

Acting on the Climate Crisis – Why, How and the Role of Philanthropy: A resource pack for funders



Introduction

Climate change is an existential threat to humanity and the planet we call home. As many have reflected, it has no vaccine. Its economic, social and health impacts will dwarf those of the COVID-19 pandemic – unless we step up our response, and fast.

Encouragingly, the climate emergency is attracting increased attention from funders, including those not traditionally supporting environmental causes. More and more of us recognise the threat it poses to virtually every other charitable aim. The [Funder Commitment on Climate Change](#), launched in November 2019, invites UK charitable foundations – whatever their mission – to commit to six broad actions to integrate climate factors into their investments, operations, and grantmaking as far as possible. Signatories now number 60 foundations and counting, with equivalent funder commitments in place or in development around the world. Nonetheless, the level of climate action – and, crucially, funding to support it – still falls woefully short of what is needed.

We believe a key reason for inaction by potential funders is the difficulty both in understanding the issue and in finding effective solutions. This resource pack was developed to help funders overcome these challenges.

It provides a range of useful and accessible sources of information on climate change: why it is so urgent, how it impacts other charitable causes, what the solutions are, and how funders – whether through grantmaking, operations or investments – can make a difference.

The pack is not intended necessarily to be read in its entirety. It can be used as a reference for resources of interest under particular topic areas (see the [Index](#)). Neither is it intended to be an exhaustive list of climate-related resources, but provides a selection of those we have found valuable as a starting point for anyone wanting to learn more.

It is also worth noting that the pack does not recommend specific organisations for funding – there are many doing excellent work, and funder preferences for which to support will likely depend on many differing factors. (For an idea of the range of organisations involved, see this fascinating piece of [research](#) which aims to ‘map’ UK climate actors based on different variables.) Do please get in touch with the Environmental Funders Network if you would like further guidance.

We hope you enjoy browsing this pack and find the contents useful. If you have any comments, the authors look forward to hearing from you. They can be reached at patricia@greenfunders.org ([Environmental Funders Network](#) – EFN) and climate@acf.org.uk ([Association of Charitable Foundations](#) – ACF).

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To read

(* = easy read; *** = more technical read)

<u>Letter from UK philanthropists to the UK's wealthiest families and largest foundations</u> (2021)	Letter to the 100 wealthiest families and 100 largest foundations in the UK (excluding those already giving to environmental causes), signed by 14 environmental philanthropists, asking recipients to direct their philanthropy and investments urgently towards addressing the climate and nature crises. (*)
<u>Letter from climate scientists to the UK's largest foundations</u> (2019)	Letter to the Chairs and CEOs of the UK's largest foundations, signed by 11 prominent UK climate scientists, calling for significant investment in action to address the climate and ecological crises whether through endowments or grant-giving. (*)
<u>The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 6th Assessment Report</u> (2021)	Expert analysis of the current state of knowledge on climate change from the IPCC, the UN body for assessing the science related to climate change. (***)
<u>Working with plants, soils and water to cool the climate and rehydrate Earth's landscapes</u> (UNEP, 2021)	Briefing on how plants, soils and water can help mitigate climate change and create resilient ecosystems. (***)
<u>Climate Reality Check</u> (Breakthrough – National Centre for Climate Restoration, 2020)	Brief synthesis of current climate science research presented as 20 key insights, with the aim of highlighting the mismatch between the levels of climate risk and climate action. (**)
<u>Climate Change in the UK</u> (Met Office)	Overview of how climate change is already affecting UK weather patterns and the changes we are likely to see in the coming decades. (*)

