



## PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

The Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund is an opportunity for you to have your say about how the Northeast of Scotland transitions to Net Zero.

With £333,333 up for grabs, non-profit organisations across Aberdeen City have applied for a chance to fund a fantastic range of environmentally friendly projects.

Everyone with an Aberdeen postcode has 10 votes and can decide on the outcome of the fund. You must use all of your votes so choose your top 10 favourites from the list of 22 projects below!

### **57North Hacklab** - £15,950

*Education | Green Energy*

Cleaner energy is a powerful way to combat climate change and reduce emissions. However, small communities and local groups face obstacles regarding purchasing and installation costs, in addition to the lack of technical expertise for installation.

Our project is to showcase and educate local communities and individuals about off-grid, decentralised energy harvesting using solar panels.

The goal of our project is to create climate resilient communities through planet-friendly power infrastructure. We focus on two aims to reach our goal:

1. Using solar energy, our project will empower local communities by educating and showcasing how to build and maintain decentralised, off-grid power. This includes how to minimize installation cost, how to analyse and optimise energy consumption via sensors and data analytics to maximise efficiency of small-scale infrastructure.
2. Provide mobile event and energy unit for members and affiliated groups for outdoor events.

### **Aberdeen Methodist Church** - £45,000

*Energy Efficient Buildings*

Voting for this project will benefit the environment and will also help to build community, reduce isolation and support positive mental health. Since March 2017 Aberdeen Methodist Church has provided a hot meal to anyone who needs it every Sunday through 'Open Table' – currently feeding 20-30 people each week. Since February 2022, the church has been open Monday to Friday, 2-4pm, offering a 'Warm Space' and a food bank in the City centre – now hosting 60-70 visits every week. Both projects bring people together, offering a safe space, good food, companionship and peer-to-peer support. They can be more sustainable in the long term through the installation of secondary double glazing and the insulation of the roof space in our inspiring, but chilly granite building. Funding this work will reduce carbon emissions and redirect funds from paying for energy to caring for people. A warm welcome needs a warm building!

**Black Cat (Aberdeen) CIC T/A Krakatoa - £46,935**

*Energy Efficient Buildings*

Our mission is to enhance the local grassroots music scene. As such we plan to convert the space above Krakatoa into low-cost accommodation for touring musicians booked to perform here and at other local music venues. The facility will also feature a sustainable late night vegetarian café, to provide meals for them, and also to service our concert goers.

Krakatoa is run by our worker cooperative on a not-for-profit basis. We are applying for this funding in order to purchase sustainable sheep's wool insulation, along with mechanical ventilation & heat recovery systems. The finished space will benefit from extremely low energy consumption, whilst delivering 10 litres of fresh air per occupant per second.

Any operating surplus will be recycled into our live music programme, which emphasises fair pay to grassroots artists, by guaranteeing to pay them 100% of the admission receipts from their performance.

**Cornhill Community Association - £16,625**

*Community Green Space*

Help us kickstart our wonderful Community Garden in Cornhill/Stockethill! Cornhill/Stockethill is a built-up residential neighbourhood where the vast majority of residents don't have access to a private garden. By developing a community garden, the space will provide residents with the opportunity to spend more time outdoors, connect with nature, grow their own food, improve their health and wellbeing, and instil a sense of pride in their community whilst enabling residents to develop stronger ties to their area. We want residents to take ownership of the fantastic space that is available and develop the garden in whatever way they desire. If we were successful in our application, we would use the grant to buy storage containers, rainwater collector, solar powered generator, tools, raised beds, benches, and grass-safe matting for wheelchair and pram access to the garden.

**Friends of Westfield Park - £10,400**

*Community Green Space | Education*

The Friends of Westfield Park are passionate about improving and enhancing our local park so that it can be enjoyed by all for outdoor exercise, learning about nature, volunteering, community events and improving mental health and wellbeing. Westfield Park is a fantastic but relatively little-known greenspace right in the middle of Bridge of Don, with three schools, a sheltered housing complex and a doctors' surgery on its border. Thus, the park is accessible for all ages, and abilities. The Friends are a group of enthusiastic volunteers working hard to improve the space by creating wildflower meadows; maintaining the young woodland; creating a nature trail; and holding community events. We are seeking funding for a storage container to hold our tools and equipment; a "green roof" for the storage container; gazebos for holding community events in all weathers; and interpretive panels & signage to help people identify and learn about the wildflowers and wildlife in the park.

