



North Lanarkshire Community & Voluntary Sector Community Climate Pledge



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The North Lanarkshire Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) Community Climate Pledge supports organisations to demonstrate their commitment and contribution to tackling the climate emergency and, by so doing, also support improvements to the environment and health.

How does the Pledge work?

If you are a CVS organisation operating in North Lanarkshire, we are inviting you to sign up to the Community Climate Pledge. To commit your organisation to this pledge, please select at **least two** actions listed on the next page. One of these actions must be **1. Raising Awareness and Commitment of Staff and Volunteers**

Benefits of Taking the Pledge

By taking this pledge, your organisation will become part of a collective local effort to help safeguard our planet and wellbeing now and for future generations. It will also support your organisation in various ways including:

Supporting future funding opportunities. Many funders are increasingly prioritising projects and initiatives that demonstrate a commitment to improving their climate impact.

Improving your organisation's reputation amongst staff, volunteers and the wider public by demonstrating your positive contribution to taking action on climate issues.

Supporting collaborations and partnership working. By signing this pledge we hope it can serve as a pathway to new collaborations with like-minded organisations and partners. These collaborations could lead to sharing of resources, expertise, and funding bids.

Background to the Community Climate Pledge

This pledge has been developed by [Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire \(VANL\)](#) as part of our [Community Climate Project](#). This is part of the [Action on Climate Together North Lanarkshire \(ACT Now NL\)](#) initiative and also supports the Lanarkshire Green Health Partnership.

Supporting your Organisation with this Community Climate Pledge

To help you on your journey, we have created a range of supporting resources including the Lanarkshire Community Climate Action Guides, which are available on the [ACT Now NL website](#).

VANL staff can also provide more specific support – if this is of interest, please contact us at info@vanl.co.uk

VANL will also be organising training, supporting organisational climate conversations and promoting membership of our Community Climate Network.

Taking the Pledge

Please enter your organisation's name in the box below and select at **least two** actions. One of these actions must be **1. Raising Awareness and Commitment of Staff and Volunteers**

recognise the urgent need to help to tackle the challenges posed by the climate emergency and the impact this has on our planet and natural world, communities and people. As a community and voluntary organisation serving the people of North Lanarkshire, we sign this pledge to show our commitment to take meaningful action to reduce our carbon emissions and support climate action activities by taking at least two of the actions set out below.

We commit to the following actions

1. Raising Awareness and Commitment of Staff and Volunteers



Our organisation will strengthen awareness and participation of our staff and volunteers in community climate action. This could include:

- Training an individual to become your Community Climate Champion.
- Commit to hosting a climate conversation within your organisation/team.
- Become an active member of the Community Climate Network.

2. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for Our Premises



Commit to reducing our organisation's carbon emissions through improved energy efficiency measures and the use of renewable energy. We will do this either directly where we own our premises or with our landlord where we rent.

For example:

- Implementing energy efficiency measures, such as installing LED light bulbs.
- Switching to a renewable energy supplier and/or installing solar panels.

3. Using Climate Friendly Materials and Equipment and Reducing Waste



Our organisation will do the following:

3.a Identify more climate friendly options for the materials and equipment we use and, as we purchase new materials and equipment, move to these climate-friendly options.

3.b Manage waste generated by our organisation from our operations according to the principles of reduce, re-use and recycle. This could include one or more of the following actions:

- reduce our organisation's use of materials overall - for example, use less paper and print less.
- reuse materials where possible - for example, stop using disposable plastic cups, plates and cutlery and provide reusable ones; repairing broken equipment.
- recycling our waste materials such as paper, cardboard, plastic, glass and equipment.

4.



Travel

Our organisation will reduce our carbon emissions from travelling to work and business travel by our staff and volunteers. We will promote active travel options, including two or more of the following:

- Supporting our staff and volunteers to use public transport where possible.
- Supporting our staff to cycle and walk where possible.
- Car-sharing.

5.



Supporting Nature and Nature Connection

Our organisation will support climate action and green wellbeing by taking action on one or more of the following:

- Where we own or can manage an outdoor area, greening this area to include native trees and plants to support wildlife and improve nature connectedness for our staff, volunteers, service users and wider community.
- Working with service users and/or local residents to support nature and nature connectedness through for example:
 - Organising nature walks.
 - Hosting nature-focused talks and activities such as plant and animal identification and nature crafts.
 - Creating wildlife habitats like birdhouses, bat boxes, insect hotels.
 - Initiating and/or supporting maintenance of a community garden.
 - Organising or taking part in tree-planting.
 - Supporting restoration and maintenance of nature walks and pathways.

6.



Supporting Wider Community Awareness and Action

Our organisation commits to supporting wider community awareness and action on climate issues through one or both of the following:

- Facilitating community climate conversations with residents and/or other CVS organisations.
- Participating in collective community climate action involving the local community and/or CVS organisations.

Name:

Role:

Organisation name:

Signature:

Date:

Please return this completed document to **info@VANL.co.uk** to include on our North Lanarkshire Community and Voluntary Sector Community Climate Pledge.

VANL staff will be in touch regularly to offer support and gather information on your organisation's progress.