

WHALLEY RANGE CLIMATE ACTION GROUP (WRCAG)

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As the first lockdown started we started learning....about DOUGHNUT ECONOMICS. When we think about economics now we need to *make SURE* that EVERYONE has enough. People who have most are more likely to choose lifestyles which do more damage to the climate, so more equality will be good for us all. Then we learnt about how COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING can keep money in our area to “Build Back Greener” after Covid.

*FIND OUT MORE AT- <https://www.whalleyrangebbg.org/resources-and-inspiration>
<https://cles.org.uk/community-wealth-building/what-is-community-wealth-building/>*

As the second lockdown closed us in WRCAG looked out. Making Whalley Range a thriving place, where it is fun to be, and where work and leisure are close at hand will reduce our Carbon Footprint. We worked with local artists whose livelihoods were damaged by Covid. They gave pop up concerts where we could talk about the work of WRCAG, at St Margaret’s church, Woodlawn Court and in the streets of Whalley Range. We took concerts online and pioneered the Zoom music room...where people could buy personal concerts from talented musicians direct to their sofas. There were many hundreds of visitors to the arts pages of the Build Back Greener website (<https://www.whalleyrangebbg.org/the-arts>) to bring work to local artists.

WRCAG members are partnering the CELEBRATE CONNECTIONS festival to highlight local music and arts activities and to build on the valuable work of the covid mutual aid groups in building strong community links that will help us to lessen the effects of climate change.

The commemorative Covid Curve of snowdrops that we are hoping to plant in Alex Park will provide more opportunities to talk about the work of WRCAG to build community connections and to emphasise our links to the natural world.

Other great climate action in Whalley Range

WR WalkRide (<https://www.facebook.com/walkridewhalleyrange/>) are making it easier to get round our area without a car. They organise play street events with local residents and work schools to improve road safety and encourage active travel

Recycle your bottle tops, medicine blister packs, crisp packets and pet food pouches at the Whalley Rangers Recycling Project at the Carlton Club, Saturdays 1-3 (www.facebook.com/groups/thewhalleyrangers/permalink/3547925465312426)

Whalley Range Eco-Takeaway Campaign <https://www.facebook.com/WhalleyRangeETC>

Please let us know what you are doing – climateaction@whalleyrangers.org

CONNECT - Back Greener, Whalley Range are connecting with schools, health, faith, community, housing and other organisations. We encourage them to buy as locally as possible and to work together to build back better and greener

Why? So that independent local businesses do well, there are more decent jobs for local residents and more equality across our neighbourhood. We will all be better off if the money in our area keeps going round here

Think Global *'the world needs more passion from people to help it heal'* Changu

We link with Chibombo People's Climate Action, started by a visionary science teacher, Changu. Changu is seriously concerned about climate change, especially deforestation in the Chibombo area of rural Zambia. School pupils and community members have planted thousands of trees and the project is offering food growing as an alternative means of income to women who previously sold charcoal. The link gives us hope, inspiration - they build community wealth with what they have. *FIND OUT MORE AT* <https://chibomboclimate.wixsite.com/website-1>



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