### **Garthdee Field Allotment** - £20,789

*Community Green Space | Education | Young People*

In the Family Food: Fresh and Frugal project, volunteers from Garthdee Field Allotments will work with Kaimhill Primary School pupils to grow and cook their own vegetables, providing tasty, inexpensive, and healthy meals for themselves and their families. While they do so, they will develop thrifty habits and learn the importance of protecting the natural world around them.

We will:

- Experience the joys of working in teams outdoors in the fresh air
- Grow and cook food to share with our families and local residents
- Learn how tasty, inexpensive and healthy home-grown food can be
- Understand why locally grown food is better for our environment
- Learn to feed the soil to grow healthy disease-free vegetables
- Create growing spaces safe for all sorts of bugs and beasties
- Find out how green growing can cut emissions and protect against Climate Change
- Recycle, repurpose and compost materials to cut down landfill waste.

### **Greyhope Bay** - £11,000

*Education | Recycling*

Help Greyhope Bay be a zero-waste to landfill visitor attraction and keep Aberdeen's favourite dolphin viewing site litter free! Your vote will help upgrade our facility to support our zero-waste ambition that aims to teach better habits to protect our precious marine environment.

We all want to do the right thing, but we know that sorting your waste can be confusing. That's why we want to create an easy to follow and inspiring waste-sorting experience at our site at Torry Battery to maximise our positive impact and help visitors make the right choices when it comes to managing their litter. We will purchase the required weather/animal-proof external and internal bins for all the waste streams we produce at our cafe (glass, mixed recycling and compost, no general waste!) and create signage to guide visitors and inspire positive behaviour changes around their waste disposal habits in general.

### **Somebody Cares** - £36,550

*Greener Transport*

Changing to a greener future one van at a time.

As our services are more needed than ever, we want to do our bit to use sustainable and renewable energy while serving our community by changing our fleet to electric vans. This will enable us to help even more people by providing furniture, clothing, food and other essentials Free of Charge to the most vulnerable and marginalised people in our immediate society.

With a low emission zone already in effect and fully enforced by June 2024, an electric vehicle will enable us to still serve the whole city.

### **St Machar Academy Parents Council - £9,000**

*Education | Community Green Space | Young People | Wildlife*

We want to make St Machar Academy a biodiverse and nature-friendly space and involve our young people in protecting and studying the wildlife.

Our breeding pair of Oyster Catchers on the school grounds are well known and cherished visitors, many members of the school community fondly follow their progress and journeys.

Through the installation of cameras, conservation work and education we hope that the breeding pair will continue to do so successfully thus helping them fly off the amber list of UK Birds of Conservation Concern.

We know that our children will become increasingly aware of the impact of climate change; using wildlife cameras as a catalyst will help them engage with their learning and see the impact of their actions. Connecting with experts our young people will become equipped with the knowledge and skills to advocate for conservation in their community far beyond their time at school.

### **Aberdeen University Student's Association - £50,000**

*Greener Transport | Disabilities*

A just transition needs to give everyone an opportunity to participate, and that includes people with disabilities and/ or specific mobility requirements. Expanding our free bike hire scheme to include e-bikes and accessible bikes will make it relevant to more students, while further reducing transport emissions.

Aberdeen is a city whose transport sector needs rapid decarbonisation, the city is of a perfect size to be a cyclable city, yet there are many barriers that people face to be able to effectively adopt cycling in Aberdeen. While for many cycling is easy and cheap for some of us including many of us with disabilities, who would require a specialist adapted or e-bike, gaining access to a bike would need to be a large financial investment. We want to provide access to a pool of such bikes to expand our existing and well-used free bike hire program.

