

Climate Justice & Grantmaking



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- **Introduction to EFN (briefly!)**
- **Causes and impacts of climate change and nature loss (very briefly!)**
- **Approaches to taking environmental action**
- **Resources**



Introduction to EFN



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EFN aims to:

**Improve the effectiveness of
environmental philanthropy**

(better environmental funding)

**Increase the amounts of support going to
environmental causes**

(more environmental funding)



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[Where the Green Grants Went 8](#)



[What the Green Groups Said 2021](#)

What is 'the environment'?



Agriculture and food



Biodiversity and species preservation



Climate and atmosphere



Coastal and marine ecosystems



Consumption and waste



Energy



Fresh water



Multi issue work



Sustainable communities



Toxics and pollution



Terrestrial ecosystems and land use



Trade and finance

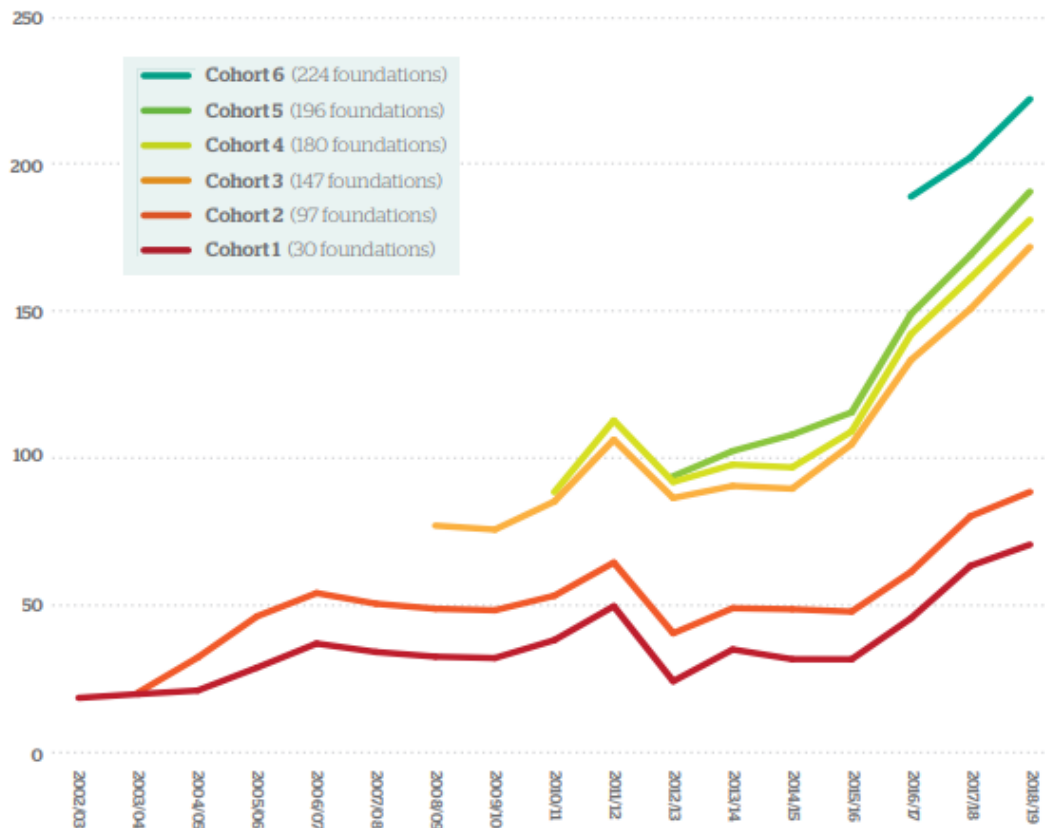


Transport



UK foundation funding

Chart 1: Total foundation funding (£m) to environmental issues tracked in six cohorts of foundations over time (nominal figures).



£204 MILLION

FOUNDATION GRANTS FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL WORK PER YEAR

Combined annual giving from foundation and lottery sources increased by 50% from the previous four-year period, with foundation giving almost doubling to £204m per year. The overall amounts may still be low given the scale of the challenges but the direction of travel is very encouraging.



