

YOUTH REUSE AND SHARING GRANT GUIDANCE

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What is it?

The **Youth Reuse and Sharing Grant** is a grant of up to £1000 for projects that involve young people aged between 16 to 25 years old, to introduce a more sustainable way of buying and using products through enabling shared access, providing reusable items or finding new ways to repurpose unused items.

What is a reuse and sharing project?

Reuse means having items that can be used again and again. For example, football teams replaced single use drinks bottles with reusable drinks bottles in the [#PlayACleanGame project](#). Reusable takeaway containers are used by [Food Punks Project Pizza](#)

Or breathing new life into items that have been disposed of. For example, at [Revolve Recycle](#), the vibrant second-hand stores in Cambuslang & Rutherglen that offers access to affordable, stylish clothing, shoes and accessories.

Sharing libraries are set up to share items across your community. Source, borrow and return. This keeps an item actively in use for as long as possible, it reduces the need for a greater number of items to be produced and it can save you money. For example, [Music Broth](#) runs a library of musical instruments, allowing members to borrow instruments such as an electric guitar along with items like an amp and cable. [Decathlon](#) has a rental service for sports equipment ranging from bikes to kayaks, tennis rackets to tents.

Who can apply?

Eligible organisations who support young people in the age range of 16 to 25 years old can apply. The **community group or organisation must be based in, and working in, Lanarkshire**. Applications will only be accepted from non-profit-distributing groups and organisations with bank accounts.

If you are from a school or learning institution, we would advise working with a community group on your proposal to maximise the impact in your community.

What can the grant be used for?

All costs for materials and expenses to deliver your project. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Research such as surveys and gathering insights
- Project launch event including venue hire, refreshments
- Printed and online promotional materials
- Starter pack of stock or reusable items
- Storage – racks, rails, boxes
- Visual display materials

You may **not** use the funding for:

- Costs already incurred
- Items or equipment of a personal nature
- Repairs or improvements to premises or land not owned by or leased to, the organisation applying.

The project must be completed by 31 March 2026.

Looking for inspiration for your project?

Get in touch with our Waste Development Officer on waste@climateactionlanarkshire.net if you would like to discuss your ideas. We want young people to be involved in the design of the project and are interested to learn from them:

- What changes would you like to see and why?
- How would you encourage your peers to reuse or share?
- What would make it easier for you to reuse or share?

How to apply

Send a copy of the completed and signed application form along with a copy of your group/organisation's constitution and a copy of your group/organisation's bank statement dated within the last 3 months to waste@climateactionlanarkshire.net .

When to apply

Applications are open now and will be reviewed monthly from 20th April until all the funding has been awarded.

How will my application be assessed?

We are keen to understand how the project will enable a change to a more sustainable way of buying and using items and how you will encourage young people to reuse and share.

Please consider the climate when choosing materials or purchases and buy local wherever possible.

When will I know the outcome from my application?

You will be notified by email within a week of the application being assessed.

Reporting

We will require evidence of what you have spent the money on so please retain receipts and records of expenditure. You will be issued with a short form to complete to explain how you have spent the money and the impact it has made.

Accessibility

If you need assistance with accessing the application form or have any queries regarding accessibility, please email waste@climateactionlanarkshire.net and we will do our best to help.

Help us share the word

Many groups and organisations may not realise that this funding can be applicable to them too. You can make a positive difference to your local community by sharing the word. The more groups and organisations we can get involved in climate action, the greater impact we'll see.

Contact

For any questions on eligibility, or for assistance in completing the application form, please contact waste@climateactionlanarkshire.net