

Item 7e. Meeting with Climate Challenge College and All1Collective

All 1 Collective and Lab (All1C) is a social enterprise based in Todmorden. All1C work with communities to provide the knowledge and skills needed for people to take social action on issues that are important to them. All1C have a working partnership with Todmorden Learning Centre and Community Hub in conjunction with the Climate Challenge College pilot project.

The meeting focused on ways in which the Climate Challenge College, All1Collective and Todmorden Town Council's Climate Officer can work together to engage the public, businesses and Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) organisations on climate-related matters, and to establish ways in which they could integrate climate change mitigation strategies and climate justice into their work.

As discussed and explored in the meeting, one of the ways in which to initiate this is through the medium of 'climate conversations,' a concept deriving from a need for more engagement and mutual understanding between groups and individuals on the shared problem of climate change.

The climate justice element entails a mindful approach to ensure that minority and disadvantaged groups within the community have equal opportunities to participate in these conversations and subsequent actions arising from them, particularly groups who may be disproportionately impacted by the effects of climate change.

As much of this work involves awareness-raising and educating, there was discussion on ways in which to get children and young people involved in climate action, such as engaging with local schools. There is an overlap between:

- All1C's support, development and empowerment of individuals through helping them find their voice and part their part in the arena of climate change and the green economy, and
- the Climate Challenge College's course that provides such opportunities and accessibility to work in the green economy through their 'Green Futures' course, equipping students with the skills and knowledge necessary for environmental land management, natural building, repair and reuse, energy-saving, and renewable generation schemes.

As part of a communications plan going forward, further collaboration between Todmorden Town Council and the Climate Challenge College/All1C would make for an effective, cohesive and inclusive approach to garnering interest in green issues and encouraging a proactive climate-action culture.