



D&G Climate Hub

Seed Fund

The D&G Climate Hub is being hosted by Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere. The Hub is designed to support local communities in Dumfries and Galloway in making a just transition toward net zero.

The D&G Climate Hub is facilitating a seed fund to help community groups in Dumfries & Galloway to deliver climate action in their local area through grass-roots projects and events. The Seed Fund could be used to kick-start new ideas or support on-going projects.

We are looking for applications from community-led projects and groups who are leading on climate activity in their locale. Community climate action takes many different forms – from community woodlands to food growing and shared learning events. We will consider all ideas!

This funding is designed to support community climate action. Typically community climate action includes food growing & sharing, biodiversity improvements, sustainable travel initiatives, repair cafes, energy saving ideas... but there are no limits as to what we would consider to be community climate action – so please get in touch to discuss your idea!

We encourage applications to the Seed Fund for projects that meet at least one of these criteria:

- ✓ Support biodiversity improvements
- ✓ Raise awareness and build climate action capacity
- ✓ Support a Just Transition towards a Net Zero Dumfries & Galloway
- ✓ Support the [UN's Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- ✓ Support collaborative working with others
- ✓ Support the sharing of learning and skills
- ✓ Contribute to long term positive change
- ✓ Encourage those not currently engaged in climate action to get involved
- ✓ Build resilience to the effects of climate change



Please note:

D&G Climate Hub's Step Fund - up to a maximum of £500

D&G Climate Hub's Jump Fund – up to a maximum of £1000

The closing date for all applications is 11th Dec 2023.

Applications from Nithsdale, Annandale & Eskdale to steven@gsabiosphere.org.uk

Applications from Stewartry & Wigtownshire to sarah@gsabiosphere.org.uk

Projects should be completed by 1st March 2024, with completion reports due on 9th March 2024.

Projects must be delivered within Dumfries and Galloway Local Authority area, by groups based within D&G.

Applications must be through a recognised (though not necessarily constituted) group with their own bank account or partner with an organisation that does.

All groups applying to the Seed Fund must sign up as Biosphere Proud Supporters by the end of their project to show commitment to the Biosphere ethos of environmental sustainability. This is an easy online form.

Projects must be as sustainable as possible - please note we will not fund any single use items.

Successful projects will be supported by our Climate Officers through completing their project and the completion report & evidence of spend.

It is possible that successful applications may be asked to share their experiences through case studies or attendance at Climate Hub events.