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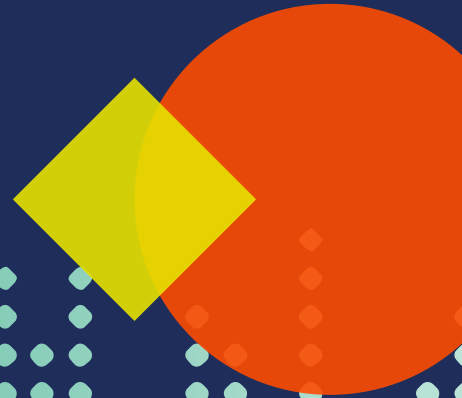
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CONSIDERING THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF STRENGTHENING FUNDING POLICY AND PRACTICE TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

- Power to Change – who we are
- The community business market in England
- Our sustainability journey
- Challenges and opportunities





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POWER TO CHANGE – WHO WE ARE

Power to Change is an independent trust that strengthens **community businesses** in England.

We help communities run businesses that give them the power to change what matters to them, creating **more resilient places that are better to live in and work in for everyone.**

... community businesses making an ever-increasing contribution to a **fairer and greener economy**



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11,300
community
businesses

37,800
paid staff in
community
businesses

£973m
combined
income of
community
businesses

6,300
community
owned
spaces

148,700
volunteers
involved in
community
businesses

56p
from every
£1 stays in
local
economy



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OUR SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY – STARTING OUT

Aligning our organisational mission, strategy with climate and sustainability...

- *Funders Commitment on Climate Change*
- *Identify relevant themes and drivers for your funding priorities*
- *Take an ‘outside-in’ and ‘inside-out’ view from stakeholders*
- *Engage the Board and staff to align purpose and strategy, build capacity and broaden ownership*



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OUR SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY – MAKING PROGRESS

Internal integration and external support for the sector...

- *Integrate mission into core organisational policies, practices and operations*
- *Committing resources in a range of interlinked ways to strengthen the sector to address the climate and nature crises*
 - *Research*
 - *Policy and comms*
 - *Funding and support*



CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

- Be bold, call out low ambition, take risks... if not now, when?
- Prioritise diversity, equity and inclusion
- Plan and use your “network for support”
- “Do no harm” > climate and nature positive
- Harness the opportunities for partnerships and strategic collaborations...to be more than sum of your parts

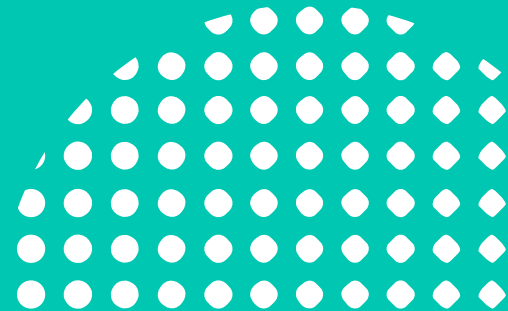


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“We believe that climate injustice goes hand in hand with social injustice and that caring for the planet provides a huge opportunity to care for ourselves and our communities”.

**Power to Change community business grantee
Environmental attitudes survey (2020)**





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