### **Alcohol and Drugs Action - £29,000**

*Greener Transport*

'Sharp Response' provides a daily mobile crisis outreach service targeted to those alcohol/drug users deemed to be at highest risk. The service goes to the individual wherever they are, rather than waiting for the individual to come to the service. The project provides amongst other interventions; safe needle-exchange (including provision of naloxone to help prevent fatal overdose), blood-borne virus testing, sexual health input, and it directly addresses various hardship needs of both clients and their families. This involves access to emergency food parcels, and practical help with re-establishing communication with other services/family.

Further outcomes may include 'wellbeing' checks, support to access/re-engage health (and alcohol/drug treatment) services, as well as working with other agencies to swiftly secure positive outcomes for what is an extremely marginalised and stigmatised group. This work is vital as with the cost-of-living crisis and other pressures, those already disadvantaged, are likely to be further affected.

### **Aberdeen Science Centre - £39,500**

*Greener Transport | Education | Young People*

Help us bring Aberdeen Science Centre and the Climate Conversation to you!

Do you want to know why so many people are talking about Climate Change, and how this might affect you and your family? Do you want to learn about the opportunities presented by these challenges to create a stronger, healthier, and more sustainable life for you and your community?

We propose to purchase and kit-out an electric vehicle as an interactive mobile Climate Change exhibit, along with graphics to explain the benefits of switching to electric and illustrate the reduction in our carbon footprint. We will work alongside you and provide a range of hands-on activities as well as inspiring workshops, to show you how we can all work together to tackle Climate Change.

Our proposal will enable us to take our interactive Climate Conversation on the road and into your local community, schools, businesses, and public events.

### **Fountain of Love - £50,000**

*Greener Transport | Young People*

We have been supporting disadvantaged communities in Aberdeen for 24 years. We run alcohol and substance support groups; job clubs to help combat unemployment; a befriending service to combat social isolation; we help families to visit relatives in prison; we support ex-prisoners to help prevent reoffending; we support people with no recourse to public funds; and we run a youth centre. As part of this support, we provide transport to enable people to take part in activities that they would not otherwise be able to access. In order to continue to provide these services we need to transition from our fossil-fuelled and carbon dioxide releasing vehicles to electric vehicles so that we can contribute to curbing emissions. Therefore, we are seeking funds to purchase an electric vehicle that will enable us to reduce our carbon emissions and continue our community work.

### **Bonnymuir Green - £32,415**

*Community Green Space | Education*

Bonnymuir Green Community Trust exists to provide an inclusive space with a purpose of growing fruit and veg for community use in a sustainable environment, while supporting biodiversity and net zero carbon energy consumption.

This project will transform an outbuilding into a functional and educational space, delivering requested workshops to all ages of the community, and beyond, on upcycling and fixing household items.

With proper insulation we will reduce our energy consumption. Installation of a 9.5kwh battery to store energy from our solar panels will save up to £2,500 per year in energy costs.

We have had over 20,000 visitors and delivered approximately 6,000 volunteer hours so far this year. Help us keep developing this space to provide the community with a mix of educational and social activities, encouraging fun, good health, wellbeing, and sustainable living.

**Camphill Medical Practice - £38053.95**

*Greener Transport | Education*

We need your support to buy an electric vehicle to transport disadvantaged people, including those with mental and physical ill health, to our COMPASS project so they can access therapeutic gardening, cooking classes and skills development opportunities.

COMPASS is a ground-breaking, community-orientated project to sustainably transform a previously disused 4.1-acre site rich in natural beauty and historic value into an innovative exemplar hub for sustainable, healthy living. The vision is to develop a unique community-accessible site focussed on practical solutions that improve mental and physical wellbeing in an environmentally sustainable way.

The project will also improve skills, knowledge and employability through training, skills sharing and connecting people.

We want to spark behavioural change towards a more sustainable city, deliver therapeutic activities to improve mental and physical health and create real change for those that need it most.

Your vote will help us support more people while combatting climate change

**FACEYOUTH – £45,616.96**

*Energy Efficient Buildings | Young People*

FACEYOUTH Centre is now used as a community hub for most groups; the grant will turn a cool drafty building into a warm welcoming centre for FACEYOUTH activities. The insulation will increase heating and cooling efficiencies while decarbonising the building's air. By reducing CO2 emissions, the air quality improves which is better for everyone who comes to the centre for learning activities, food, and our Holiday Club.

