

13 CLIMATE ACTION



Goal 13 – Climate Action

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. It is still possible to limit the increase in global mean temperature to two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, aiming at 1.5°C, but this requires urgent and ambitious collective action.

Fact of the day

Bold climate action could trigger at least US\$26 trillion in economic benefits by 2030. The energy sector alone will create around 18 million more jobs by 2030, focused specifically on sustainable energy.

Act now

Lighten your carbon footprint

30 minutes



As you probably know, the carbon footprint is a way of measuring the impact of our activities on the climate, through the emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses. We talk about the carbon footprint of energy, measuring how much carbon dioxide is released in the burning of fossil fuels like coal and oil. We talk about the carbon footprint of food production, of transport, of clothing.

When we put all of these things together, we get our own individual carbon footprint. If we were flying around the world, buying clothes to wear once, eating meat at every meal and driving everywhere in an inefficient polluting car, then that footprint would be quite deep.

You could check your carbon footprint using an online calculator, but for now why not just look at our *Carbon Footprint* worksheet. Mark in some of the things you already do to lighten your footprint, and give yourself a pat on the back.

Next, pick out your next steps to reduce your carbon footprint. Don't pick things for when you are older; pick things that you can do tomorrow, even today. This is how we will deal with Climate Change, one step at a time; all of us together.

Check out other sheets

As long as you want!



The more you look at the SDG's the more you see how interconnected they all are. Actions needed to achieve one goal usually help to achieve others as well. Checking through the activities under the other 16 SDGs you will find many actions which contribute to tackling climate change.

Go back through the other SDG activity sheets. Pick out all of the actions which also tackle climate change. If you find some that you have not completed already, why not try them out. Bear in mind their importance in addressing the climate as well as the SDG where you found them.

Take action, Demand Action

30 minutes



Young people are taking action on climate change every day. You are cutting down on waste and recycling. You are cutting down on car journeys and cycling or using the bus. You are switching off lights and ditching disposable fashion. You are doing your bit and you are entitled to demand that others do theirs. Make up a poster to encourage others to take action and put it up in your local shop or library. A good slogan always helps – how about “Climate Action Now!”.

What to do next

Once finished your own action, share it on social media (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter). Tag **@ScoutingIreland** and using the hashtags **#scoutsforsdgs** **#scoutsie** **#17days17sdgs**.

This will allow scouts not only from Ireland, but all over the world, to see your actions and use that as inspiration to go and make a positive impact in their communities!



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Carbon Footprint

Our Carbon Footprint is a measure of the amount of greenhouse gasses emitted as a result of everything we do. From the food we eat to the clothes we wear, from how we get around to how we heat our houses. Let's look at some things you are already doing well, and plan to make the next round of changes.

Climate change is a big challenge, but we can do it. Remember to stop and say "well done" to yourselves and others for the positive things you have done.

Then, get on with the next steps. For some ideas, look over the other SDG sheets to see what you could do to make all the difference.

This is my Carbon Footprint. I already do some things really well and here are my plans to do a few more.

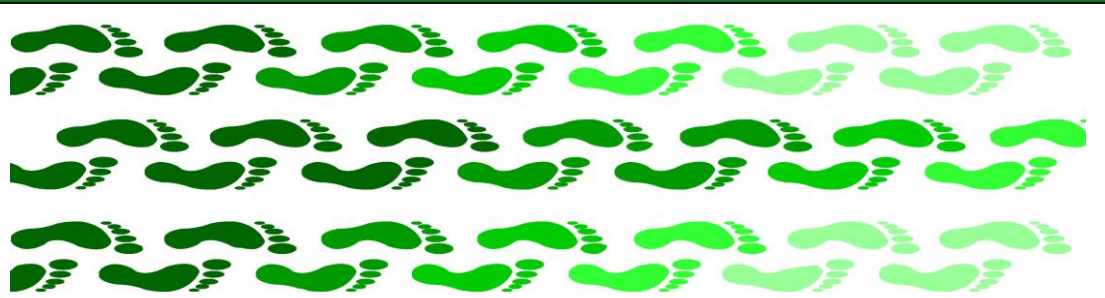
Already done...

Next steps...



Find someone making a positive change to reduce their carbon footprint. Give them a pat on the back!

Don't worry, we are going to do this thing. And, this is how we are going to do it; one step at a time, all together!



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