

Volunteer with the Climate Justice Movement at COP26



Introduction

Over the first two weeks of November, climate leaders from around the world are coming to Glasgow for the UN climate talks. The decisions made here will impact every life on this planet, first and foremost those already on the frontlines of the climate crisis. Movement from around the world will be converging to demand that climate justice is at the centre of all climate action.

And we need your help in supporting the climate justice movement. We're inviting you to be part of a team of volunteers that will be critical in supporting climate justice organising, visioning for system change and bringing climate justice demands to the COP this November.

After all, system change doesn't come from the top-down, it comes from the ground-up!

Volunteering with us

We're looking for people who can give up time for a minimum of three 4 hour shifts (12 hours total) over those 12 days. You will be able to let us know which times work best for you when applying. Some roles will require specialist skills, so we welcome those too.

Everyone will receive training which will take place over September and October. Most training will be held virtually so you can volunteer with us wherever you are in the world, as long as you plan to be present in Glasgow for at least some of the COP (31st Oct - 14th Nov 2021).

You must speak a decent level of English to volunteer with us and be over the age of 18. We will strive to make sure all roles are accessible to people with different access needs. Please email cop26-accessibility@protonmail.com or call 07935342919 if you have questions or access needs.

Deadline: The first round of applications will close on 1st August.



Who are we?

The [COP26 Coalition](#) is an international civil society coalition of groups and individuals organising towards mobilising around climate justice during COP26. Coalition members include environment and development NGOs, trade unions, grassroots community campaigns, faith groups, youth groups, migrant and racial justice networks.

[Stop Climate Chaos Scotland](#) (SCCS) is a Scottish civil society coalition who have been campaigning together on climate change since 2007. We have over 60 members including environment and development NGOs, community groups, unions, and faith groups.

What is COP?

COP is shorthand for 'Conference of the Parties'. It is the supreme decision-making body of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), as well as to the global talks on climate change. At these talks, over 200 countries negotiate rules and targets for addressing the climate crisis.

This COP is one of the most important so far as its outcomes will determine whether we can limit the catastrophic impacts of climate change and whether this will be done in a way that worsens or tackles inequalities and injustices.

COP takes place typically every year over two weeks. The 2020 event – delayed to 2021 – will be the 26th climate meeting, hence "COP26". [Find out more about COP here.](#)



What are we doing at COP26?

Mass Mobilisation for Climate Justice

Saturday 6th November, Glasgow

On 6th November, the COP26 Coalition is organising to bring thousands of people on to the streets of Glasgow to demand climate justice be at the centre of negotiations. This will be part of a global day of action with decentralised protests taking place across the UK and around the world. We have a range of volunteer roles available that will help ensure that the protest in Glasgow is powerful and smooth as possible.

People's Summit

Sunday 7th to Tuesday 9th November, across Glasgow and online

Our Global Gathering for Climate Justice will bring together the international climate movement for an inspiring four day alternative summit outside the official COP space. We will hear from those fighting on the frontlines of climate change, to climate justice activists from across the world. We will exchange our struggles, discuss solutions to tackling the multiple crises we face and strengthen our movements beyond COP26. The gathering will be a hybrid in-person and online event, to enable that in-real-life energy and connection-making that is critical for movement building, whilst ensuring it is accessible for activists and communities across the world who cannot attend the COP in person.

Civil Society Hubs

Monday 1st – Friday 12th November, across Glasgow

The COP26 Coalition and SCCS are working to create a series of Civil Society Convergence Spaces – creative hubs across Glasgow where activists can gather and connect together, warm up with food and drink, book out meeting rooms and socialise into the evening. We are also organising a space where artists and activists have all they need to create art, banners, action props and everything in between.



Volunteer roles

There are a number of roles and shifts available so that anyone interested can get involved. We will provide you with training and support so that you can fulfil your role with confidence.