<u>Understanding Climate Change</u> (Jo Haigh on behalf of the Global Returns Project)	Summary of the causes and consequences of climate change by Jo Haigh, former Co-Director of the Grantham Institute. (*)
<u>UN global climate poll: ‘The people’s voice is clear – they want action’</u> (<i>The Guardian</i> , 2021)	Article presenting the results of the biggest ever opinion poll on climate, conducted by the UN Development Programme in 50 countries, revealing that two thirds of the 1.2 million people surveyed (and 81% of those in the UK) view climate change as a global emergency. (*)
<u>Seeds of Change</u> (UBS, 2021) & <u>Sea Beyond the Blue</u> (UBS, 2020)	Guides for philanthropists on addressing the loss of life on land and in the oceans, including sections focused on responding to climate change. (**)
<u>Exponential Roadmap: Scaling 36 solutions to halve global greenhouse gas emissions by 2030</u> (Exponential Roadmap Initiative, 2020)	Report that sets out 36 economically viable solutions to halve global greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and the strategies needed to scale this transformation. (***)
<u>Rethinking Climate Change</u> (RethinkX, 2021)	Report that sets out how emissions can be cut by 90% by 2035 through the disruption of energy, transportation and food using existing technologies. (***)
<u>Soil to Sky: Climate solutions that work</u> (California Environmental Associates on behalf of CLIMA Fund, 2019)	Compilation of evidence that makes the case for funding grassroots solutions to climate change: those led by communities local to the problems, rather than those led by international policy or corporate actors. (**)
<u>Climate Justice and Women’s Rights: A guide to supporting grassroots women’s action</u> (Global Greengrants Fund, The International Network of Women’s Funds & Alliance of Funds, 2015)	Guide for funders on supporting grassroots climate action led by women and their communities. (**)

<u>Climatalk</u>	Short and accessible articles on key climate policy ideas. (*)
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To watch

<u>Climate Change: the Facts</u> (BBC, 2019)	Documentary about climate change presented by Sir David Attenborough. (1 hour or 4 minute summary)
<u>10 Years to Transform the Future of Humanity – or Destabilize the Planet</u> (Johan Rockström, 2020)	TED talk summarising research showing that nine out of the 15 large-scale biophysical systems that regulate the global climate are at risk of reaching tipping points. (8 minutes)
<u>Climate Emergency: Feedback Loops</u> (Moving Still Productions, 2021)	Series of 5 short films featuring 12 world-renowned climate scientists, narrated by Richard Gere. (10 – 15 minutes each)
<u>Greta Thunberg and George Monbiot on natural solutions to the climate crisis</u> (Gripping Films, 2019)	Short film highlighting the need to protect, restore and use nature to tackle the climate crisis. (4 minutes)
<u>Webinars on a range of environmental issues and solutions</u> (EFN, 2020 – 2021)	Recorded webinars aimed at funders hosted by EFN, featuring international experts. (1 – 1.5 hours each)
<u>Solving the Climate Crisis webinar series</u> (Climate Leadership Initiative, 2020)	Recorded webinars aimed at funders hosted by the Climate Leadership Initiative on various climate-related topics. (1 – 1.5 hours each)
<u>Webinars on climate-altering technologies and nature-based approaches</u> (Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative – C2G)	Recorded webinars exploring emerging climate-altering technologies, as well as the potential for nature-based approaches, in particular around carbon dioxide removal and solar radiation modification. (0.5 – 2 hours each)

Online learning programmes

<u>Active Philanthropy: Climate 101</u>	Three online modules on the scientific background of why climate change is happening and why it is a problem, the current outlook and policy responses (free).
<u>Impatience Earth workshops</u>	Tailored workshops on climate change for donors, trustees and philanthropy advisors, for those wanting to make significant commitments to climate change (free).
<u>UN Climate Change Learning Partnership: Climate Change – from learning to action</u>	Six online modules of around 2 hours each featuring talks, activities and quizzes (free). Other courses on more specific climate topics are also available.
<u>WWF and Deutsches Klima Konsortium: Climate Change, Risks and Challenges</u>	Six online modules featuring 5 hours of lectures by climate scientists alongside assignments and quizzes; a condensed 3 – 4 hour version and 30 minute version are also available (free).
<u>AimHi: Climate & Nature Course</u>	Four interactive lessons of around 1 hour each, streamed live on Zoom; courses run regularly with timings to suit different time zones (voluntary fee of £25).
<u>Project Drawdown: Climate Solutions 101</u>	Six online units focused on solutions to climate change, including lectures and conversations with international experts (free).
<u>University of Edinburgh: Climate Solutions</u>	Five online modules of 1 – 2 hours each taught by climate experts and focused on the role of individuals, businesses and governments in climate solutions (free or £35 to certify).

