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WELCOME TO YORK ENVIRONMENT FESTIVAL 2025!



We're delighted to be back for a sixth year of events showcasing climate and environmental action in York. All events in the festival are open and free to attend, offering everyone a chance to get involved.

Our theme this year is 'hope through action'. The events in the festival offer a range of ways to take hopeful action, from practical workshops to repair cafes to community meet-ups. There's something for everyone, whether you want to learn, explore nature, get creative or make new connections.

As you explore the YEFest 25 programme, we invite you to discover a community of like-minded people and to start making a difference for the better. When we take action together, we can achieve so much more. - YEFest 25 Volunteer Team

Programme Key



Family Friendly



Climate Education



Out In Nature



Climate Justice



Sustainability



Socials

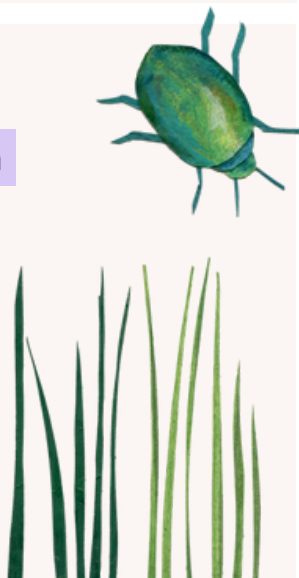


Book Online



Drop In

For full details (including updates) and online booking, visit yorkenvironmentfestival.org.uk



Cli-Mic Night 19:00 - 21:00

Take part in a climate-themed open mic night.
SPARK York, YO1 9PB

28th



Extreme Heat & Public Health 9:30 - 12:00

Expert-led learning about climate, health, and extreme heat. *Priory Street Centre, YO1 6ET*

29th



Lowfield Green Housing Co-Op Open Day 11:00 - 13:00

An open house at York's first co-housing community.
<https://w3w.co/excuse.marked.stroke>

Nov

1st



The Ant that Ate the Internet 10:30 - 12:30 & 13:30 - 15:30

Creative storytelling from a green and hopeful future.
York Explore Library, YO1 7DS

2nd



#Talking Climate 14:00 - 16:00

A toolkit for more effective climate conversations.
Micklegate Social, YO1 6JX

2nd



Let us know what you think!

Help us to grow and improve by filling out our feedback form, or get in touch at info@yorkenvironmentfestival.org.uk



Games to Grow Greener and Wilder 15:00 - 18:00
Urban Spaces

Can your team design the greenest neighbourhood?
Sustainability Clinic, University of York, YO10 5DD



Heritage & The Environment 13:00 - 14:00

How does the Minster protect its heritage and the environment? *4 Dean Gate, YO1 7JA*



Convening the Convenors 18:00 - 20:00

Networking for those bringing people together over green issues. *Patch York, YO1 6FA*



Groves Repair Cafe 09:30 - 12:00

Get your broken belongings fixed for free.
St Thomas's Church Hall, YO31 7ND



Solar Skylines 13:00 - 15:00

Explore clean energy in our community.
York Explore Library, YO1 7DS



Celebrate Apples 13:00 - 16:00

Outdoor event picking apples and making juice.
The Dormouse, Clifton Park Avenue, YO20 5PA



How we made it through 18:30 - 20:30

Discover “thrutopian” creative writing.
Friargate Meeting House, YO1 9RL



Groves Repair Cafe 09:30 - 12:00

Get your broken belongings fixed for free.
St Thomas's Church Hall, YO31 7ND



Wildlife in Action 10:00 - 12:00

Help care for our Wildlife Area.
Rowntree Park Café, YO23 1JQ



Acomb Repair Cafe 10:00 - 13:00

Bin it? No way! Get your broken belongings repaired.
Acomb Methodist Church, YO24 3BX



Nature Postive! 10:30 - 12:30

Explore the vision for a nature positive campus.
YEAR Centre, University of York, YO10 5NG



York River Trail 10:00 - 11:00 & 12:00 - 13:00

Riverside walks with river stories and community action.
North Street Gardens, YO1 6JD



York Open Eco Homes 10:00 - 16:00

Visit and be inspired by local homes with lower carbon emissions. *Address to be supplied after booking.*



Environmental Impacts of War 12:00 - 13:00

A workshop exploring the impact of war on the environment. *Friargate Quaker Meeting House, YO1 9RL*



Sept

Planet South Bank Foraging Walk 14:00 - 15:30

Discover local, edible plants and discuss sustainable practices. *Rowntree Park Café, YO23 1JQ*

28th



Seed Harvesting 13:00 - 15:30

Help harvest wildflower seeds to support pollinators. *Rowntree Park Café, YO23 1JQ*

29th



The Life Sized City 19:00 - 21:00

Can other cities teach us to cope with urban challenges? *Online.*

29th



Curious & Creative Gardening Tour Various

Explore how to make the Gardens more wildlife friendly. *Yorkshire Museum, Museum Gardens, YO1 7FR*
This event is repeated on October 9th, 15th, and 21st.

