

Campaigning during Creationtide

Environmental Issues Network

As we consider care for creation during the Season of Creation, it is more important than ever to also consider how we can take action both locally and nationally to advocate for the natural world and those most impacted by the injustice of climate change.

The Environmental Issues Network is an ecumenical group of over 30 Christian organisations and denominations, established under the auspices of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, which come together on issues around climate and the environment.

In early 2022 EIN agreed that the three main climate-related issues we'd encourage churches to campaign on post-COP26 would be:

1. Ending UK fossil fuel development and transitioning to green energy
2. Compensating countries in the Global South for loss and damage caused by climate change
3. Ecological conversion of hearts and minds towards greater care for the planet

You can find out more about these issues in the briefing [here](#).

If you want to link your prayers and reflections to action, here are some suggestions from the Environmental Issues Network:



Faith for the Climate projection: Gary Oldknow

Ending UK fossil fuel development



Tom Allen - Warm this Winter

A new campaign “Warm This Winter” has just launched, which tells a compelling story about the cost of our reliance on fossil fuels with four clear demands of the UK Government:

Meaningful support for vulnerable households

An ambitious, nation-wide home retro-fitting programme

Unblocking the rollout of onshore wind generation (the cheapest, fastest form of energy available in the UK)

An end to offshore oil and gas expansion

Take action: [Sign the Warm this Winter petition.](#)

Speak out on social media using #warmthiswinter and follow the campaign on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Learn more about the campaign at warmthiswinter.org.uk

Look out for a corresponding campaign in Wales, which will be led by Climate Cymru: [Adref - Climate Cymru](#); [Home - Climate Cymru - For the Wales you love](#)

Warm this Winter is run by Green Alliance, Uplift and other partners who seek to unite the climate and anti-poverty sectors of the UK around this key issue.

Loss and Damage and Climate Finance

Here are two complementary campaigns from EIN members, one demanding that countries in the Global South be compensated for loss and damage caused by climate change, and the other calling for higher-income countries to honour their unfilled promise of climate finance to help with adaptation.



Adam Haggerty - Christian Aid

Loss and Damage Petition - Christian Aid

In Zimbabwe, crops are lost to drought. In Haiti, homes are damaged by hurricanes and in Kenya, roads are washed away by floods. This is the climate crisis - right now!

Christian Aid supports communities on the frontline who are demanding that the polluters who caused this crisis pay into an international loss and damage fund. The fund could help people recover and rebuild when disasters strike, and compensate them for all that is permanently lost. The only problem is, no such fund exists - yet - so Christian Aid is calling on the Prime Minister to back the creation of a new fund.

Take action: [Sign the Loss and Damage petition.](#)

You can find more climate justice resources here: [Climate justice resources - Christian Aid](#)



Tom Price – Ecce Opus/Tearfund

Climate finance petition - Tearfund

Back in 2009, higher-income countries promised to give \$100 billion a year from 2020 onwards to help climate-vulnerable nations adapt to the impacts of climate change. They are yet to fulfil their promises. Now, it's time to deliver. That's why Tearfund is calling on the UK Government to make best use of the remainder of its COP presidency, which runs until November 2022. Tearfund are urging it to influence wealthier nations to deliver on their promises of finance for those living on the frontline of the climate crisis – a crisis these poorer nations did not cause.

Take action: Sign the Time to Deliver petition.

Tearfund can send you postcards to use in church services (email campaigns@tearfund.org).

Resources include [short film](#), [sermon notes](#), [children's resources](#) and [climate factsheet](#).

Get involved in a local campaign



Maddie Powell – The Climate Coalition

Great Big Green Week runs from 24 September to 2 October. It's the UK's biggest-ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature.

Take action: Look online to find out how you and/or your church can get involved [here](#).

For instance, when you plan a service for the Season of Creation, why not invite your local MP or councillors to that and talk to them about the climate crisis and what you want them to do?

The Great Big Green Week is organised by [The Climate Coalition](#).

In Scotland the [Climate Fringe Festival](#) runs across Scotland through all of September for community-led events, organised by the Climate Coalition's sister organisation [Stop Climate Chaos Scotland](#).