

Small Grants Fund Case Study



Markinch Community Hub

What activity did you run?

We held various different activities aimed at young people. These activities were litter picking, tree planting and arts and crafts youth cafes.

The litter picking sessions were very successful. During these sessions we cleared our local parks and public places to make them cleaner and safer. By doing this we are helping with local climate change challenges. We also funded a litter picking pod in Balbirnie Park.

At the arts and crafts sessions, the young people designed posters to raise awareness of the climate emergency. A local artist is digitising them to be made into signs which will be featured in local parks. We also learned about reuse by upcycling old T-shirts into bags.

Who were your main audience?

Our main audience was pupils from Markinch Primary School. 112 pupils took part in litter picking, 117 in tree planting and 26 in the arts & crafts youth cafes.

What did you learn?

The young people learned how they can make a difference through climate action and how they can ultimately contribute towards change.

Has delivering your project increased capacity to tackle the climate emergency in your community?

The delivery of climate action workshops increased the young people's knowledge of the climate emergency by focusing on topics such as extinction events, viewing fossils, the Anthropocene, the IUCN Red List and conservation in Scotland.

The active sessions increased young people's knowledge of what they can do to help with climate change has encouraged them to become more actively involved with discussions on the issue with their peers. They have become more proactive in tackling climate change.

