

# Ways to Protect the Environment



<b>Date</b>	Monday 27 October 2025	<b>Time</b>	1-2
<b>Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Davina Luther (Torbay Communities)</li> <li>● Tanny Stobart (Play Torbay)</li> <li>● Jacqui Warren (Torbay Council)</li> <li>● Nicky Bailey (South Devon National Landscape)</li> <li>● Lisa Money</li> <li>● Johanna Morrell</li> </ul>		
<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome and info share from partners – what's everyone up to?</li> <li>● Powered by Youth – update on recent event and next steps.</li> <li>● What are we taking forward as a key priority into next year? Imagination Stations?</li> <li>● Funding update.</li> </ul>		
<b>Summary</b>			

## Welcome and info share from partners – what's everyone up to?

- **Jacqui:**
  - Her team has internal funding to carry out energy audits in local schools, taking an investment proposition to the council to fund the further work.
  - Working on installing heat pumps at Sherwell Valley Primary School.
  - Commissioned Torbay Communities to look at climate engagement in up to 10 schools & wider community engagement sessions + supporting Parkfield to become a climate hub.
- Jo asked if anyone had any updates on climate action in the school curriculum
  - Schools must create Climate Action Plans by the end of the academic year, but lack support.
  - There are Climate Ambassadors to aid schools in enviro strategy, supporting to design curriculum etc
  - Davina developing workshops to train teachers and help schools create plans.
  - Jacqui's team at the Council have supported schools with half day sessions and helped them with their carbon footprint + signposting to experts in the bay etc
- **Davina:**
  - Just finishing up 'This is My Circus', aware of the need to continue the deep-rooted work with the community after the project ends.
  - Lots of opportunities at the moment to get young people involved in green careers, i.e. the development of the sea wall
  - Davina would like to bring all these things together

- Rachel Geary is leading on the SUDS project (Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems) in 3 schools
- Also wider community engagement working towards Parkfield Climate Hub
- **Jed:** Food Group is restructuring to hold two monthly meetings: one for strategic/systems-level talks and one for practical, on-the-ground work.
- **Tanny:**
  - "Life on the Edge Quest": A promenade theatre piece developed with drama students from Uni of Gloucester and children with additional needs, focusing on endangered insects. Participants will plant special pea plants to support the cuckoo bee's survival.
  - Performance: Friday, 1:30 PM, Brixham (free, no booking).

## Powered by Youth – update on recent event and next steps.

## What are we taking forward as a key priority into next year? Imagination Stations?

- The Sept 27 event successfully shifted power dynamics, enabling young people to lead conversations with key stakeholders (e.g., councillors, police).
- Key Themes from Youth:
  - Safe Spaces: A strong need for places to relax, with nature (e.g., Lupton Orchard, Indigo's) being a key component.
  - Belonging: A desire to connect with peers in meaningful ways.
- Creativity: A clear link between creative expression and environmental engagement.
- Direct Policy Impact: A powerful audio clip from the event directly influenced councillors, leading to a breakthrough: Torbay Medical Research funding for Exeter and Plymouth Universities to research challenges faced by home-educated children with additional needs.
- **Nicky:** South Devon National Landscape launching a 12-session Duke of Edinburgh programme with Taleblazers with hopes to continue yearly.
  - Working on a project to pair up an artist with a group of young people, possibly Young Adult Carers or Proud2Be. Nicky to get in touch with Jo.
  - The Life on the Edge project is now tightening its focus to meet specific outcomes, limiting its ability to support work outside its core aims but Davina and Nicky to connect on any possible project overlaps. Still providing small grants.
- Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust: Jed noted the Trust's closure creates a gap in youth opportunities and green space safeguarding. This will be a future discussion topic.

## Funding update

- The new, community-led National Lottery strategy aligns well with the group's approach.
- Encouraged to pursue an Awards for All bid (£20k max) to test the "Imagination Station" concept.
- Joseph Rowntree Foundation bid for Imagination Stations was unsuccessful. Feedback cited a need for a stronger theory of change.
- Not losing the idea, looking for funders. In conversations with funder Network for Social Change. Bid for 8k.

- Mare & Foal Sanctuary working on an Awards for All bid to expand equine therapy access for Torbay youth.
- Lisa mentioned there may be a need to gather and collectively re-work bid using feedback received so far.
- Davina is the contact with a new funder seeking projects in Torbay and will work to define a collective ask.
- She is also in convo to secure access to vacant town centre properties on Torquay high street over the next 18-36 months ahead of Union Square development.

Actions	Owner
Check climate ambassador training uptake; share update w/ group	Davina
Call Jo re: young adult carers/Foyer collab; then brief Stuart, confirm artist, share plan w/ group	Nicky
Intro Nicky to Fuel Youth (Brixham)	Jo
Email partners re: Awards for All lead for Imagination Stations; then convene design session	Jo
Email group Mare & Foal Sanctuary wellbeing video; share w/ Access for All + Reducing Stress & Anxiety groups	Jo
Add the Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust's closure to a future agenda.	Rebekah
Schedule face-to-face meeting for group (late 2025/early 2026)	Rebekah