

RCE East Midlands, UK

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Governance and Partners:

We are organised informally, with active members focused in the Leicester area of the East Midlands in the UK.

- Our main active partners are the **universities in Leicester** (De Montfort University and University of Leicester), **local authorities** (including Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council) and **Margaret Fleming Associates**.
- Much of our recent collaborative work is being done under the umbrella of the **'Universities Partnership' civic university agreement** for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, which brings together local universities and local councils for the food of the locality.

Ongoing Projects

- **"Greener LeicesterShire"** – a £2.5million 21-month Innovate UK funded project to 'collaborate to accelerate net zero strategy and actions in Leicestershire, bringing together local councils and universities alongside energy specialists.
- **Civic University environmental projects**, including delivery of Carbon Literacy Training to local voluntary and community sector organisations.
- **Business Engagement on Net Zero:** Working with the Leicester Business Improvement District to deliver training and sustainability audits.
- **Climate Action Mini-Research Projects:** Desk-based mini-projects by De Montfort University on *climate change communication*; *climate adaptation toolkits*; and *student climate action*.

Expertise:

- Long-standing collaborative relationships on climate education bringing together a range of stakeholders and students/staff from local universities, local government and independent consultants and experts.

Ambitions/Collaboration:

- **Joint projects with other RCEs focussing on local climate engagement/training** to learn from and enhance each other's approaches, potentially sharing our Carbon Literacy resources for businesses, fashion/textiles industry or otherwise.
- **Sharing our experiences of successfully engaging with higher education providers to embed education for sustainable development** across a range of activities

Upcoming networking events

- **Camp 100. Youth group celebratory camp August 2025.** Opportunities for RCE networking locally and across the UK, with a particular focus on green skills and youth participation. There will also be international delegates.

<https://woodcraft.org.uk/projects-campaigns/camp-100/>