



**2nd World Forum on
Climate Justice**
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Climate Change and Young People

Key Learning from a Community Grants Fund

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About the fund

Aim

To amplify the voices of young people across Glasgow on the impact of climate change ahead of COP26.

Eligibility

Schools, non-profit organisations and community groups.

£2,500 to develop a climate change project with young people (aged 26 and under).

Criteria

Creative projects which demonstrated a commitment to the following:

The Climate Emergency



Health & Wellbeing



Co-production



Sustainability



Diversity



Innovation



8 creative projects were funded...

Films

- Video discussions with local politicians on the climate emergency.
- A short film on the impact of climate change on health and wellbeing.
- A short film which encouraged young people to imagine a future where catastrophic climate change had been prevented.
- A short film based on creative storytelling.

Digital Magazines

- Workshops which fed into a digital magazine on climate activism and creative protest.
- A digital newspaper highlighting air pollution hotspots.

Art and craft projects

- Artwork which focused on the theme of 'living simply'.
- A recycling craft project.



SMARTER TRAVEL SOLUTION TO 'PERVASIVE' LOCAL POLLUTION

A PIONEERING study by young researchers using bike-mounted monitors has found high pollution levels across shopping and residential areas of the southside, with traffic fumes mostly to blame. South Seeds had set out to uncover and share data on pollution levels between Queens Park and the Clyde site of the crucial COP26 climate summit – before it was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We found that Victoria Road is among areas most affected by pollution from private vehicles, but readings fall to much safer levels along the roads traffic-restricted areas, which are due to grow as part of the city's aim to become carbon neutral by 2030.

"PM2.5 particulate air pollution is pervasive across the southside," said Dr Daniel Thomas of the University of Strathclyde, the study's scientific leader. "We see significant pollution on the South City Way – but the tenemented area where people live and shop has



higher levels than further into town where the bus gate reduces motor traffic." Air pollution is linked to a

COP26 is now scheduled for Glasgow in November 2021. "Pollution is such a day-to-day issue. And climate change

Testing, testing – meet So

SAY HELLO to Sylvia, Jamie, Thomas, Chandler, Daniel and Ryn – South Seeds' volunteer pollution researchers.

Glasgow is home to a high proportion of young people, with more than 120,000 of the city's population aged 20 to 29 years old.

South Seeds' young research setnet answered a call to help gauge the city's air quality. But what they've uncovered has made some question their future in the city.



From left: Thomas, Corbett, Ryn, ... "Some scenarios show t car use may go up, and if is the case I will move to which tackles car use," sa Thomas, 22, an architect technology student. Shawlands resident Jar 24, is communications e



Adapting to Covid-19 restrictions

Flexibility and compassion

- Projects were given flexibility to deliver as appropriate during restrictions.
- More emphasis on the process than the deliverable.

Challenges

- Availability of digital infrastructure and ability to deliver project remotely – unequal access.
- Difficult to distribute physical materials.

Positives

- Widescale use of social media was helpful for organising sessions.
- Success in undertaking projects online was important for demonstrating the viability of some organisations during social distancing.



Showcasing event

- Brought together 8 projects at an online event with policy makers across Glasgow.
- Each group presented their project and learning.
- Policymakers were encouraged to think about how learning could be applied.



Key learning

- Young people engaged positively and benefited.
- Being involved provided a distraction and sense of purpose.
- Climate anxiety was apparent, but young people were optimistic about the future and got involved in climate related projects afterwards.
- Parallels between Covid impact and future climate scenarios.



Engagement & learning



Distraction & purpose

Giving back



Sharing learning

Legacy

Feedback from young people

"It made me feel like I need to make a difference."

"The project made me more interested in nature."

"The project made me more aware of the world and that we can make a difference if everyone does something small..."

