

Calderdale Green New Deal (GND)

Calderdale GND is campaigning for ambitious investment in a safer climate and a fairer society. To climb out of the wreckage of the pandemic and build a sustainable future, we need a bold set of policies and investment that tackle the two biggest crises that face us: climate change and inequality. These two crises are inextricably linked.

A Green New Deal requires speedy, concerted action and investment from the UK Government. Local Government can also deliver elements of the Green New Deal, and can play an important part in pushing for action and building public support.

Although we are part of Green New Deal UK, we are an autonomous local group. We are ordinary people, calling for real solutions that match the scale of the challenge. We are not campaigning under the banner of any political party and are happy to work with any other local groups fighting inequality and climate change.

The aims of our group are to:

- build sufficient **visible community pressure for a GND** so that the MPs and other elected officials publicly back and advocate for it (or are replaced at the next election because that's what the community wants)
- **be part of the national/global conversation advocating for a GND** and creating pressure for action at a local level
- **work to decarbonise Calderdale in a way that enhances social justice.**

Since we formed in the summer of 2020, we have:

- participated in a mass digital lobby of MPs in August
- delivered a Build Back Better Community letter signed by over 40 local organisations, businesses and councillors
- developed good social media reach and constructive liaison with Holly Lynch
- made a short video with people across the community talking about building back better.

We aim to build broad public support. This will require us to be vocal and visible, with a locally relevant message that appeals to people. By the end of 2021, we hope to have shown there is widespread support across Calderdale for a GND, both in the number and diversity of people and organisations publicly supporting us.

We ask Todmorden Town Council to endorse our group, please, as recommended by the Town Climate Emergency Committee.

Contact through:

- Email: calderdalegnd@gmail.com
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/calderdalegnd/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CalderdaleD>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/gndcalderdale/>
- Website / action network page: *coming soon*

We also have a supporters WhatsApp channel where you can receive zoom links for meetings and call-outs for specific actions.