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### York Environment Week 2023 Launches Call for Events

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On **Thursday 8 June**, York Environment Week (YEW) launches this year's call for events. The week-long programme of green events is back for its fourth year, running from **Saturday 23 September to Saturday 1 October**. To mark the launch, the YEW team will be connecting with local environmental campaigners and communicators at an event at **Spark York**.

YEW is an annual city-wide festival aimed at showcasing and celebrating the work of environment groups active in York. It offers groups and organisations the opportunity to work together to promote environmental activity. The programme is for anyone who cares about tackling climate change, increasing biodiversity and making the city more sustainable, offering opportunities to connect and get involved.

Inspired by the [UN Secretary General](#)'s call for "climate action on all fronts", the theme of this year's YEW is "everything, everywhere, all at once". YEW is inviting community groups, businesses and other organisations - such as schools, universities, trade unions, libraries, housing associations and faith groups - to share and discuss their environmental actions. The programme aims to make it easier for all those interested in making York a greener place to find out more about how to get started and who and what can help.

This year, YEW is partnering with **York CliConnect**, a project funded by York Environmental Sustainability Institute (YESI) at the University of York. The launch of YEW23 on 8 June coincides with an event hosted by York CliConnect at Spark York from 5.30-9pm, where attendees can connect with other people and organisations involved in climate and nature communication in the city. The event will be an opportunity to meet the YEW team and help shape this year's programme of events.

In previous years, thousands of people have participated (in person or online) in YEW events. Event organisers reported that participants' feedback showed many were



planning to change behaviour such as volunteering, joining a group or going to future events. A further positive outcome for participants was the “networking” – finding out about groups, activities and services that were new to them.

The YEW organising team said: “We hope that YEW23 will help us all to imagine and create a better future for our city - fairer, healthier and greener. Whatever your age or community, we hope that you will find a way to join us and make 23 September - 1 October a week of ‘everything, everywhere, all at once’ that will take our efforts to another level.”

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**Editor’s Notes:**

**York Environment Week** is organised by [York Environment Forum \(YEF\)](#). The Forum was established over 10 years ago, and plays an active role in local consultation processes, as well as taking a proactive stance on engagement with topical environmental issues. YEF’s aims are to comment on policies and strategic issues in York that affect the built and natural environment; to encourage community initiatives that improve sustainability; to enable information exchange and networking.

**York CliConnect** is a project funded by [York Environmental Sustainability Institute \(YESI\)](#) at the University of York. In partnership with the small business [With Many Roots](#), York CliConnect is working to strengthen the network of climate and environmental communicators in the city.

Tickets for the event on 8 June can be booked through the [Eventbrite page](#).