

PLACE project information

We'd like to share some information about a new project the [Centre for Sustainable Energy](#) (CSE) is leading. The project is called Planning Locally to Address the Climate Emergency (PLACE) and is being funded by the [Esmée Fairbairn Foundation](#).

What is PLACE?

PLACE is a pilot aiming to support and empower climate-action groups, community organisations and networks who are taking action on climate issues to influence local planning policy. We aim to increase groups' knowledge and understanding of the planning system, and how it can be used to take climate action. Through a survey and shortlisting process, we'll be recruiting six groups who work in geographically defined areas. This could be at a variety of scales including anything from a parish to a district. The main thing is that the group's activities are based in a specific place.

Who will we work with?

We're particularly looking to work with groups who we recognise are not typically involved with the planning system. Our focus is on **young people, low-income communities and minority ethnic groups**, but we welcome applications from any group that is taking action on climate issues.

The six selected groups will work in partnership with CSE over six months from late November 2022. CSE can offer roughly a day per month of **free support**, although the exact time commitments will depend on the needs of the group. We will co-design an action plan with each group, and potential activities could include:

- Raising awareness about the critical role of the planning system in tackling climate change
- Supporting groups to analyse their Local Plan and see how it does or doesn't overlap with their priorities and concerns
- Helping groups identify opportunities for influencing their Local Plan
- Supporting groups to develop ambitious climate action strategies through Neighbourhood Plans

How can groups get involved?

[Our application form is available here to complete](#). The deadline is Wednesday 26th October.

If you have any questions, please contact communities@cse.org.uk

[Find out more about this project here](#), including an overview of what influence planning can have.