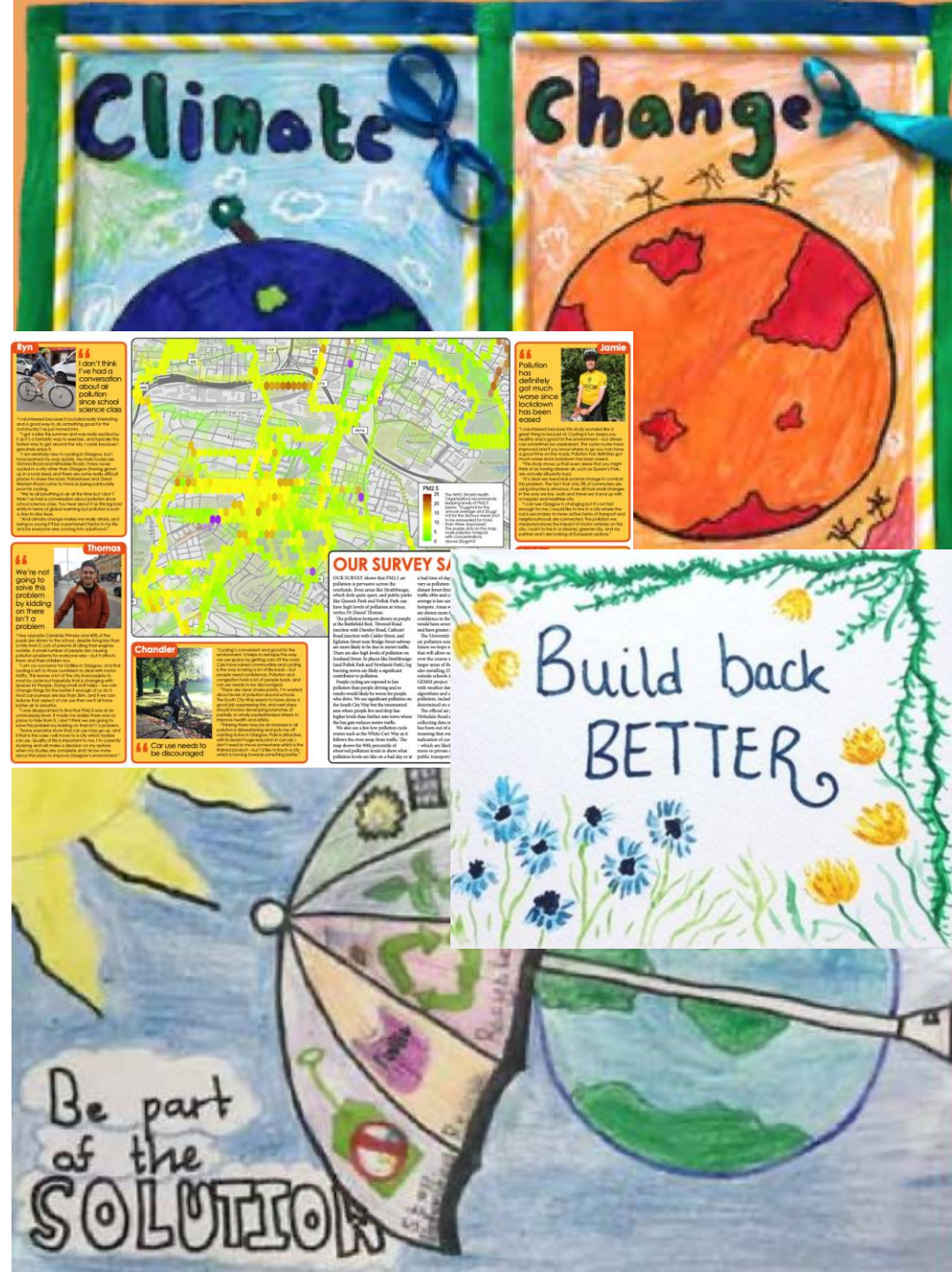
"It made me think about climate change in a deeper perspective and think about what I could do to prevent it."

"It made me slightly worried about the future, but also very hopeful that we can make the world a better place."

"It made me feel grateful for the world that I do have."

"The project made me feel inspired to make a change."

"It made me feel more aware of everything going on in the world."



Thank you for listening

For more information please visit:

https://www.gcph.co.uk/latest/news/983_children_and_young_people_s_views_on_climate_change_the_eight_projects

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