**Grampian Society for the Blind - £33,565**

*Greener Transport | Older People | Young People*

Headquartered in Aberdeen, NESS supports around 6,500 visually and hearing impaired people of all ages across North East Scotland. Originally founded in 1879, NESS is now sector leader in Scotland - uniquely delivering joint sensory services which have a life-changing impact on sensory impaired individuals' self-esteem, confidence, resilience, and ability to participate in society.

The funding requested would enable us to replace our current people carrier, now seven years old, with a similar but electric vehicle. Our people carrier transports our service users to the groups and activities which we provide – particularly the children and young people of our Young People's Sensory Service (YPSS). Our YPSS enables our youngsters to build their confidence, independence, social skills and ambition through our tailored activity programme. The electric vehicle would enable NESS to reduce its carbon footprint and environmental impact while making a huge difference to our service users' lives.

### **The Allotment Market Stall - £13,590**

*Community Green Space | Disabilities | Young People | Older People*

We wish to install a self composting toilet at Grove Nursery for all nursery users. This toilet means that older people, children, people with mobility issues and people with specific conditions will be able to use the site as currently there is no toilet provision at all. This improvement to the site will benefit all users for years to come and will be maintained by the groups responsible for the Grove Nursery Community.

The type of toilet we hope to install has high environmental credentials and the waste can later be used on flowerbeds when it is fully composted.

### **The Bridge of Don Brigade - £2000**

*Education*

We run regular craft activities and STEM-based projects. We would like to source and replace our current craft stock with more eco-friendly paper, glues, glitter and show how this will reduce our impact on the planet. Our STEM projects require us to purchase materials which are not as eco-friendly as we would like as the eco-friendly ones are out with our current budget.

### **Tillydrone Community Council - £50,000**

*Greener Transport | Disabilities | Older People | Young People*

We are hopeful to purchase an electric minibus for use in the community of Tillydrone. We aim to provide services for vulnerable/disabled adults/children, elderly folks & low income families. The minibus would be used for a variety of activities, these would include: providing transport for those who have mobility issues, possibly for shopping, appointments etc, funded outings etc. We could also provide transport for volunteers to carry out community work. The minibus can also double up as a van to distribute care packages or similar within our community. We could also provide travel for other groups within Tillydrone

### **Aberdeen Mosque & Islamic Centre - £35,000**

*Greener Transport | Energy Efficient Buildings | Green Energy*

The aim of the project is to improve the environmental footprint of the mosque and its congregants.

The project contains several parts:

- Installing water fountains and a bottle filling station to encourage less waste of plastic.
- Installing more bicycle stands, a bicycle repair station, and electric car chargers to encourage active travel and reduce carbon emissions.
- Installing district heating on the 2nd floor to move away from electric powered heating and contribute to a more eco-friendly environment.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Aberdeen Scout Group - £30,000

*Young People | Energy Efficient Buildings | Greener Transport*

The 9th Aberdeen Scout Group is a youth led organisation in the Broomhill area of Aberdeen. Our members are passionate about improving our impact on the climate. They want our Scout Group to head towards Net Zero and be the Scout Group with the lowest climate impact in Aberdeen!

Our biggest use of energy is in heating and lighting our Scout Hut and in travelling to and from the hut.

We want to:

- Replace our old roof and walls which have no insulation with modern highly fuel efficient materials
- Replace our old single glazed windows with modern highly fuel efficient double glazing
- Replace our old inefficient lighting with modern low energy usage lighting
- Encourage users to cycle to and from the hut by installing cycle lock infrastructure

We need your help on our journey to fuel efficiency!

## TIME TO VOTE

Have you chosen your top 10 favourite projects from the list? You are now ready to have your say in Scotland's just transition to Net Zero!

Visit [acvo.org.uk/vote](https://acvo.org.uk/vote) to cast your votes today.

Voting will close by 5pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

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