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What is One Future

- One Future is a network of local grassroots groups and activists who fight for faster and fairer action on climate change by lobbying local decision makers and politicians, and building campaigns in their local areas, as well as acting in solidarity with other groups around the country and abroad. It was founded by Friends of the Earth and Stop Climate Chaos in 2020.

What is our aim?

- To build a strong network of local groups and leverage our power to win our core demands: faster and fairer climate action.
- To be part of a growing environmental movement in Ireland and to stand in solidarity with other groups who are fighting for climate justice and social justice.
- To promote and be guided by our core message of Faster and Fairer climate action. They are the standards to which we should ourselves and our decision makers.
 - **Faster** - because we are running out of time to stop the worst effects of climate change. These effects will have a devastating impact on our lives, our health and our communities.
 - **Fairer** - because climate change and poverty have many of the same root causes, we should focus on the solutions that tackle both at once. Taking action to prevent climate change has the potential to create a much fairer and equal society based on improving quality of life and doing away with economic systems that value profit over people and nature.

How do we get there?

- By building strong local groups that are inclusive, active and allow people to take on tasks and roles.

- By building power through reaching out to others in our community who don't already agree with us, and working with people and networks in our community.

- By sharing a basic set of common demands to guide us and to hold decision makers accountable. [These demands are informed by policy from Friends of the Earth and Stop Climate Chaos and were established in 2020 when One Future was set up.](#)

- By working towards our common demands either at specific moments (such as elections), or used to support local and national campaign work through lobbying; building local campaigns; or acting in solidarity with other environmental and social justice groups around the country.

- Through allowing groups to decide their priorities and build local campaigns if they feel there is an opportunity or a need in their community that they want to address.
 - For example: This might be campaigning for a better bus route in the local area, or taking action in solidarity with other groups, such as groups opposing new fossil fuel plants.

- Coordination and support is currently provided by staff of Friends of the Earth Ireland. This support can include setting up regional meetings for groups to meet, delivering trainings based on what groups and members need, putting groups in contact with each other, and working with groups on campaigns. Friends of the Earth also provides strategic guidance alongside Stop Climate Chaos.

What are our values?

- ***Justice-centred***

We understand that the climate crisis disproportionately affects those least responsible for it and is linked to other social justice, class and rights issues. In the Global North, many of us may have benefitted from the mechanisms that have caused the crisis. We know that, to help right these wrongs we must continue to learn, and question the economic and political systems which uphold these inequalities.

- ***Inclusive***

To build a fairer future for everyone, we need to make sure everyone can be involved. We work in a way that is accessible, welcoming and respectful of all. We want to reach out to people from communities that are under-represented and actively speak out against any form of discrimination.

- ***Brave***

We won't solve the climate crisis with the status quo. We'll be open to new ideas, challenging ourselves to think and act innovatively. We won't be afraid to fail and will learn from our mistakes. We need to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone to stand up for what's right and support direct action.

- ***Collaborative***

We need to work together to tackle the climate crisis. In our groups, we enable members to take on leadership roles, share responsibilities and create opportunities for people to get involved. We're open to building bridges and uniting communities and people, supporting each other and sharing our knowledge and skills.

- ***Action-focused***

We are committed to securing action, and not settling for empty promises. So, once a commitment is made we'll be there to make sure it is seen through. Similarly, in our own campaigning we are committed to being active and creative to help maintain a vibrant and lively movement.

- ***Caring***

It's a big crisis we're facing - we will make sure to seek out the things we enjoy doing throughout our campaigning and work together to make our groups safe and exciting places for people. And we'll build our resilience by looking after ourselves and each other.

- ***Evidence based***

We base our need for faster and fairer climate action on scientific solutions to the climate and biodiversity crises. We also learn from the experiences of communities on the frontline of climate change and extraction.

Who can join

- Everyone! We welcome everyone who lives in Ireland to the One Future network.

How do groups stay in touch?

- Local members have whatsapp groups for each constituency. There is also a Slack channel that all One Future members are invited to join to connect with groups around the country. You can join this Slack channel by emailing onefutureireland@gmail.com

I am already in a local climate action group- can my group join the One Future network?

- Yes! Existing groups are welcome to join. Contact the Network Development Coordinator or email onefutureireland@gmail.com if your group is interested in joining.
- Pre-existing groups are asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding when joining - which is simply an agreement between the One Future staff liaison setting out the support they can offer your group, and what your group is expected to do as part of the Network.

What is the benefit of joining?

- Groups in the One Future Network receive access to trainings to build their capacity, strengthen their campaigning and broaden their knowledge of national and global climate justice issues.
- Groups can also receive support from the Network Development Coordinator in terms of support with campaign planning, facilitation and communicating with other groups.