

TechSevern Schools' and Youth Group's
Pack on Sustainability



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Generation Zero Carbon Shropshire

Dear Colleagues,

Young people are telling us that they still do not fully understand what is causing the climate crisis and how their daily lifestyle choices are contributing to it. They are not totally clear what they can do to help improve the situation which leaves them feeling at a loss and overwhelmed about the future. When combined with the recent impact of COVID, things can seem daunting for the younger members of our community.

Generation Zero Carbon Shropshire is a group of young adults aged 16-30 who are dedicated to ensuring that Shropshire's younger citizens have a voice in the ongoing debate about carbon emissions. They are affiliated to the Shropshire Climate Action Partnership: Zero Carbon Shropshire and you can find out more about them on their website at

<https://zerocarbonschropshire.org/generation-zero-carbon>

We have created a pack for schools to use as stand-alone sessions with their KS3 students. The pack includes:

- A video suitable for an assembly, tutorial time, running in recreation areas at break times etc.
- A generic lesson plan for a stand-alone lesson that can be adapted to meet specific needs. Activities can be stretched to allow longer, deeper exploration if required.
- A powerpoint to accompany the lesson plan.
- A key words sheet. Other support/differentiated worksheets will need to be added by the teacher in accordance with the class.
- Worksheets.
- What can I do now poster.

We hope this lesson will suit a range of settings including:

- PHSCE, Citizenship.
- English - extend into persuasive letter writing.
- Flexible Learning Days
- Catch up Literacy sessions
- Youth Club, Scouts, Guides, youth group sessions

This material is meant to launch discussion about the climate crisis, sustainability and the goal of zero carbon emissions in Shropshire by 2030. More information can be found at

www.zerocarbonshropshire.org

We do hope that you will return some of the anonymised student responses to us so that we can begin to get an understanding of what their concerns are relating to this issue. This, in turn, will enable us to shape our campaigning and engagement programmes. We are an apolitical group; we do not engage in or encourage others to civil disobedience. There are other groups that do that. We do, however, believe that it is vital that the younger people of Shropshire have the chance to be informed about what is happening in their county and to have their voices heard.

Generation Zero Carbon Shropshire is affiliated with the Shropshire Youth Association.

Copies of student responses can be sent electronically to

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Please contact us here with any further queries or if you feel we might be able to support any of the work you are doing in this area.

Yours

All at Generation Zero Carbon Shropshire.