<p><u>Dr Michael Mann: Climate Change, the Science and Global Impact</u></p>	<p>Eight online modules of up to 4 hours each from climate scientist Dr Michael Mann (free or £36 to certify).</p>
<p><u>The Carbon Literacy Project</u></p>	<p>Courses on climate change for organisations or individuals, with the option of developing your own in-house training or using a list of accredited trainers (£40 for an online introductory course that takes 3 - 4 hours).</p>
<p><u>Institute of Environmental Management</u></p>	<p>Accredited courses on environmental sustainability in the workplace, most relevant to operational roles (offered by various providers with differing costs).</p>



ii. Learnings on the links between climate change and other social issues

<u>Ashden Climate Action Co-benefits Toolkit</u>	Resources aimed at councils setting out the social, health and economic co-benefits of climate action.
<u>Lancet Countdown 2020 Report</u>	Annual report tracking the relationship between health and climate change from the Lancet Countdown, a collaboration of over 120 international experts.
<u>Climate change and health fact sheet</u> (WHO, 2018)	A brief overview of the various different ways in which climate change impacts human health.
<u>The connections between climate and our health</u> (Health and Climate Network, 2021)	Four briefings looking at the evidence on how current food, energy, transport and health systems are contributing to the climate crisis and impacting peoples' health, and how they can also be part of the solution.
<u>Why climate change is still the greatest threat to human health</u> (National Geographic, 2021)	Article exploring the human health threat posed by climate change, drawing from a joint editorial published by more than 200 medical journals.
<u>Healthy environment, healthy lives: how the environment influences health and well-being in Europe</u> (European Environment Agency, 2020)	Report on the impacts of the quality of the environment on human health and wellbeing in Europe.
<u>The invisible threat: how we can protect people from air pollution and create a fairer, healthier society</u> (Asthma UK and the British Lung Foundation, 2021)	Report on the health impacts of particulate matter pollution in the UK.
<u>Gender, climate and security: Sustaining inclusive peace on the frontlines of climate change</u> (UN, 2020)	Report on the interlinkages between advancing climate action, peace and gender equality.
<u>When Rain Turns to Dust</u> and <u>short summary</u> (International Committee of the Red Cross, 2020)	Report exploring how climate change can increase the risk of conflict, while those experiencing conflict are less able to cope with the impacts of climate change.

<u>Ecological Threat Report 2021</u> (Institute for Economics and Peace)	Assessment of the projected risk of conflict relating to ecological threats across different countries.
<u>The great climate migration has already begun</u> (New York Times, 2020)	Interactive article exploring the growing link between climate change and migration.
<u>Action on climate-linked migration and displacement – empowering refugee and migrant led organisations</u> (Climate Outreach, 2021)	Report exploring how funders can strategically and inclusively empower refugee and migrant led organisations working on climate-linked mobility.
<u>Climate justice can't happen without racial justice</u> (David Lammy MP, 2020)	Short TED Countdown talk on the interlinkages between climate and racial justice.
<u>The Climate Crisis is a Child Rights Crisis</u> (UNICEF, 2021)	Report presenting the Children's Climate Risk Index, which uses data to generate new global evidence on how many children are currently exposed to climate and environmental hazards, shocks and stresses.
<u>Blood and Earth: Modern Slavery, Ecocide, and the Secret to Saving the World</u> (Kevin Bales, 2016)	Book exploring the links between modern slavery and environmental destruction, including climate change.
<u>How Women Can Save the Planet</u> (Anne Karpf)	Book setting out how gender equality can help to solve the climate emergency.
Philanthropy Briefings on <u>COVID-19 and Conservation, a Green Recovery</u> and <u>Human Health and the Environment</u> (Liz Gadd on behalf of EFN, 2020)	Briefings for funders on the intersection of environmental issues with the COVID-19 pandemic and human health more broadly.
<u>Common Cause Foundation resources</u>	Resources linking social and environmental issues through value frames.