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Our latest annual report

Our resources

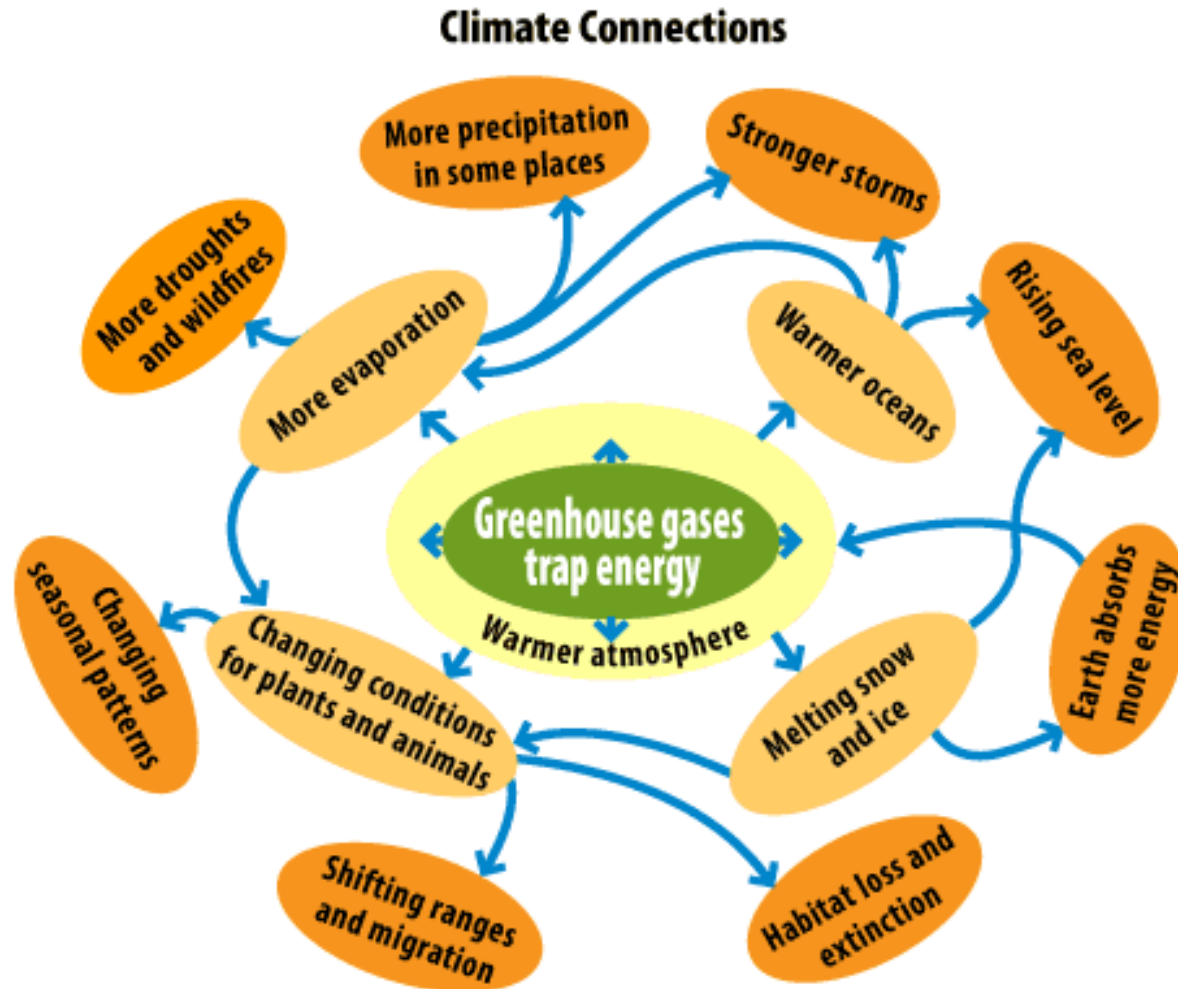


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Causes and Impacts of Climate Change and Nature Loss (and why this is a justice issue)

