YOUTH CLIMATE CHANGEMAKERS FUND

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR INFORMAL GROUPS 2026

Funding Fairer Futures (FFF) wants to transform the climate justice movement to be more inclusive, accessible and representative focusing on youth, local communities, people with disabilities and ecofeminist groups. We've built a coalition with Climate Action Network, WECF, Christian Blind Mission Ireland and ECOLISE to empower more organisations to build community power, organise and hold power holders to account through providing financial support and training.

Generation Climate Europe was created by a group of young people in 2019 to amplify the voices of young people on climate toward the EU institutions. We know how tough it is to access funding to bring your ideas to life. If you've got an idea that you want to get off the ground or if you think a small grant will help you have a big impact in the climate justice movement then we want to hear from you. We can offer you up to €1,000 and lots of training and support from the Funding Fairer Futures community. And you don't have to be a registered organisation– if you're a small informal group or a group of friends taking action in your community then this call is for you.

As well as the Youth Climate Changemakers Fund, our other partners have their own funds which may be more suited to what you're looking for. You can find more information below.

- Climate Action Engagement Fund
- Feminist Climate Action Fund
- Global Connections for Climate Justice Fund
- Regenerative Climate Fund

We're offering:

Financial Support:	Up to €1,000
Deadline:	25 October 2026
Activity Duration:	Between 6 months and up to 12 months
Activity date:	Starting within the next 6 months
Training and networking support:	We will offer access to project management and organisational development training; campaign and advocacy training; communication and mobilisation training; fundraising support; networking opportunities; and visibility and recognition as being part of one of Europe's largest climate action communities.

OBJECTIVES

In this document you'll find information about how we want to engage with informal groups but we also want to work with smaller organisations and GCE members. Check out our website for more specific information relating to how we want to fund these other groups.

With the Youth Climate Changemakers Fund micro-grants we want to focus on strengthening grassroots climate activism. We've set some objectives for how we want to do that:

We want to strengthen the youth climate movement. We want to use the Youth Climate Changemakers Fund to bring much needed financial, training and networking support to the youth climate movement.

We're looking for people who need our help. It's difficult to secure funding when you're not a registered organisation. We want to hear from people who want to have an impact but are struggling to secure funding from elsewhere.

We're looking to engage and reach new audiences. The climate movement has a diversity problem and we want to use the Youth Climate Changemakers Fund to redress that imbalance. We're interested in supporting those not traditionally engaged in the climate movement.

We want to create a legacy. We want to hear about how our investment in you will contribute to your future growth and impact on the climate movement in the future.

We want you to join our community. Being part of Funding Fairer Futures is more than just receiving financial support and training– our strength comes from working together.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for this grant, there are some conditions you must meet. They can be complicated so if you're not sure please reach out and we'll be happy to help you.

To benefit from this grant you must meet the below criteria:

1. You must be representing a group of at least three people who will deliver the project with you
2. You must be a citizen or resident of one of the EU member states
3. Your project must last at least 6 months
4. Your group must be youth led (meaning day to day management of your organisation must be carried out by those under 30 or the governing body is made up of a majority of people under the age of 30).
5. You can't already have received, nor expect to receive, support from another fund financed by the EU's DEAR programme *(That's any programme funded by EuropeAid/173998/DH/ACT/Multi)*

6. You can't be a part of delivering any other project funded by the EU's DEAR programme
7. You must be able to demonstrate to us you can manage money well and be able to provide us with the information we need
8. Your project must align with the objectives of the call and consist of activities such as;
    i. Awareness raising
    ii. Public engagement activities
    iii. Mobilisation campaigns
    iv. Advocacy activities
    v. Capacity building and training activities

THINGS WE DON'T FUND

While this isn't an exhaustive list of everything we don't fund, here is a short list of some of the costs that aren't eligible as part of this grant:

i. We do not cover the cost of new equipment
ii. We do not fund activities that generate a profit
iii. You cannot use any part of this grant to co-finance another EU funded project
iv. We do not fund activities or projects taking place outside of the European Union
v. This is a project grant and not an operational grant
vi. We do not fund political campaigns or political parties
vii. We do not fund projects that exclusively serve religious purposes
viii. We do not fund fundraising activities
ix. We don't fund projects that benefit one person such as research fees, conference attendance, tuition fees. (We can fund your participation at an event but only if it's part of a larger project).

HOW TO APPLY

Application Deadline: The proposals must be submitted in English by 8 June 2025, 23:59 CET via email to fundingfairerfutures@gceurope.org.

How to Apply: Applicants should complete;

- The Application Form
- The Declaration of Honour
- The Declaration on Exclusion Criteria
- The consultation survey
- The Group Representation Form

Questions and Support: We're here to support and help you through the application process. If you have any questions about the grant, your eligibility, the process or if you just want to find out if this is the right fund for you then please reach out to josh.cope@gceurope.org.

SELECTION & EVALUATION

A team of experts will evaluate each application and decide its eligibility and suitability to be funded by the Youth Climate Changemakers Fund. They'll be particularly focused on the quality of the proposal, its impact and the likelihood of success. They will also consider the overall makeup of the group of organisations we will fund to ensure it's representative and inclusive.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Relevance will make up 30% of the points awarded
- Potential Impact will make up 20% of the points awarded
- Coherence of project design will make up 20% of the points awarded
- Capacity and credibility will make up 15% of the points awarded
- Added-value of the funding will make up 15% of the points awarded

We'll let you know whether you've been successful or not within **4 weeks** of the deadline. Any delays will be communicated by email and we may contact you within this time if we have any questions about your application or if we need you to make small changes.

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