

Forth Valley Climate Action Hub Climate Leadership Programme

Following two successful rounds of seed grants since summer 2023, FEL Scotland is excited to offer an innovative new fund for 2024/25. The new Women's Climate Leadership Training Fund offers up to £1,500 for training, learning or development opportunities that applicants have identified and believe would help them better lead their community's response to climate change.

The closing date for applications is 9am, Monday 9 December

What is the Climate Action Hub?

24 regional Climate Action Hubs, backed by Scottish Government, now operate across Scotland. Climate Action Hubs are a ground-breaking initiative from Scottish Government's Net Zero campaign created to empower communities to deliver climate action at a community level. To do this Climate Action Hubs offer a range of support, from helping people to better understand what is happening to our environment how they may be impacted directly and what they can do about it, to sharing learnings from other communities who have already begun measures to mitigate or adapt in their own regions of Scotland. By doing this Hubs aim to both inspire communities and provide knowledge and practical support.

The Forth Valley Climate Action Hub, delivered through FEL Scotland connects communities and supports their responses to the climate emergency, including by providing small grants for community-led climate action across the region

Forth Valley Climate Action Hub and FEL is grateful to the Scottish International Environment Centre (SIEC) for its investment in the Forth Valley Climate Action Hub and which has made this additional round of grants in 2024 possible.

What is the Aim of the Programme?

The Climate Hub Leadership Programme aims to bring together 6 individuals, and the organisations they are based in, for a tailored training programme focused on building the resilience of communities in the Forth Valley and National Park region.

The focus will be on how we adapt to our changing climate to ensure local communities are prepared for future change. The learning is divided into three themes:

1. Data & evidence
2. Storytelling & impact
3. Funding & development

As a participant you and your organisation will receive:

- One-to-one personal development support from FEL tailored to your individual needs.
- Climate adaptation training and support over 2 days.
- Organisational support from FEL under the three themes above.
- A Climate Action First Step grant of £1,500 per person to use your learning from the course to benefit your community by developing a climate action.

The programme will run from January-March 2025.

- Deadline for applications 9am, Mon 9th December.
- Successful applicants confirmed by 13th December with first training sessions booked in for mid-January.

How to apply

[Please complete the jotform online by clicking this link.](#) The form will be available here from 21 Nov. We recommend completing the jotform on a laptop or desktop computer rather than on a mobile device. A version of the application form can be supplied to you as a word document if you have technical issues with or cannot access the jotform. If you would like a word version, or need any help with completing the form please email climate@felscotland.org

Please answer the following questions in the format of your choosing, [on this form](#). You can send across a word document, PowerPoint, video or voice note via [the online form](#).

1. Please describe the community organisation you are connected to. What is your role there? What is the remit of the organisation? What is the connection to the local community? *Max 300 words*
2. Please tell us about why you would be interested in this opportunity? *Max 500 words*
3. Please let us know what you think you would bring to the programme? Your skills, interests, experiences or ideas. *Max 300 words*

What are the important dates?

- Applications open on 21 Nov 2024
- The closing date for applications is 9am, Monday 9 December
- Applicants can expect to hear if their submission has been successful by 5pm on 13 December
- Training sessions begin mid-January

Accessibility and inclusion

Should you encounter any difficulties with the online form or face internet limitations, an alternative option is available. You can complete the form in a Word format and submit it via email. If this is necessary, kindly inform us, and we'll be happy to assist.

FEL commits to commitment to equity, diversity and Inclusivity in its work and the Forth Valley Climate Action Hub is proud to partner with [CEMVO Scotland](#).

Questions?

For assistance with your application please get in touch with your Climate action Hub officer at FEL or climate@felscotland.org

The Climate Hub team can help you with planning for future funding with tips and helpful resources, please get in touch if you'd like more support.

We're here to support your community's efforts to address climate change. Apply and let's work together to make a difference.