

Key findings from Solihull's Youth Climate Action Survey

Solihull Council, in partnership with InterClimate Network, gathered insights on the climate crisis from over 500 young people, aged 10 to 25, from across Solihull (October to December 2021). The Council will be using the views expressed to positively influence our approach to delivering our Net Zero Action Plan, importantly advising how we engage with young people.

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young people are concerned about climate change.

Young people believe the government, including local councils, has the most power to change the course of climate change for the better.

81%

think Solihull Council should take action on climate change, 17% were unsure and only 2% were against.



1 in 2 want Solihull Council to focus on the natural environment.



1 in 3 want to see more energy efficiency in homes and have support to make more sustainable choices.



1 in 5 would like the Council to support their action and advocacy.



Causing less damage to the environment is a priority for young people.



2 in 3 young people are already choosing to act on climate change.

Working together is a strong motivator for youth climate action, with families having a significant influence on involvement.



What is preventing youth climate action?

- 1 2 in 3 are unsure or don't know anything they can personally do to help.
- 2 Young people expressed strong views that governments and businesses are not doing enough, and this can lead to disempowerment.
- 3 Young people don't have enough opportunity or support to take action.



What would further motivate young people to act?



Track results and showcase the positive impact of actions.



Install more equipment that make it easier to undertake action.



Stronger rules/laws to ensure climate friendly behaviour by everyone.



Linking climate action to other campaigns that make life better, such as improving health.



Schools are where young people hear climate change talked about the most. Yet they want schools to provide more knowledge on how to tackle climate change and more time to take action.

Four enablers for climate action



Opportunity



Community



Knowledge



Being Positive