

Ways to Protect the Environment



Date	Tuesday 3 June 2025	Time	1.30 - 2.30
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sarah O'Connor (Ellacombe Community Partnership) ● Hannah Worthington (Bat Conservation Trust) ● Liz Muir (Torbay Communities) ● Lisa Money ● Johanna Morrell ● Rebekah Daws 		

Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding updates ● Partner Celebrations ● Update from Jacqui Warren
Summary

Funding updates

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation's 'Sustainable Futures' fund is being considered for a smaller, more focused project. The fund prioritises community-led initiatives that build resilience for the future. The upper limit to apply for is 100k across either 1 or multiple years.

The group spoke about identifying elements of the CAF bid that can be done without institutions, e.g LA, without permission. We discussed potential aspects that could contribute to the application including maintaining the idea of youth-led imagination stations, expanding existing work with Food for Thought and focusing on community spaces like Ellacombe community garden, Play Torbay and People's Parkfield.

We wondered whether Community Centres owned by the council have to go through a process with the council or if they still have autonomy to do what they like?

The group decided to go from 10 'imagination stations' down to 3, one for each town, each with unique characteristics and potential for collaboration. The stations aim to foster creativity and learning among young people, with a focus on environmental awareness and community engagement. There was a suggestion that a second year could be for shared learning between the places.

The group agreed to apply for 100k over 2 years: build and develop in year 1. Learn, share and evaluate in year 2.

More ideas and suggestions:

- Visits and trips to inform young people of possibilities, and inspire ideas.
- Make use of a beach hut or container.
- People's Parkfield is a Geopark Associate Partner status already (would be smart to make it one of the imagination stations).
- A community-led tourism guide, similar to TripAdvisor, to promote local businesses and environmental sustainability

Summary: 100k over 2 years. 3 imagination stations. De-council the CAF bid. Once written, share it around. Key challenge: CAF bid allowed for really ambitious partnership. Key Partners: Ellacombe Community Partnership, Play Torbay, People's Parkfield.

Partner Celebrations

Davina celebrated the success of the Heritage day with young carers and their families at Parkfield on 6th April. Castle Circus arts and heritage project launching - two-day October festival with pop-up shops, art galleries, school involvement, selfie trail connecting town areas. Heritage group evolving toward Community Action Group (CAG) status, permaculture plan for the walled garden - possibility for an outdoor kitchen with link to LM food group.

Sarah celebrated their activities that took place during half term inc. preparing for Play Torbay's Green Marketplace, Bug City continues to grow with an new addition of Fairy City, discovered and cleaned a stone wall surrounding the garden, lots of arts & crafts and involvement of parents in activities! Plan for a celebratory event at the end of the summer, cooking grown food for the community.

Update from Jacqui Warren

"We are putting on a Climate Action Plan planning session for our schools on 27 June (6 in total). This is a half day session to provide a range of tools and support to help schools develop their CAPs (which is mandatory by end of 2025). Anyone interested in more or helping schools develop actions for their CAP should contact me."

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