



Join the Leeds Climate Commission – Help shape Leeds’ transition to a resource efficient and climate resilient city

Are you passionate about tackling climate change and its impacts? Do you have the skills and experience to support the delivery of Leeds Climate Commission’s ambitious plan?

Why do we need a Leeds Climate Commission?

Leeds believes that a resource efficient and climate resilient city will not only be a better place to live, it will also be more competitive and better placed to ride out future economic shocks. But this can only be achieved by bringing together the key stakeholders in the public, private and civic sectors to promote and guide on-going transitions.

Following discussions in 2016 with key representatives from these sectors, it was agreed that an independent Leeds Climate Commission should be established which mirrors the national Committee on Climate Change. As the first term comes to an end, the Commission is looking to refresh the membership.

About Leeds Climate Commission

Leeds Climate Commission is an independent advisory body, chaired by the University of Leeds, which provides a secretariat, and vice-chaired by Leeds City Council. The geographic scope of the Leeds Climate Commission is the unitary authority of Leeds City Council.

Leeds Climate Commission is primarily dependent on voluntary and in-kind time contributions with members providing the resource which enables strategic projects to be developed and implemented, to the benefit of the city.

Full details of the vision, scope, deliverables, membership, governance, and operating principles can be found in the *Terms of Reference for Leeds Climate Commission* which should be read in conjunction with this recruitment material, the [Annual Report](#) and Implementation Plan.

Leeds Climate Commission comprises:-

A Strategy Group including a Chair, Vice-Chair and at least one person from each Working Group. The Strategy group meets quarterly and:

- oversees the programme of deliverables
- takes an overview of initiatives, projects and activities to ensure co-ordination, reduce duplication and foster synergy between projects
- acts as a problem-solving forum
- agrees, communicates and publishes advice on meeting carbon reduction targets
- agrees, communicates and publishes advice on risk / opportunity assessment of climate change

3 Working Groups which meet quarterly and report to the Strategy Group. They are:-

- Low Carbon Working Group
- Climate Resilience Working Group
- Engagement & Communication Working Group

Members of the Working Groups are expected to undertake some Working Group related project activity in between meetings.

The Opportunity to join Leeds Climate Commission's Strategy Group and / or a Working Group

We are now looking for people from key organisations in the public, private and civic sectors who are passionate about tackling climate change and its impacts and have the skills and experience to support the delivery of Leeds Climate Commission's ambitious plan.

We will appoint to both Leeds Climate Commission's Strategy Group and to its Working Groups. It is possible to be a member of either and both, however most appointments will be to the Working Groups.

What's In It For You

By getting involved, you will have the opportunity to:

- Influence the development of climate change projects and policy in the city
- Promote your organisation's contribution to addressing climate change challenges and any associated skills or services
- Shape the delivery of climate change programmes across all sectors of the city
- Use your skills, ideas and experience to build your organisation's profile and reputation
- Make a difference to Leeds now and for generations to come

- Network and collaborate with a range of representatives and organisations from across the city.
- Your willingness to champion Leeds Climate Commission to your relevant networks and connections.
- Your commitment to deliver useful, accurate and timely data and information to the Leeds Climate Commission on behalf of your organisation.
- For Working Groups, you will also need to be willing to undertake any necessary work in order to deliver the Working Group's programme of activity.
- Your ability to identify and propose areas for collaboration and project opportunities, including adding value to existing projects.
- Your commitment to serve from the date of appointment to December 2019.

Please note: although membership is on an individual basis, participation should be authorised by senior decision makers within your organisation.

Interested in Joining Us?

To find out more or for an informal discussion, please contact Dr Tom Knowland, Head of Sustainable Energy & Climate Change at Leeds City Council (Thomas.Knowland@Leeds.gov.uk).

To express an interest in becoming a member of Leeds Climate Commission's Strategy Group or one of its Working Groups, **please (i) complete the short online application and (ii) send your CV to Margo Hanson, Secretariat Coordinator, Leeds Climate Commission (m.hanson@leeds.ac.uk) by Friday 2nd November 2018**. The application form can be accessed [here](#).

Appendices

- Appendix 1: Terms of Reference for the Leeds Climate Commission