



CLIMATE CLUB

CLIMATE ACTION GROUPS

Turning individual concern into collective change

Many people care deeply about climate change, but feel their individual actions aren't enough. Climate action groups exist to turn shared concern into collective power, helping people campaign, organise, and push for the large-scale changes needed to protect people and planet.

Why Climate Action Groups Matter

Climate change is a systemic problem - shaped by governments, corporations, and financial systems. While personal choices matter, collective action is essential to:

- change laws and policies
- hold powerful institutions accountable
- shift public debate
- build momentum for rapid, fair climate solutions

Action groups give people a way to act together, amplifying individual voices into something harder to ignore.

Why People Join Climate Action Groups

People often join because they want to make a bigger difference than acting alone and this helps channel their concern into hope and action. Climate and environmental groups support science-based climate policies and work to protect nature, communities, and future generations. Joining a group means you are part of a community that shares the same values and **for many people, it reduces climate anxiety by reducing isolation and building connections and agency.**

How Climate Action Groups Build Momentum

- ✓ Campaigns - Coordinated actions focused on clear goals, such as stopping fossil fuel projects, protecting habitats, or improving climate laws.
- ✓ Petitions & Pledges - Demonstrate public support at scale and apply pressure to decision-makers.
- ✓ Public Awareness - Research, reports, media work, and storytelling help shape public understanding and shift social norms.
- ✓ Direct Action & Protest - Some groups use non-violent disruption to draw attention to urgent issues and force political response.
- ✓ Political Pressure - Lobbying, legal challenges, and voter mobilisation help turn public concern into policy change.

A Brief Overview of Major Climate & Environmental Groups

People choose different groups depending on their values, methods, and comfort levels. All the following groups play a useful role in the wider movement.





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👋 Local Groups in Milton Keynes

1. **Milton Keynes Climate Action Network (MKCAN)** - A local network with many different sub groups, all working on environmental and social causes. Please make sure you sign up to receive their useful newsletter and information about events.
2. **Transition Town MK** – A community-led local resilience and sustainability group. Meets once per month with a wide range of interesting and inspiring topics.
3. **Climate Cafe Milton Keynes** – A local cafe/meeting place to connect, talk and eat cake! Meets a few times per year and always has interesting speakers. A place to meet other people just like you.

🌍 Greenpeace

- Focus: global environmental protection, climate, oceans, forests.
- Methods: research, high-profile campaigns, peaceful direct action.
- Known for: bold actions, strong science, international reach.

🌱 Friends of the Earth

- Focus: climate justice, nature, community action.
- Methods: grassroots organising, legal action, policy advocacy.
- Known for: local groups and long-term campaigning.

👨👩👧👦 Parents for Future

- Focus: protecting children's futures from climate breakdown.
- Methods: family-friendly actions, education, lobbying.
- Known for: inclusive, values-driven campaigning.

🌍 350.org

- Focus: Climate justice, ending fossil fuels, and accelerating a rapid transition to clean energy.
- Methods: Grassroots organising, digital mobilisation, divestment campaigns, mass days of action.
- Known for: Leading the international Fossil Free divestment movement and coordinating worldwide climate mobilisations.

🔴 Extinction Rebellion (XR)

- Focus: treating climate and ecological breakdown as an emergency.
- Methods: non-violent civil disobedience, mass mobilisation.
- Known for: disruptive protest to force political attention.

✚ Other Groups You May Also Consider Joining:

- Green New Deal - linking climate action with jobs, fairness, and social justice for under 35s.
- ClientEarth – using the law to protect people and planet. Great legal campaigns.
- The Climate Coalition – alliance of charities, faith groups, and unions.

☀️ The Bigger Picture

Together, these organisations create a diverse movement which combines research, community action, protest, and policy change. Every form of participation helps shift the system.