SAVE THE CHILDREN'S YOUNG PEOPLE CLIMATE FUND

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Key Information

The Young People Climate Fund gives grants to organisations and groups led or supported by children and young people to help tackle the climate crisis and make their communities greener, fairer and more resilient. It aims to raise awareness of the impacts of the climate crisis, and its effect on children and young people in the UK and around the world.

Funded by corporate partner QBE, the Fund aims to empower youth-led advocacy and local action across London, West Yorkshire and the West Midlands.

The grant is currently within its fourth iteration, after a trial project in 2023 and then subsequently 2025 and 2026.

We will fund up to 12 organisations and offer grants of between £1,000 to £3,000 for activities, events or campaigns to take place in the spring and summer of 2027.

Applications will be open for four weeks in November 2026, and the application form will be accessible via the Young People's Climate Fund SCUK webpage.

A key part of the Fund is the Climate Youth Advisory Board (CYAB) – a group of young people who help shape the Fund, review applications alongside colleagues at SCUK and ultimately help decide which organisations we award the grants to and helping with our evaluation at the end of the project – ensuring young people's voices are at the center of decision making.

Umbrella Theme

Each project must be focused on youth leadership and action, and must focus on one of these core themes:

- **Youth Involvement in Local Systems Change:** support young people to challenge apathy, build awareness and influence the local decisions, policies and systems that shape climate action and their communities, ensuring their voices are heard and their priorities are reflected in decision-making. This can span from youth-led campaigns/advocacy, creative pieces and expression and community events.
- **Building Climate-Resilient Communities:** Enable young people to protect and improve their local environment, connect communities with nature, and make neighborhoods greener and better equipped to respond to climate change. This can include wildlife projects, community gardens, green-space improvements, and campaigns for greener neighborhoods.

Youth Climate Action Network

Through the programme, we will aim to create a Youth Climate Action Network, spanning across the 3 regions the Fund works in, with each funded organisation identifying 2-3 emerging young leaders to participate in the programme and to connect local activity to a national scale supported by Save the Children.

Save the Children will act as a convening organisation for these young leaders, providing training and creating opportunities for peer learning and connections across London, the West Midlands and West Yorkshire. Through networking sessions, young people will be able to share challenges, successes, and learning from their communities while building relationships with peers facing similar issues elsewhere.

With the objective of developing a cohort of young climate leaders with stronger confidence, leadership skills, community connections and the motivation to continue taking action beyond the life of the grant and culminating in a roundtable with the opportunity to share experiences and regional learning. There will also be opportunities to get involved in wider SCUK advocacy work on climate.

We will require each organisation to identify 2-3 young people who would be interested in joining the programme.

Key Dates

Stage	Date
Applications open	Monday 9th November 2026
Applications close	Monday 7th December 2026
Applicants notified	All applicants informed by Friday 30th January
Projects delivered	1st May to 31st August 2027

Key Documents & Links

- Website
- Application form

FAQs

What is the Young People Climate Fund?
A small-grants programme funded by QBE and delivered by Save the Children UK, offering £1,000–£3,000 to organisations led or supported by children and young people (aged 6–18) to take action on the climate crisis.

How many organisations are we looking to fund?
We are looking to fund a maximum of 12 organisations.

Who is funding the grant?
The grant is funded by SCUK corporate partner QBE Insurance and managed by Save the Children UK.

Which areas does the Fund cover?
Projects must take place in London, West Yorkshire or the West Midlands – this is a requirement of the grant funder, QBE as these regions are the geographical location of their offices in the UK.

What are the key dates?

