

## Small Grant Fund Case Study

### Youth 1st Youth Action Fife

#### **What activity did you run?**

Youth Action Fife held their very first networking event. The main focus was on the climate emergency. The event, helped young people understand the climate crisis in a way that was relevant and accessible to them. It also helped people know how they can impact the local environment, thanks to great speakers and activists we had, who were from the local community.

#### **Who were your main audience?**

Young people aged between 16-30. 25 people attended.

#### **What did you learn?**

The young people of Youth Action Fife took the lead on organising the project and they learned a lot. They all have some sort of background or passion for the great outdoors and the environment, which added to their enthusiasm. The young people learned about event planning, advertising and social media. For many this was the first time they had planned a networking event. It presented many challenges, which will help the group to organise future networking events. They also learned more about the environment through networking with other community groups and the themed speakers.

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

Yes, it has. We wanted to make information about how to help the climate emergency more accessible for people who attended. We scaled back to the smaller ways we can help the wider community and local environment. Jason Byles, a well-known forager who runs workshops along the East Neuk coastline showed us the benefits of foraging and protecting the land we live on. Ronnie Collins, who does a lot of voluntary work in the forestry around Dunfermline, shared lots of information on local action too.

Breaking the climate crisis down into smaller, more visibly impactful, things helped young people to understand how to do more to benefit the climate. We also had positive feedback that will really benefit the young people to run further networking events. We also asked people to make little pledges on how they will benefit the climate - no matter how big or small!

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