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RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Climate Emergency Training Programme

A Pilot

Goal

To create a training programme that will equip the next generation of climate leaders to effectively respond to the climate emergency

Deliverables

Key skills to be fostered in recipients:

- Community Organising: Ability to organize effectively to negotiate with organised power to achieve change
- Technical competence in climate science, energy and related areas

A shift in mindset will be sought along the lines of *"it's my responsibility to fully engage with the training - because it's about shaping my future"*, ie. the training is not 'more teaching' but is about empowering people with the tools to shape their future.



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Elements of Programme

Scale: While a key part of the community organising approach is building awareness of power through local actions, it is envisaged that through strong coordination, it will be possible to achieve large-scale projects and change at a regional/national level.

School-focused: To tap into the groundswell of enthusiasm among young people to take action on the climate emergency, the training will be focused solely on schools. Schools will provide “climate hubs” within communities to help bring the wider community together to take action.

Cambridgeshire-focused pilot: The pilot will be run in Cambridgeshire to:

- Utilise significant expertise within the University, both in terms of climate science/technology and in terms of teaching
- To address significant social divides within a region with extremes of affluence/poverty
- To deal with the practical effects of climate change that directly affect the region - large areas of North Cambridgeshire are predicted to be flooded due to sea-level rises

Wider Strategy

While the goal of the pilot will be to create, deploy and test a “climate emergency training programme” in Cambridgeshire, this will serve as a proof-of-concept for a wider rollout nationally/internationally. The pilot will be run under advisement of a recognised educational research institute to ensure results are carefully monitored and calibrated.

Partners

Project Managers: Cambridgeshire Climate Emergency

Community Organising: TO COME

Research Institute: TO COME

Council Partners: Cambridgeshire County Council (subject to confirmation)

National Partners: UK100 (subject to confirmation)