iii. Speakers who can help organisations understand the issue

Florence Miller at the Environmental Funders Network (florence@greenfunders.org) and Will Dawson or Yasmin Ahammad at Impatience Earth (will@impatience.earth, yasmin@impatience.earth) would be happy to speak informally to anyone interested in funding work on climate change.

The [Climate Reframe](#) project aims to amplify BAME voices in climate conversations and can help make connections with a number of Black, Brown, Asian, People of Colour and UK-based Indigenous Peoples who are climate experts, campaigners and advocates living and working in the UK, some of whom may be available for speaking engagements.

UK climate change scientists

Professor Joanna Haigh	Former Co-Director of the Grantham Institute, Imperial College London
Professor Sir David King	Founder and Chair of the Centre for Climate Repair, University of Cambridge, and former UK Government Chief Scientific Advisor
Dr Tim Kruger	Programme Manager of the Oxford Geoengineering Programme
Dr Carly McLachlan	Director of Tyndall Manchester, University of Manchester
Dr Emily Shuckburgh	Director of Cambridge Zero, University of Cambridge
Professor Julia K. Steinberger	Professor of Social Ecology & Ecological Economics, University of Leeds
Angela Terry	Environmental scientist and founder of One Home: Positive Solutions
Dr Gabrielle Walker	Founder and Director of Valence Solutions and former Climate Change editor at Nature
Professor Lorraine Whitmarsh	Director of the Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformations, University of Bath

Examples of UK and international climate research initiatives that may be able to offer expert speakers

<u>Earth League</u>	A voluntary international alliance of institutional and individual members who work together to respond to pressing environmental issues including climate change.
<u>Grantham Institute</u>	An institute of Imperial College London undertaking research, training and communications on climate change and the environment.
<u>Lancet Countdown</u>	A collaboration of over 120 international experts from academic institutions and UN agencies that tracks the connections between public health and climate change.
<u>Met Office</u>	Conducts research aimed at quantifying and reducing uncertainty in climate change.
<u>Tyndall Centre</u>	A partnership of universities bringing together researchers from the social and natural sciences and engineering to develop sustainable responses to climate change.



2. Taking action

i. Funding climate change initiatives

Research on climate grantmaking and potential gaps

<u>Funding trends 2021: Climate change mitigation philanthropy</u> (ClimateWorks Foundation, 2021)	Analysis of worldwide philanthropic funding for climate change mitigation from 2015 to 2020.
<u>Foundation funding for climate change mitigation: Europe spotlight</u> (ClimateWorks Foundation, European Foundation Centre and The Hour is Late, 2021)	Analysis of funding for climate change mitigation from European philanthropic foundations in 2016, 2018 and 2020.
<u>Environmental Funding by European Foundations 5</u> (European Foundation Centre, 2021)	The most recent in a series of publications analysing data on environmental grants from larger European foundations and lottery sources; the fifth edition covers the 2018 financial year.
<u>Where the climate grants went in 2020</u> (EFN, 2021)	Blog summarising key findings from an EFN analysis of climate grants disbursed in 2020 by 27 funders that are members of EFN's Climate Funders Group.
<u>Grant funding versus the climate crisis</u> (Lucent Consultancy, 2021)	Blog sharing findings and reflections from an analysis of publicly-available environmental grants data conducted by Lucent Consultancy for Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.
<u>Funding trends: Climate change mitigation philanthropy</u> (ClimateWorks, 2020)	Analysis of the scale of philanthropic resources directed towards climate change mitigation globally in 2019.
<u>Where the Green Grants Went 7</u> (EFN, 2019)	The most recent in a series of publications analysing data on environmental grants from UK-based trusts and foundations, Landfill Communities Fund distributors and lottery sources; the seventh edition covers the four-year period from 2012/13 to 2015/16.

