

The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

(1a) Organisation/group name: SHRUB Cooperative

(1b) Project name: Wee Spoke Hub

(2) Tell us about your organisation / group (what do you do?) (150 words maximum)

Everything we do is led by inclusion, accessibility and participatory democracy. Empowering our community to participate in decision-making and reducing the impacts of modern life behaviours across energy use, travel, and waste are core elements of our organisation.

We provide a living laboratory to test and develop sustainable behaviours through our five main projects: the Swapshop, bike maintenance and cycle skills workshops at the Wee Spoke Hub, our Food Sharing Hub (Scotland's first rescued food shop), End-of-Term Collections and a programme of upcycling workshops and events online and at our central Edinburgh Zero Waste Hub.

(3a) Please select the fund criteria which your project relates to (Select all that apply)

- ☒ Create opportunities for community leadership and learning on climate change
- ☒ Reduce greenhouse gas emissions within communities and contribute to the net-zero target for Edinburgh
- ☒ Generate sustainable projects for the benefit of local people to build resilience or adapt to climate change within communities
- ☒ Build relationships between neighbourhoods of different socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds to work together on just, equitable and accessible climate and resilience activities contributing to the cities net zero agenda, also ensuring that activities work towards reducing or removing barriers for disabled people in the transition to net zero.

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(3b) Tell us about the project you would use the money for. (500 words maximum)

The Wee Spoke Hub is an inclusive community bicycle hub and workshop space where we aim to help make cycling an affordable, attractive and accessible mode of sustainable transportation for everyday use. By applying to the Edinburgh Community Climate Fund, we aim to relaunch the Wee Spoke Hub and design new workshops for under-represented groups in cycling, such as women, LGBTQ+ groups, BAME communities and people experiencing homelessness.

We want to support the people of Edinburgh in their choice of sustainable solutions by providing basic cycling skills training and route planning workshops; we also want to help populations that would not traditionally turn to cycle as a mode of transport (for economic or inclusivity reasons alike) to make that change and not to turn back. The workshops will help us build engagement to continue offering tools and expertise to those experiencing barriers to cycling and sustainable travel. Through our programme of activities, we will offer access to learning opportunities and mentoring; provide and help users gain affordable travel support to access services, leisure activities and job opportunities; and increase their independence and social connection.

We will provide access to second-hand bicycles at accessible prices, which will allow them to remain in action for longer and lower the demand for new ones. We aim to sponsor at least 10 new bicycles for low-income populations and plan on fixing/refitting at least 150 more during the year. Since the average bicycle produces 265kg of greenhouse gases, we estimate the reduction in greenhouse gases to be around 42.4 tons of CO₂e emissions and creating 1.5 full-time roles in the process throughout the year.

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By securing the Edinburgh Community Climate Fund, we will be able to hire a Hub Coordinator and invite Sessional Mechanics to run the following workshops:

- Activity 1: Fix Your Own Bike
Run 112 'Fix your own bike' workshops and reach 400-450 participants experiencing homelessness and/or financial hardship.
- Activity 2: Commuting Skills
Run 37 confidence boosting led-rides in partnership with under-represented groups in cycling (LGBTQ+, women and SIMD communities) and reach 130-140 participants.
- Activity 3: Audience Specific Workshops
Run 18 sessions with people who are under-represented in cycling (LGBTQ+, women and SIMD communities) and reach 70-80 participants.

Due to SHRUB's deep implantation in the circular economy and its strong history of activism for ecological and social justice, the Wee Spoke Hub is particularly well-placed to offer access to the benefits of cycling to under-represented groups in the cycling community and help Edinburgh Council reach our goals for change to a better future.

(4) Describe your project in no more than 30 words (this will be used for publicity)

SHRUB is a community-led organisation that provides the opportunities, resources and inspiration to enable the Edinburgh community to live a low-impact, climate-positive lifestyle.

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(5a) Who do you hope will benefit from this project?

By delivering the project, we will engage more women, LGBTQ+ groups, BAME communities, and individuals experiencing poverty and homelessness (as well as regular and new commuters).

(5b) Is your group open to all?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If no, please explain:

(5c) Will the project have a positive impact on any of the following protected characteristics?

☒ Disability

☐ Marriage
or civil
partnership

☐
Pregnancy
and
maternity

☒ Race

☒ Sex

☒ Age

☒ Sexual
orientation

☐ Religion
or belief

☒ Gender
reassignment

(6) Where will the project be delivered?

13 Guthrie Street, EH1 1JG

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(7) Project start date: April 2023
Project end date: April 2024

(8) How many people do you hope will benefit from your project? 600

(9) Is anyone else working with you on the project?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please tell us about this:

The Wee Spoke Hub project is a collaboration between our members, volunteers, staff and the board of trustees.

Planning and Organisation:

Members and volunteers developed the project and consolidated the activities programme to secure the future of the Wee Spoke Hub and help our community recover from the impact of Covid-19.

Delivery:

Sessional Mechanics and Volunteers will deliver the Wee Spoke Hub project and offer their tools and expertise to people in our community experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

(10) Do you require permission from anyone or any additional insurance to carry out your project?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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(11) Please outline a breakdown of the cost of delivering this project (including VAT).		(12) Do you have additional funding or income from charges which will contribute to this project? If yes, please detail below	
Goods/Equipment/Time etc	£	Source	£
Led Rides	4177	Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Open Fund	30000
Bike Workshops with Under-represented Groups in Cycling	4177	Pockets and Prospects Fund	1000
DIY Sessions	16710	Shift Fund	1500
Volunteer Sessions	5570	Access Bikes	1000
Commuting Skills	4177	Cycling Friendly Community	20000
Rent	7500	National Lottery Awards For All	10000
Utilities	5000	Unrestricted Funds	12500
Maintenance	200		
Subsistence	300		
Volunteer Travel	150		
Consumables	700		
Training (Velotech)	2000		
Tools	2000		
Project Management	4000		
Finance Administration	4000		
Volunteer Welfare Support	1000		
Total Expenditure	61661	Total Expenditure	76000

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