

Small Grant Fund Case Study

Saline and Steelend Fabulous Food Pantry

What activity did you run?

We had two presentations about climate change, each followed by a plant-based cookery demonstration. The first talk was based on the current climate crisis, the Paris Agreement and what is a carbon footprint specifically of food. The second talk, Truth in Ten, was delivered by a Climate Reality Leader.

Who were your main audience?

Saline and Steelend Fabulous Food Pantry members and people from the surrounding local village. 90 people took part in total.

What did you learn?

It's really effective if you keep the message simple, with just one or two key messages that get the points across on climate change.

Has your project increased your community's capacity to tackle the climate emergency?

On chatting after the talks, the main things that came through were that people feel now that they know about climate change. They accept that it is happening and want to know directly how they can help. Many still think that simply recycling is the answer.

However, heat pumps and electric cars are seen as out of reach in this community. They are too expensive and people worry they may be ineffective. Also, people like to see more examples of local climate change as well as the global. But if they feel it's happening too far away to affect them, they may feel powerless to make a difference.

'When I looked at the carbon footprint for tomatoes, I was shocked!'

'We know climate change is happening and now we want to help.'

'Informative.'

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