Build & break volunteer

Skills:

- Team work
- Communication
- Comfortable moving & lifting bulky objects

Locations: Arts Yard, Kinning Park Complex, People's Summit

Detail: Build & break volunteers will be crucial in preparing for and winding down from COP26. We're looking for individuals that are able to volunteer from 29th–31st October and 13th November (Civil Society Hubs) and 5th–7th November (People's Summit and Mobilisation support). Tasks will likely include moving and lifting equipment and furniture, ensuring rooms are ready for use by different groups, prepping decorations, and putting up signs, etc.

Welcome + information volunteer

Skills:

- Team work
- Communication
- Problem solving
- Organisation

Locations: Arts Yard, Kinning Park Complex, Adelaides, Strathclyde University, People's Summit

Detail: Host volunteers will be the first point of contact for visitors and activists. These roles are essential to ensuring that things run smoothly. In this role you would be welcoming and checking-in activists and visitors, providing information, orientation and signposting, and carrying out any other general tasks that might be needed at that venue.



March steward volunteer

Skills:

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Organisation

Locations: Mobilisation

Detail: As a steward for the mass mobilisation, you will help to ensure the smooth running of the march, from guiding participants of the march to move in the right direction to supporting general safety such as road safety and Covid safety, plus liaising with head stewards and other organisers. This role will run over Saturday 6th, with the possibility of some March steward volunteers needed on Friday 5th as well.

Tech support volunteer

Skills:

- Tech experience (e.g. sound, lighting, live streaming, projection, zoom)
- Teamwork
- Problem solving

Locations: Kinning Park Complex, Arts Yard, Adelaides, Strathclyde University, People's Summit, Mobilisation

Detail: Tech support volunteers will be critical at our in-person events across Glasgow. In this role you will be on hand to support with a variety of tech requests at a particular venue or at the mass mobilisation – this could span across sound, lighting, projections, live streaming and zoom.

Welfare volunteer

Skills:

- Teamwork
- Communication
- Adaptable
- Organisation

Locations: Kinning Park Complex, Arts Yard, Adelaides, Strathclyde University, People's Summit, Mobilisation

Detail: In this role you would be supporting the welfare needs of all volunteers, providing accessibility information and overseeing adherence to Covid regulations. You will be given specific training to enable you to fulfil these role needs. We're anticipating welfare volunteers to also be able to stand in for other roles if needed, which you will be given general training to prepare you for.



How to apply

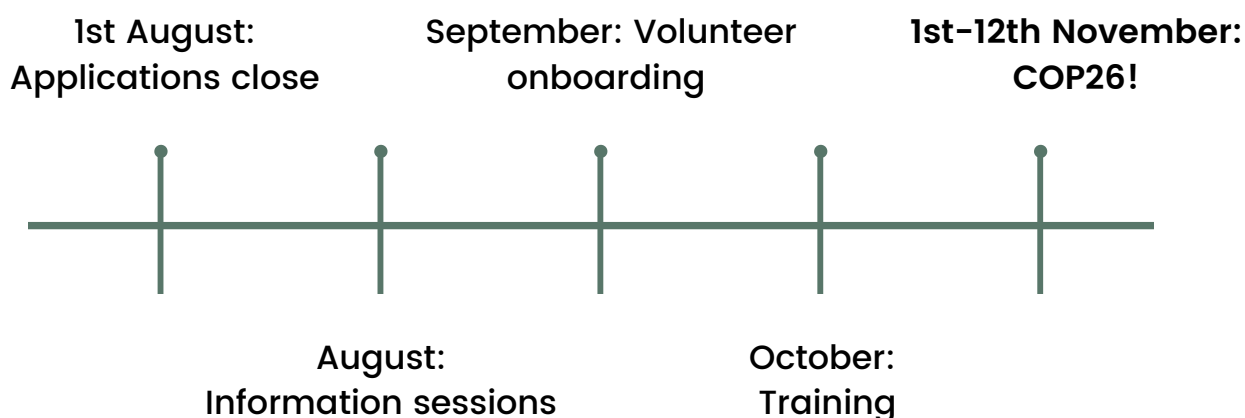
Please fill out this [online application form](#) where you will be given the opportunity to tell us a bit about yourself, your availability and the role(s) you are interested in. **The deadline for applications is 1st August.** We are also happy to arrange applications over the phone or by post, please get in touch with isobel@stopclimatechaos.scot or call 07935342919.