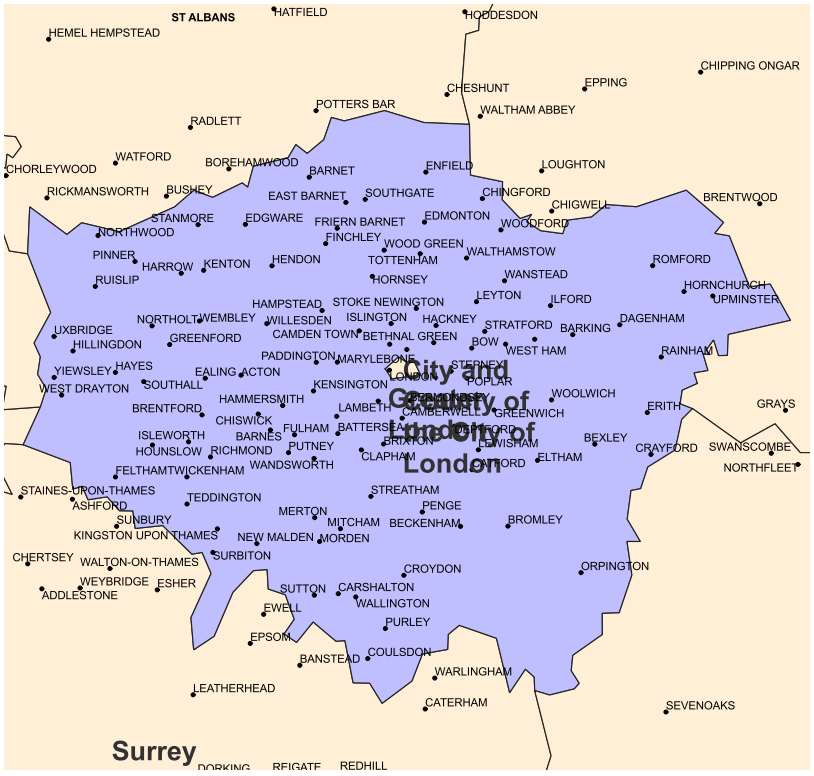
- Applications open: 9 November–7 December 2026
- Applicants notified of outcome: end of January 2027
- Projects delivered: May – August 2027

What is the role of the Climate Youth Advisory Board (CYAB)?
The CYAB will play a crucial role in supporting with the review of applications. We plan to hold two sessions with the Board, one at the early stages of the application review process and one at the end to select the 12 grantees from a shortlist.

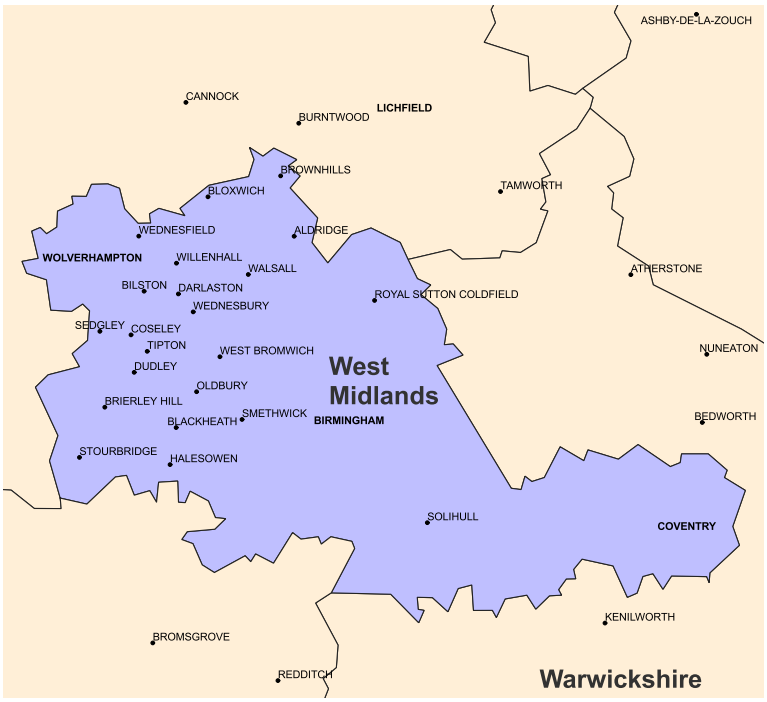
The CYAB will be made up of past participants from grantee organisations and SCUK's existing Youth Advisory Board, as well as members of the CYAB last year.

Who can apply?
Community organisations, charities, schools, and clubs working with young people aged 6–18 in London, West Yorkshire or the West Midlands. Projects must be youth-led or co-designed with children and young people.

Please see the maps below to check if your organisation is in an applicable location.







What types of projects are not eligible?
Projects that:

- Don't involve children/young people in design or delivery of the project
- Projects that are designed by organisations that are not associated, supported or led by children/young people
- Take place outside London, West Yorkshire or West Midlands
- Aren't related to climate or environmental themes
- Occur outside the funding window (Nov 2025 – Oct 2026)

How do applicants apply?
Applications will be submitted online via this form, which will go live on November 9th 9AM.

What kind of organisations have we worked with before?
Last year we worked with Naked Politics, Students Organising for Sustainability, Keep Rolling Project, Trapped in Zone One, Young and Talented and Queen's Crescent Community Association, Kensington and Chelsea Youth Council, Carr Manor Community School.

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