

Ways to Protect the Environment



Date	Monday 15 September 2025	Time	3 - 4
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sarah O'Connor (Ellacombe Community Partnership) ● Davina Luther (Torbay Communities) ● Tanny Stobart (Play Torbay) ● Rich Blagden (Taleblazers) ● Zoe Doran (Research Officer, Torbay Council) ● Lisa Money ● Johanna Morrell 		

Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● check in and catch-up ● Jo update on funding ● strategic direction: Imagination Stations. What can we do to keep this alive whilst we're waiting on funds? ● Pathways & skills for CYP. What's the unique offer within this group that could contribute to a young person's journey into green & blue careers? ● aob
Summary

Overview

- Joseph Rowntree Foundation bid submitted for £90k over 3 years for "imagination stations" in 3 towns; decision expected Dec 8
- Potential to use vacant shop space in Torquay for 18 months to showcase partner work and host climate action activities
- National Lottery has new funding streams coming; partnership advisor John Lewis to present details soon
- Need to balance quick wins (e.g. Castle Circus event in Oct) with longer-term cohesive planning for Imagine This promotion

Funding Updates

- Joseph Rowntree Foundation bid:
 - £90k over 3 years (£30k/year) for 3 "imagination stations" (1 per town)
 - Decision expected week of Dec 8

- Scaled down from previous £1.5M lottery bid
- National Lottery:
 - New partnership advisor John Lewis for South West
 - Significant changes coming to Reaching Communities and Partnerships funds
 - Environment/regeneration a key strategic pillar
 - Potential for Awards for All bid (up to £20k) to start imagination station
 - New Youth Work Fund coming later in year

Imagination Station Concept

- Spaces for young people to convene and develop climate action ideas
- Co-designed with youth, open access, led by trusted adults
- Partners provide expertise to support youth-led projects
- Keeps climate action aspirations alive while awaiting funding

Potential Shop Space Opportunity

- Vacant shop in Torquay available for 18 months
- Could showcase partner work, host activities, provide info
- Balancing quick use (e.g. for Oct event) vs. long-term planning
- Need to determine logistics (open/closed, full/partial space, etc.)

Castle Circus Celebration (Oct 17-19)

- Opportunity to showcase partner work
- After-party on 17th to present "phase 2" ideas
- Potential for partners to create info boards with council designer

Quest Performance (Oct 31)

- Annual promenade theatre event at Indigo's
- Partnership with Doorstep Arts, Life on the Edge, Rock Choir
- Could incorporate imagination station concept

Next Steps

- Partners to email Lisa with questions about shop space opportunity
- Lisa to discuss long-term shop use plans with Davina
- Zoe and Rich to liaise with Davina re: showcasing work at Oct event
- Lisa to follow up with Tanny on Quest logistics
- Lisa to get details from Davina on placard creation process with Beth
- Revisit pathways discussion at next meeting

Actions	Owner
Collect questions re 18-month shop space; speak w/ Davina re logistics & long-term planning inc. showcasing partners work	Lisa
Email Lisa w/ questions re 18-month shop space opportunity	Everyone
Follow up w/ Tanny re Quest event logistics & potential integration w/ shop space	Lisa