<u>Where the Green Grants Went Scotland</u> (EFN, 2017)	Analysis of grants for environmental work in Scotland from UK-based trusts and foundations, Landfill Communities Fund distributors and lottery sources over the four-year period from 2012 to 2016.
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Opinion pieces on the role of philanthropy in addressing climate change

- [It's time for philanthropy to step up the fight against climate change](#) (McKinsey Sustainability, 2021)
- [Avoiding A Code-red Climate Future: The window to avoid a catastrophe is still open, for now](#) (Surabi Menon, 2021)
- [How Funders Worried By the UN Climate Report Can Address the Climate Crisis](#) (Liz Gadd, 2021)
- [What Can Philanthropy Do for the Climate? Strategic Pathways for Climate Giving](#) (Eléonore Delanoë, Arthur Gautier and Anne-Claire Pache, 2021)
- [At the Nexus of Women and Climate: The Case for an Underexplored Funding Paradigm](#) (Gabriela Buentello, 2021)
- [How Can a Small Generalist Funder Tackle Climate Change?](#) (Nick Perks, 2020)
- [What I Would Spend Jeff Bezos's \\$10bn Climate Pledge On — It's Not What You Think](#) (Dominic Hofstetter, 2020)
- [Philanthropy is Shortchanging Climate Change: Here Are Three Ways It Can Boost Its Impact](#) (Nicole Systrom, 2020)
- [Philanthropy Must Stop Fiddling While the World Burns](#) (Larry Kramer, 2020)

Re-granting bodies/pooled funds addressing climate change

<u>Ashden Awards</u>	The Ashden Awards are globally recognised as a mark of excellence in the field of green energy; a number of the categories are sponsored by foundations.
<u>Clean Air Fund</u>	Assists funders and provides grants and other support to organisations for work to tackle air pollution in India, the UK, and East and South East Europe.
<u>European Climate Foundation</u>	Established by foundations as a vehicle for strategic philanthropy to foster the development of a low carbon society.
<u>FILE Foundation</u>	Aims to accelerate legal action globally to address the climate and nature crises through a combination of grantmaking and in-house legal expertise.
<u>Global Greengrants Fund</u>	Supports grassroots, locally-led climate and environmental solutions around the world.
<u>CLIMA Fund</u>	A collaboration between Global Greengrants Fund, Grassroots International, Thousand Currents and Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights, supporting grassroots solutions to the climate crisis.

ii. Integrating climate change into existing programmes

Case studies of foundations supporting climate work

<u>Gower Street case study</u>	Why Gower Street shifted its focus to fund climate action.
<u>Savitri Waney Charitable Trust case study</u>	Why the Savitri Waney Charitable Trust turned its attention to environmental causes.
<u>Wellcome Trust case study</u>	About Wellcome Trust's Our Planet, Our Health programme.

<u>Funding the Future: How the climate crisis intersects with your giving</u> (Active Philanthropy, 2020)	Includes case studies of European funders that have incorporated climate change into their funding programmes.
<u>Environmental Philanthropy: Stories to Inspire</u> (EFN, 2020)	A collection of nearly 30 stories from funders of environmental grants they feel have been particularly impactful.
<u>Forces for Nature</u> (EFN, 2017)	A collection of 14 interviews with donors supporting environmental causes on their motivations and what they are doing to respond to the environmental crisis.
<u>A Splendid Torch</u> (EFN, 2014)	A collection of 10 interviews with funders on what motivates them to give to environmental causes and how they ensure that their giving is as effective as it can be.