After reviewing the applications and ensuring the right distribution of roles, we will invite successful individuals to an information session where you will learn more about the role and can ask any questions.

You will then be invited to join our volunteer platform. Here you can find all the relevant documents and policies. You can sign up to your preferred shifts and download your rota.

Before COP you will receive specific training to give you all the information and skills so that you can carry out your role effectively.

Key dates



What's in it for you?



Becoming a Climate Justice Volunteer will allow you to support the climate justice movement and civil society's role in the COP26. It will allow you to learn new skills, connect with volunteers and activists from around the world and amplify the voice of the people at one of the most important UN climate conferences so far.

Training & support

We are committed to supporting our volunteers and will provide you with general and specific training depending on your role. Training will take place shortly before COP and we will run both in-person and online sessions. We have members of staff dedicated to support volunteers during the run up and throughout the summit. We will also have a team of welfare volunteers in place for COP26.

How much time will you have to commit?



We're looking for volunteers who are able to commit to 3 x 4 hour shifts over the 12 days. You can, of course, volunteer for more than this if you wish. We need volunteers for various shifts throughout the day, ranging from 9am–9pm. You will be able to let us know which times work best for you when applying.

Expenses

For every shift that you volunteer, we will provide something to eat and drink. We want to reduce barriers to volunteering and have a discretionary fund for volunteers who need financial support travelling to and from the volunteering site.

Accessibility



We are committed to understanding and addressing individual support needs wherever possible and we are happy to discuss this with any potential volunteer. Volunteers can discuss concerns or problems in confidence at any time and regular support will be offered. If you need any adjustments to the application process or would like to speak to us about other areas of accessibility, please get in touch with: cop26-accessibility@protonmail.com or call 07935342919 Monday to Friday 09:00 – 17:00.



Venues map



- A** Carnival Arts Yard – bookable studio space for activists of all kinds
- B** SEC Centre – COP26 Blue Zone
- C** Glasgow Science Centre – COP26 Green Zone
- D** Kinning Park Complex – meeting rooms, hot desks and a small cafe
- E** Charing Cross – All People's Summit and mobilisation venues
- F** Adelaides – hosting events to connect local and global civil society, including the People's Summit
- G** Strathclyde Student Union – constituency strategy meetings

Find out more

You can head to the [Climate Fringe](#) to find out more about what we're are planning for COP26, including our events calendar for an array of interesting webinars, talks and activities.

We're also looking for hosts on our [Homestay Network](#) - people from across the world will be coming to Glasgow and need a place to stay, could you sign up your spare room or sofa?

COP26 Homestay Network

Do you live in the central belt of Scotland and have space in your house to offer up a visiting activist, scientist, or policymaker? We're also looking for hosts for our Homestay Network - a non-profit alternative to Airbnb and hotels in Glasgow, to offer affordable and community-minded accommodation for the climate justice movement.

This is a chance for you to share a warm Scottish welcome with people from all different walks of life: from indigenous communities on the frontlines of climate change to practitioners from non-governmental organisations. Sign up as a local host, and offer a climate campaigner a place to stay while they are in Glasgow this November.

All you need to sign up is an open floor, sofa, room, or home in the central belt of Scotland, and about 15 minutes to fill in some details. You can set a fair price for your space.

[Click here to find out more and sign up to become a host.](#)

Stand together, stay together!

If you have any questions about volunteering with us, get in touch with Isobel -
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