

End of project report

School Climate Challenge



Impact

The School Climate Challenge was organised by Ghazala Ahmad-Mear from Tideswell and Steve Platt from Hathersage. It ran with 350 9–12-year-old children at all ten primary schools and one secondary school in Hope Valley, Derbyshire. The Challenge got the children talking about climate change with their teachers and friends, and at home with their parents. They changed the way they travelled to school, they ate less meat and more plant-based foods, they thought more about what they bought, they consumed less, and they valued nature more. They wrote to their local MP demanding a change in government policy. Children became ambassadors, persuading and cajoling their families to act on climate change.

Outputs

The following are the main deliverables from the challenge.

1. YouTube video of the project
2. Teachers' Pack with the all the materials in pdf format for teachers to run the session elsewhere
3. HVCA Website page with a link to the video and the Teachers' Pack
4. Final report in the form of an article for inclusion in the educational press.

Testimonials

Bishop Purglove School Tideswell – Mark Downings

This engaging workshop gave pupils an interactive platform to identify meaningful ways that they could help to reduce the harmful impacts of Climate Change upon the Planet. It also allowed them to discuss, share and think about the small changes that they and their loved ones could easily do at home to lower their carbon footprint. Pupils also had opportunities to be able to draw upon cross-curricular geographical and scientific knowledge to help them develop an understanding that when it comes to reducing Climate Change, by working together and taking small manageable steps - Everybody can make a Difference!

Peak Forest School – Elaine Keyes

The children enjoyed hearing all about your exhibition to Antarctica, and it really brought home some of the realities of the effects of global warming. They got very involved in the card game to the point where it was hard to get them to stop! It served as a good stimulus for them thinking about their own pledges, and for important discussions at home - which helped to get families involved in making pledges together.

Baslow School – Marie Clarke

It was lovely to welcome you back and thank you for taking the time to carry out the follow up session with the children. Yes, we will send the attached and encourage the children and remind families of how 'Everyone Can make a Difference'. We will continue too with our ECO Warriors to keep the momentum going.

Budget

The project stayed within budget with minor variations. The surplus will be used for three final things:

- to revisit all the schools on Zoom to show the video and engage with children and teachers,
- to disseminate the teachers' pack
- to run 3 workshops with children at the South Yorkshire Climate Education Conference in March 2023.

Income		Budget		Expenditure	
Bredden Invoice 1	£4,000.00	1 Prepare and pilot challenge	£500	Ghazala Invoice 1 Preparation - items 1-4	£1,500
Bredden Invoice 2	£4,500.00	2 Develop pledge and home survey	£500	Ghazala Invoice 2 Delivery - Item 7	£2,000
Derbyshire Foundation	£1,000.00	3 Produce introductory video	£500	Ghazala Invoice 3 Items 8-10	£3,000
	<u>£9,500.00</u>	4 Contact schools	£200	Printing cards and pledges	£122
		5 Printing cards	£100	Video editing James Marson, Edale	£375
HVCA Overhead 20%	£1,900.00	6 Arrange sessions	£500	Certificates/Books	<u>£159</u>
Project funding	£7,600.00	7 Deliver sessions	£2,000	TOTAL	<u>£7,156</u>
		8 Follow -up sessions	£1,000		
		9 Video reporting project	£1,500	Surplus	<u>£444</u>
		10 Teachers' pack	<u>£800</u>		
		TOTAL	<u>£7,600</u>		

Notes

- 1 HVCA Overhead includes accounting, insurance, zoom, website, social media
- 2 Project surplus to be used to show video to schools, disseminate teachers' pack, to attend South Yorkshire Climate Education Conference March 2023

Next steps

We are planning the following for 2023

1. Promote the YouTube video of the challenge locally and nationally
2. Show the video to all 15 schools in the challenge
3. Publish our short report of the project in an educational journal
4. Run three workshops with children at South Yorkshire Climate Education Conference 2 March 2023

Links

1. Link to YouTube Video <https://youtu.be/QU72A72qOVo>
2. Link to Teachers' Pack [Teachers Pack](#)