30th



People, Planet, Pint 18:00 - 21:00

Find out what's going on locally with sustainability. *Brew York, YO1 9TT*

30th



Environmentally Sustainable AI 19:00 - 20:00

Expert panel asks if AI can be environmentally sustainable? *Online*

30th



**Creating a Wildlife Haven 10:00 - 11:00
& 11:30 - 12:30**

Vanessa Cook teaches how to make your garden a haven. *Stillingfleet Lodge Gardens, YO19 6HP*

1st



Oct

This Whole Earth is Family 19:00 - 21:15

Explore human-centrism and the alternatives. *Jacob's Well, YO1 6EL*

16th



York Open Eco Homes 10:00 - 16:00

Visit and be inspired by local homes with lower carbon emissions. *Addresses to be supplied after booking.*

18th



Urban Green Corridor: Walk & Cycle 11:00 - 12:00

Guided walk or ride travelling the length of the Greenway. *See booking page.*

18th



Open Garden at the Nose 14:00-16:00

Explore the garden, meet the gardeners, help harvest our final produce of the year. *St Clement's Church, YO23 1NE*

19th



Green Business Forum: Energy 9:30 - 12:00

Futureproof your business and become more sustainable. *York Theatre Royal, YO1 7HD*

21st



York Bus Forum 17:30 - 19:00

Hear the Mayor's plans for transport in York and N. Yorks. *Online.*

21st



Planetary Boundaries 15:00 - 18:00

Explore Earth's systems and understand planetary boundaries. *Patch York, YO1 6FA*

22nd



Welfare not Warfare: Climate & Palestine**19:00 - 22:00****13th**

Unite against war's toll on the climate.

*The Crescent, YO24 1AW/ Online***Seed Harvesting****13:00 - 15:30****14th &****22nd**

Help harvest wildflower seeds to support pollinators.

*Rowntree Park Café, YO23 1JQ***Game Night 2: Urban Labor-a-Tree****17:30 - 20:00****14th**

Design York's green future your way.

*Sustainability Clinic, University of York, YO10 5DD***Exploring Geothermal Energy** *tbc***15th**

Explore UoY's on-campus Deep Geothermal Energy Project.

*Ron Cooke Hub Atrium, YO10 5GE***Biodiversity Collage****15:00 - 18:00****15th**

Uncover our impact on biodiversity through interactivity.

*Patch York, YO1 6FA***Urban Green Corridor: The Talk****18:00 - 20:00****16th**

An illustrated talk on the Solar System Greenway.

*St Nick's Centre, YO10 3FW***The Humber Hovercraft****19:00 - 20:00****16th**

Investigate the history of the Humber Hovercraft.

*House of Trembling Madness, YO1 8AS***Leading Environmental Education****11:00 - 11:40****1st**

Discover and design impactful curricula.

*Online***Climate Fresk****14:00 - 17:00****1st**

Learn about climate science with a team game.

*Sustainability Clinic, University of York, YO10 5DD***Hands on With the Gardeners****10:00 - 12:00****2nd**

Get to work with the York Minster gardening team.

*York Minster, Old Palace Library, YO1 7HH***Plant Propagation Workshop****13:00 - 15:00****2nd**

Workshop on dividing perennials in the park.

*Homestead Park Pavillion, YO30 6WP***Travel on the BikeBus!****17:00 - 18:00****2nd**

Learn about getting to school with a BikeBus!

*Online***Friends of the Earth Q&A****19:00 - 21:00****3rd**

Q&A with our local political representatives.

*Central Methodist Church, YO1 8NQ***Guided Morning Walk****09:00 - 11:00****4th**

Explore nature with a guided walk through Homestead Park.

The Pavillion, Homestead Park, YO30 6WP

Parent and Toddler Group 10:00 - 12:00

Seasonal crafts, songs, and stories connecting with nature.
York Steiner School, YO10 4BP



Gardening for Wildlife 10:30 - 12:15

Discover how to help your garden's wildlife over autumn.
Clifton Explore Centre, YO30 6NS



Game Night 1: Daybreak 15:00 - 18:00

Can you beat climate change in Daybreak?
Sustainability Clinic, University of York, YO10 5DD



Street Re-Cycle 12:00 - 15:00

South Bank homes pass on books, clothes, and toys.
Addresses supplied on the day.



Climate Fresk 15:00 - 18:00

Learn about climate science with a team game.
Patch York, YO1 6FA



A Sustainable Economy? 19:00 - 20:30

A panel exploring ideas of sustainable economies in York.
De Grey Court Building, YO31 7EX



Hands on With the Gardeners 10:00 - 12:00

Get to work with the York Minster gardening team.
York Minster, Old Palace Library, YO1 7HH



Multi-Sensory Nature Experience 12:00 - 13:00

A walk through often overlooked places at the
University of York, Berrick Saul Building, YO10 5DD



No Jobs on a Dead Planet 17:30 - 19:00

A panel on tackling the climate emergency at work.
Priory Street Community Centre, YO1 6ET / Online



Climate Listening Circle 19:00 - 20:30

Share feelings on the climate and ecological crisis.
Patch York, YO1 6FA



Fantastic Fungi 13:00 - 14:30

Enjoy a nature walk learning about often overlooked fungi.
East Entrance Biology, University of York, YO10 5DD



St Nick's Autumn Fayre 13:00 - 17:00

The annual Autumn Fayre. Community fun for everyone!
St Nick's Nature Reserve, YO10 3FW



Fantastic Fungi 13:00 - 14:30

Enjoy a nature walk learning about often overlooked fungi.
East Entrance Biology, University of York, YO10 5DD



Weedy Walk 14:00 - 15:30

Learn about urban weeds in Bishophill.
Victoria Bar, YO1 6HQ