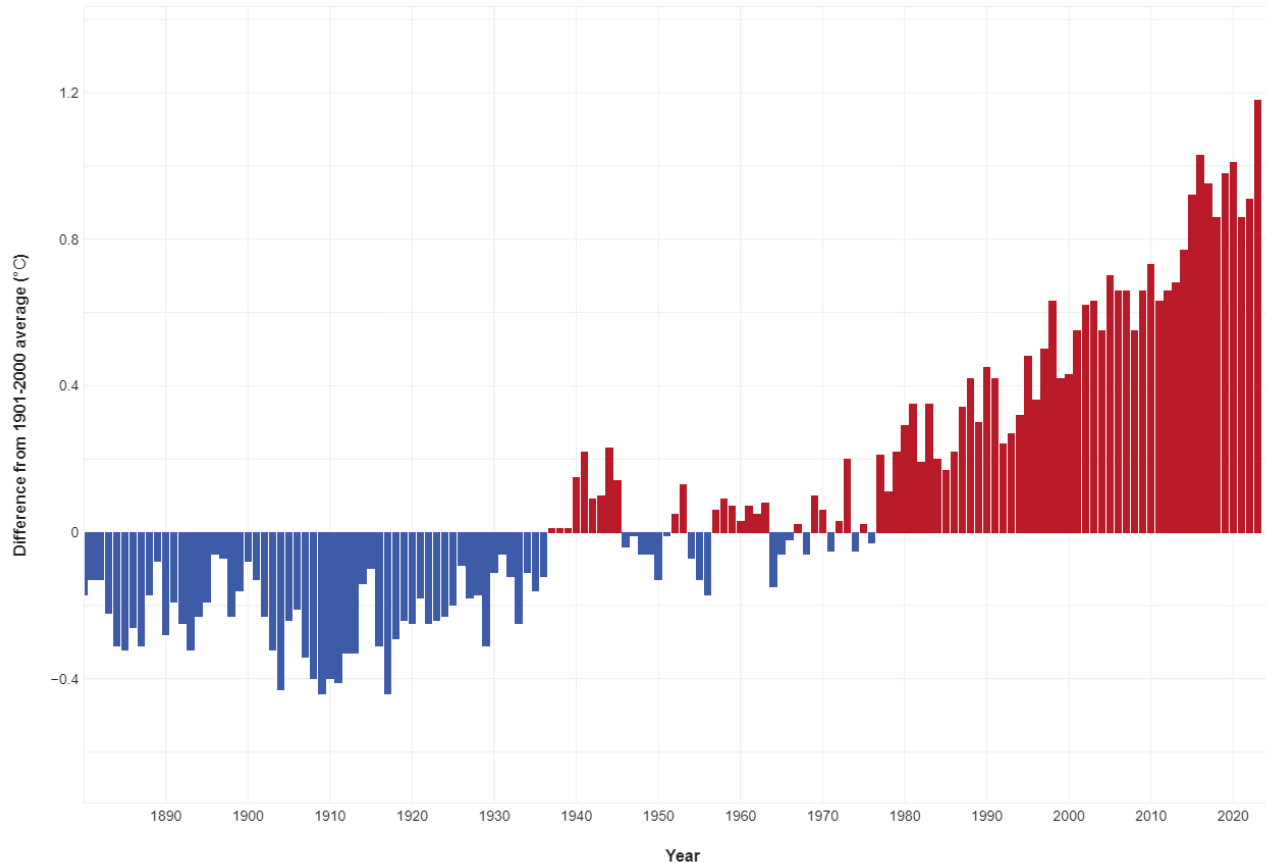


Effects of a warming planet



The last decade was the warmest on record

GLOBAL AVERAGE SURFACE TEMPERATURE



NOAA Climate.gov graph, based on data from the National Centers for Environmental Information. yearly surface temperature from 1880–2023 compared to the 20th-century average (1901-2000). Blue bars indicate cooler-than-average years; red bars show warmer-than-average years.

The environment affects all other social issues



Just & democratic
societies



Public health



Disadvantaged
groups



Education

Everyone's Environment



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Approaches to taking environmental action



So what do we need to do?



Reduce energy
use

Switch to
renewables



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So what do we need to do?



Protect what we
still have

Restore what
we can

Mitigation and Adaptation

Mitigation: Action that will reduce man-made climate change. This includes action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions or absorb greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

1. Stop burning fossil fuels
2. Protect and restore nature
- (3. Draw down carbon dioxide from the air)

[Climate Just website](#)

Adaptation: Action that helps cope with the effects of climate change - for example construction of barriers to protect against rising sea levels, or insulating homes and buildings against extremes of weather.

Build the power of communities affected most by climate change:

- Support their adaptation to the effects of climate change
- Support them to have a voice and lever their influence



But how?

Some options...

- Widen your current grant criteria
- Develop new funding programmes
- Support grantees in other ways



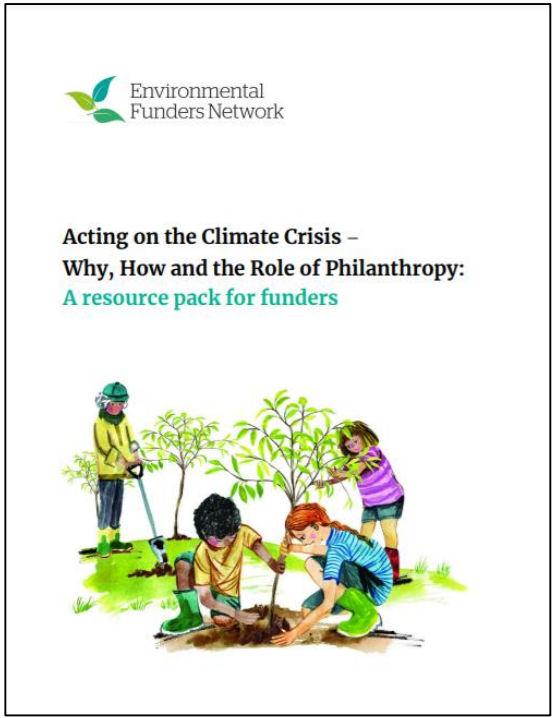
Funder Commitment on Climate Change



[Funder Commitment on Climate Change](#)

- Educate and learn
- Commit resources
- Integrate
- Steward our investments for a post-carbon future
- Decarbonise our operations
- Report on progress

Resources



Resources

- Video: [1hr climate and sustainability masterclass for funders](#)
- Online course: [Climate + Philanthropy \(Active Philanthropy\)](#)
- Short reads:
 - [Introduction to Environmental Philanthropy, NPC, Oct 22](#)
 - [How can philanthropy support action on climate change, Alliance magazine, April 22](#)
 - [To Meet the Climate Challenge, Philanthropy Must Challenge Itself, Stanford Social Innovation Review, April 22](#)
- Longer reads/guides:
 - [Funding the Future: How the climate crisis intersects with your giving, Active Philanthropy](#)
 - [Healthy People, Healthy Planet](#) philanthropy briefing, EFN/NPC
- Compilations of resources:
 - [Acting on the Climate Crisis, a resource pack for funders, EFN](#)
 - [Project Drawdown website](#), resources for climate solutions



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