

DRAFT (2021 06 09) Project Brief - Bath Climate Emergency Centre

We are local individuals and groups who have chosen to work together to organise a community centre to work for climate, ecological and social justice, which will promote compassionate citizenship and community resilience, and which will be inclusive, open and welcoming to all.

Bath Climate Emergency Centre will promote environmental, social and economic sustainability through co-discovery, co-creation, informal education, and transfer of knowledge.

It will do this by providing communal space for gatherings, events and social interaction where individuals and groups can meet, develop and share knowledge, skills, ideas, resources and actions; work cooperatively, supporting a circular economy and finding solutions during the climate and ecological emergency which promote social justice. It will promote supportive, enabling, encouraging, listening, resilient and compassionate communities, providing a listening and grieving space for the planet accepting the powerlessness we can feel. It is based on respect for and reconnection with nature and wildlife.

Bath Climate Emergency Centre will provide a focal space where lots of activities can happen, including workshops, community events, talks, exhibitions and public meetings. It will require volunteer commitment, fundraising, staffing, publicity, communications, administration and governance.

To meet these aims and objectives Bath Climate Emergency Centre needs to be located in the city centre, with a welcoming and visible shop front to the public; it needs to provide multiple accessible spaces, both small and large.

Why do we need Bath CEC ?

Bath and North East Somerset Council has declared a climate and ecological emergency and the need for collaboration and cooperation to find solutions is urgent. As individuals and groups we need a space to gather and create ways to deal with the climate and ecological crisis and associated social injustice. Most former community spaces have either gone or are too expensive, thereby excluding grass roots groups. We have to support, challenge and encourage the council, the public / communities and each other make the necessary changes that are needed to safeguard a greener future.