The links between funding climate work and meeting other charitable goals

<u>Investing at the Frontlines of Climate Change: A funder toolkit on climate, health and equity</u> (from a partnership of various US-based philanthropy networks)	Toolkit that includes links to resources, organisations and networks (primarily US-based) aimed at helping funders understand the interconnected opportunities to improve the environment, protect health and eliminate inequities.
<u>Achieving a Just and Sustainable Economic Recovery: Philanthropic opportunities at the intersection of racial and social justice and climate action</u> (ClimateWorks Foundation, 2021)	Sets out why a holistic, integrated perspective is required to solve the most pressing societal issues we face today, and presents examples of initiatives around the world that philanthropy has or could begin to support, focusing on the intersection of social and racial justice, climate and economic recovery goals.
<u>Funding the Future: How the climate crisis intersects with your giving</u> (Active Philanthropy, 2020)	Illustrates how the climate crisis impacts funding portfolios in a range of different areas and highlights where there are co-benefits from taking climate action.

<u>Climate Change and Social Change: How funders can act on both</u> (Ten Years Time, 2019)	Stories of the disproportionate impacts of climate change on the most vulnerable, interviews with foundation CEOs on how and why they are responding to the climate emergency, and practical ideas for how funders can use their grant giving, investments and convening power to address climate change.
<u>An Unexamined Truth</u> (Baring Foundation, 2010)	Explores how climate change impacts the work of non-environmental voluntary organisations.
<u>Responding to the Rooftops: Social justice and climate change – what can UK foundations do?</u> (Carnegie UK Trust, 2008)	Explores the degree of urgency which trusts and foundations attach to working on the social justice implications of climate change and the kinds of interventions to which they might be willing to contribute.

Examples of funding programmes that connect climate change and other issues

<u>Arts Council England: Environmental Programme</u> (delivered in partnership with <u>Julie's Bicycle</u>)	An initiative to support Arts Council England grantees to monitor and reduce their carbon footprint.
<u>IAC Trust: Climate Change and Displacement</u>	A trust whose funding currently focuses on improving the lives of displaced people and protecting and restoring their local environments, recognising that climate change and displacement are inextricably linked.
<u>Children's Investment Fund Foundation: Climate Change Programme</u>	A grants programme focused on accelerating solutions for climate change mitigation, recognising that climate change poses the single biggest threat to the future of today's children.
<u>Cloudesley: Sustainable Church Buildings Project</u>	A grants programme that ran from 2017 to 2018 to support churches in Islington to improve their sustainability.

<u>City Bridge Trust: Eco-audits</u>	A grants programme (currently paused due to COVID-19) to provide eco-audits for third sector organisations in London to improve their sustainability.
<u>Guy's & St Thomas' Foundation: Impact on Urban Health</u>	An initiative to improve urban health and health equity, focusing on various health issues including air pollution.
<u>Wellcome: Our Planet, Our Health</u>	A funding programme that supports research on the health impacts of climate change, food systems and urbanisation.

iii. Investments

Research and guidance on investing more sustainably

<u>ShareAction resources</u>	Free general guides on matters such as responsible investment strategy and engaging with fund managers.
<u>Divest Invest Philanthropy: Five years after launch</u> (Croatan Institute on behalf of DivestInvest, 2019)	Review of progress made in the five years following the launch of Divest Invest Philanthropy in 2014, including the impact on investment performance (which was overwhelmingly positive or neutral).
<u>How to DivestInvest for organizations</u> (DivestInvest)	Divestment guidance, useful for those who want to take full responsibility for the process themselves rather than leaving it to their advisors/fund managers.
<u>The Climate Crisis and Church Investors: Possible Policy Responses</u> (Church Investors Group, 2019)	Guidance for church investors to integrate climate concerns into investment strategies.
<u>Banking on Climate Chaos</u> (Rainforest Action Network, BankTrack, Indigenous Environmental Network, Oil Change International, Reclaim Finance and Sierra Club, 2021)	Analysis of fossil fuel financing from the world's 60 largest commercial and investment banks.
<u>UN Principles for Responsible Investment</u>	Six high-level principles for responsible investment supported by the UN; signatories pay a membership fee and report annually.

