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NEECCo and the Waste and Resources Planning Group



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Who are NEECCo?

The North East England Climate Coalition is a cross-sector initiative bringing the region together to tackle climate emergency, reverse ecological collapse and deliver an urgent and just transition.

Our mission

By working together we will confront the climate emergency by catalysing and accelerating action across sectors, organisations and individuals. We will build upon the assets and the means we have within the region to achieve net zero emissions and seek further investment to deliver regional initiatives to drive real change.



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Our Story

Since the summer of 2019, Voluntary Organisations' Network North East (VONNE) has been working behind the scenes with representation of the public, private and VCSE sectors with the intention of creating NEECCo.

Following on from these initial discussions, NEECCo was formed in March 2020, with an Executive Team and Interim Steering Group. We have secured 21 Strategic Partners and established several working groups involving over 70 partners.



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Working and Planning Groups

Working groups align with the categories assigned by the UK Committee on Climate Change and are:

- **Land Use and Agriculture** (led by GENEE)
- **Housing Retrofitting** (led by Northern Housing Consortium)
- **Built Environment** (led by RIBA NE / Constructing Excellence North East)
- **Public Engagement** (led by VONNE & TUC)
- **Waste and Resource Management** (led by GENEE)
- **Sustainable Finance** (led by NEECCo)
- **Indicators** (led by NEECCo)



Our Supporters

Since our public launch in March 2021 we have gained over 200 supporters from organisations and nearly 300 individual followers, with an ever growing public engagement through all channels of communication.

Our website has a wealth of resources, information, events happening across the North East and case studies from those already taking climate action in the region.

We are a diverse and innovative region with the skills and commitment to deliver real change through a just transition.

We truly believe that in working together we can achieve our ambition to become England's Greenest Region, and we need your support to do it!



Waste and Resources Planning Group

- Formed to look at the role waste and its management has to play in the climate crisis.
- The group is made up of:
 - NHS
 - VCSE Sector
 - Private Sector
 - Local Authorities
 - WRAP
 - Recycling Association
 - Northumbrian Water
 - Environment Agency
 - You are welcome to join!



Waste and Resources Planning Group

- Carried out some initial GAP analysis of the waste sector in the North East and have decided to focus on Food Waste and Plastics
- All LA's in the North East will have to implement food waste collections from households by 2023.
- The Government has pledged to eliminate food waste from landfill by 2030 and reduce food waste by 20% by 2025.
- NEECCo Waste and Resources PG aspires for the the North East to have the lowest level of food waste per person in the UK.

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Our next steps:

- To add value where we can to the LA work around food waste collections
- Keep the focus on the waste hierarchy by developing projects that reduce food waste in the first place
- Explore the role the VCSE Sector has in helping address this complex issue



The poster features several logos at the top: 'GOING GREEN TOGETHER' in a dark blue box, 'NEECCO' in large white letters with a leaf icon, 'BECOMING ENGLAND'S GREENEST REGION' in small black text, 'COMMUNITY FUND' with a hand icon, and 'County Durham Community Foundation' with a red leaf icon. The main title is 'The role of the VCSE sector: Food waste and the climate emergency'. Below it, the event details are 'Magic Hat Café, Newcastle, Wednesday 5th October' and '10.30am to 12pm'. On the right side of the poster, there is a line drawing of a bowl containing a carrot and a cauliflower, with two birds flying above it.

Waste and Resources Planning Group

- Explore effective and measurable awareness raising activities that can be delivered regionally and take advantage of economies of scale
- Keep the focus on carbon emissions
- Explore the issue of micro plastics in food waste and AD Digestate



Get involved!

- Join the Waste and Resources PG jo@genee.org.uk
- Sign up to our monthly newsletter – neecco.org.uk/contact-us
- Join NEECCo as a supporter – neecco.org.uk/join-us
- Share your story with us!
- Follow us on social media:



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