older students) the Youth Climate Ambassadors for Wales

After the Session

Once the session is complete, schools are invited to:

- Encourage students to join the Youth Climate Ambassadors
- Encourage local volunteering projects, school-based clubs or action groups, eco-committee activities and community partnerships
- Stay connected – by sharing updates or student stories in our newsletter, and linking into events such as Great Big Green Week

We'll also follow up with your school to answer any questions, provide extra resources, and offer guidance on next steps.

Youth Climate Ambassadors for Wales (YCA)

A key pathway for students after the session is the [Youth Climate Ambassadors for Wales](#). The YCA is a national, youth-led initiative that empowers young people to take part in climate action locally and nationally.

The YCA network has three key elements:

- Core Group – young leaders who set the direction of the YCA, lead campaigns, and meet decision-makers
- Consultation Group – open to any young person in Wales to share ideas and shape campaigns alongside the core group
- Local YCA Groups – school- and community-based groups currently being developed, which connect local action to the national YCA (still being developed)

How Schools Can Get Involved

- Students are encouraged to help set up a local YCA group in their area, as well as join the core and consultation group
- Schools can establish their own school-based YCA groups, but these groups must feed into the wider local YCA group to ensure young people are connected to others in their area
- Local YCA groups act as the bridge between school-level action and the national YCA network, ensuring that the voices of students from across Wales are heard at the highest levels

By supporting students to join or establish a local YCA group, schools provide a clear pathway for pupils to continue their climate journey beyond the classroom — turning school projects into part of a Wales-wide movement for change.

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