

Schools' Climate Education



South Yorkshire

Schools Climate Conference 1-3 March 2022

FAQs

Will it cost the school anything?

No, it will be free to all schools. The presenters are giving up their time voluntarily for the conference. Other aspects are already fully funded.

Will staff and students involved need to have three days off timetable?

That is up to you. You/your students can just attend one session if you wish, or you could choose to make it a high profile event in your school. Events will be streamed at the time stated on the timetable. Some will be live and some will be pre-recorded (see timetable). However, all sessions, including live sessions, will be available on the SCESY website to watch on demand once they have been streamed, so you will have the flexibility to adapt the conference to your school timetable and the availability of staff and students.

What happens if our school timetable is different to the time of the sessions?

Sessions will start streaming promptly at the time on the timetable. You will not be able to access them before this time. If you join a session later than the start time you will be able to 'rewind' the session to the start. **However, please note that if this is a LIVE session you will not be able to interact with the session properly, so we recommend not rewinding for these. If you want to be able to interact with the LIVE sessions as they happen then you will need to arrange for students to be available at this time.**

What resources will my students need for the sessions?

A list of resources needed for each session, including links to any worksheets, will be provided nearer the date of the conference.

N.B. If you plan to attend the 'Plugging into the Sun' Session, please note that you will need to order a solar car kit in advance. Contact david@solar-active.com for the Solar Active on-line registration form. You will need to make a £10 returnable deposit when you register. The deposit will be returned on your completion of the session.

How do students submit questions for the session with Louise Haigh MP (Thursday 10am)?

You can submit questions in advance using the links below. The links will also be shared in the session videos on Tuesday. The link to the primary form is [here](#), and the link to the secondary form is [here](#).

How do students submit questions for the panel of Authors (Thursday 3rd March at 3:30pm)

Send your questions to admin@scesy.org. Make the subject of your email 'Questions for the panel 2022'. Questions must be submitted by 5pm Tuesday 1st March.

How can I get staff and students involved?

- It is important that you get the support of your Headteacher for the event.
- Talk to non-teaching staff, such as the school finance officer and the buildings and facilities managers, because they all have a key role to play in climate related decisions (see the LIVE CPD session on Tuesday 1st March, 'Tackling Energy Efficiency in Your School: An eco win - Energy Sparks')
- We recommend that you mention the conference in the staff briefing – you may be surprised at how many staff are keen to get involved. Suggested wording to go in a staff briefing:

"In the first week in March there is going to be a three day virtual climate conference for all primary and secondary schools in South Yorkshire. It has the support of Sheffield City Council, Sheffield University, and many local and national organisations. Young people are aware that we are facing a climate crisis and many students are crying out for better education about climate issues and how to deal with them. This conference aims to

address some of these issues and provide a way for schools to connect with each other and discover that they have much more power than they realise to change the future.”

How will I access the conference sessions?

The easiest way to access the conference sessions is using the timetable, which you can access on the SCESY website. <https://www.scesy.org.uk/conference/conference-programme-2022/> On 28th February, the timetable will be updated with links to each of the conference sessions on the SCESY website. These will be in the form of YouTube videos, which will only be accessible following the listed start time of the session on the timetable.

You do not need any specific software or logins to access any of the conference sessions.

If you have not received previous conference updates, please check your spam folder for emails from schools@scesy.org.uk and add this email address to your contacts to avoid missing future conference mailings.

Covid-19:

This is an online conference, and therefore pupils can join sessions whether they are in school or isolating at home. It is up to you whether isolating pupils join your class in a conference session, or access sessions separately from home (see safeguarding below).

Safeguarding:

Many of the sessions are pre-recorded and non-interactive, reducing the need for safeguarding. Students/teachers will be able to interact anonymously with live sessions via Padlet, which will be accessible on the individual video page on the SCESY website. All comments entered into Padlet will be filtered by our safeguarding team. No inappropriate comments will be visible at any time.

How long will sessions be available afterwards?

All sessions will be available indefinitely as a resource after the conference. However, we encourage you to access as many sessions as you can at the time of the conference so that you can engage with other schools in the South Yorkshire region.

What happens if I can't access the live sessions?

Some schools have very strict firewalls. Ask your IT department to whitelist the [scesy.org.uk](https://www.scesy.org.uk) website and YouTube. All sessions will be delivered via a YouTube video embedded into the SCESY website. All attendees should aim to watch via the SCESY website. This is especially important for live sessions, where the YouTube video and any other interactive elements (Padlet / Slido) will be on the same SCESY webpage, so audiences only need one link to get everything. Direct YouTube links will be available in case of school firewalls taking issue with the embedded video.

We are a secondary school – can we access the primary sessions (or vice versa)?

Yes. The final timetable will contain links to all conference sessions. You can click on any session you like!

Photographs and videos of students

We do encourage you to take photos and videos of your students participating in the conference, but make sure that you have the appropriate permissions from parents/guardians of any students appearing in the video, following your school's protocol. Do send any photos and videos to us – we would love to highlight your school in our newsletter! Last year several photos from our conference appeared in local newspapers.

Where can I get more information about the conference?

Go to

<https://www.scesy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/South-Yorkshire-Schools-Climate-Conference-2022-timetable-provisional.pdf> for the conference timetable, and <https://www.scesy.org.uk/conference/conference-programme-2022/> for details about individual sessions.

What do I do if I have further questions?

Contact admin@scesy.org.uk or schools@scesy.org.uk.