iv. Buildings and operations

Technical advice and certification to improve the sustainability of buildings and operations

<u>Bioregional: One Planet Living</u>	Organisational sustainability framework and resources, training and consultancy support to guide its implementation.
<u>Carbon Trust</u>	Global environmental sustainability consultancy providing some free tools and resources as well as paid advice and certification.
<u>Centre for Sustainable Energy</u>	UK charity that promotes sustainable energy by providing advice and training, managing innovative energy projects and undertaking research and policy analysis.
<u>Eshcon</u>	Environmental management consultancy that helps organisations reduce their environmental impact and increase efficiency; operates in south east England.
<u>PlanetMark</u>	UK consultancy offering sustainability advice, training and certification.

Sustainable behaviour incentive schemes for employees

<u>Climate Perks</u> (run by <u>Possible</u>)	A leave scheme that incentivises land rather than air travel.
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3. Support

i. Networks for peer learning and support on climate change

Funders	<u>Environmental Funders Network</u>	UK-based network of foundations, family offices and individual donors supporting environmental causes.
	<u>European Environmental Funders Group</u>	European network of funders supporting environmental causes.
	<u>Funder Commitment on Climate Change</u>	Pledge of six climate change commitments to integrate into any grantmaking strategy, hosted by the Association of Charitable Foundations with regular meetings and support for signatories.
	<u>Impatience Earth</u>	Climate and philanthropy experts providing pro bono advice to donors looking to commit £1 million to £10 million to address the climate crisis.
	<u>Active Philanthropy</u>	Organises expeditions to Greenland to learn about the climate crisis and potential solutions, and supports philanthropists, donor families, and philanthropic organisations with strategy building and grant management services.
	<u>Climate Leadership Initiative</u>	Advisory service connecting climate change philanthropists to high-impact solutions.
Asset owners active on climate change	<u>Charities Responsible Investment Network</u>	UK network of funders and other charity asset holders, providing peer networking and learning opportunities and supporting joint campaigns.
	<u>Church Investors Group</u>	Network of institutional investors from many mainstream Church denominations and church-related charities, predominantly based in the UK and Ireland, which aims to encourage the formulation of investment policies based on Christian ethical principles.

Organisations aiming to improve operational sustainability	<u>Fit for the Future</u>	UK network of over 100 (mainly large) charities, heritage organisations, cultural venues and other groups, providing peer learning on issues such as sustainable procurement, building and energy management.
	<u>Chapter Zero</u>	UK network to support implementation of net-zero ambitions, aimed at commercial non-executive directors but welcomes senior members from large charity boards.

ii. Communicating about climate change with stakeholders

<u>Climate Outreach</u>	UK charity providing free resources to guide climate communications as well as training and consultancy services.
<u>Public Engagement for Climate Change: A literature review</u> (Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation – UK Branch and Centre for Public Impact, 2021)	Review of the literature on public engagement for climate action to improve understanding of effective ways to engage the public on meaningful behaviour change, accompanied by a series of eight case studies which document interesting and innovative approaches to engaging the public on climate change from around the world.
<u>Communicating and framing environmental issues webinar series</u> (EFN, 2019–2020)	Video recordings of a series of webinars from experts on communicating and framing environmental issues.
<u>Communicating the climate crisis</u> (Climate XChange, 2020)	Report summarising key challenges and lessons in climate communication.
<u>Communicating climate change: A practitioner's guide</u> (Climate & Development Knowledge Network, 2019)	Tips for communicating climate change effectively, aimed in particular at those working in developing countries.
<u>How to talk to your friends about the climate crisis – according to science</u> (The Climate Reality Project, 2017)	Science-based tactics for talking informally about the climate crisis with those who might not consider it to be a priority, to help them feel hopeful about climate solutions and ultimately take action.



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