

Events

Eco Town Open Days

31/03/2026 - 10AM – 12PM

01/04/26 - 1PM-3PM

02/04/26 - 10AM-12PM

07/04/26 - 1PM-3PM

[Link to book visit](#)

20/04/26 - 02/05/26

FoodFutures Spring Into Action Events

See link for information on all events available

[Link to see all events](#)

21/04/26 - 4:15-5:30PM

Philosofun: Climate Event

Online

[Link to book](#) (paid event)

03/06/26 - 9:30AM-4:30PM

Good for Growth - B Corp Fest

The Wellbeing Farm, Wheatsheaf Hill Farm, Plantation Road, Edgworth, Bolton, BL7 0BY

[Link to book](#) (paid event)

25/06/26

Sustainability Learning Conferences NM

Blackburn Rovers FC

[Link to sign up](#)

27/06/26 - 12PM

Three Degrees Festival

More Music Building

[Link to event info](#)

03/07/26 - 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Morecambe Bay Curriculum Annual Conference 2026

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LancsCAN Youth Section



LancsCAN Youth Newsletter

We are proud to introduce this months feature, which is the addition of the Youth Section to our LancsCAN newsletter. Please look out for more LancsCAN Youth updates in the following newsletters.

In recent months, LancsCAN Youth have been focusing on spreading awareness of how to meaningfully engage with young people within climate action conversations. This has included delivering a breakout session at the Lancashire Community Climate Action Forum in March, as well as presenting at a recent LancsCAN Lunch & Learn event.

As the group continues to build connections across the community, one of our priorities is to participate in more in-person activities, and to encourage other young people to do the same. We are therefore planning to take part in some outdoor volunteering activities with the Ribble Rivers Trust.

We will also soon be developing a survey to gain insight into the climate action priorities of young people in the Lancashire area. It is our hope to use the findings of this survey as a guideline for our future projects and actions, in an effort to make sure our work represents the interests of as many young people as possible. Please keep an eye out for further updates on this!

Finally, as the group continues to develop, LancsCAN Youth are beginning to recruit additional members. We would love to hear from young people aged 18-25 who are interested in joining our group, whether this is as a committee member with specific responsibilities, or as a more general group member. If you are interested in joining or would like to find out more, please feel free to reach out to Maya at lcymayal@zohomail.eu.



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Welcome to Eco Town

Eco Town currently has some Open Days during Easter for individuals or group visits, Open Day bookings are through email, use the button below, visits are FREE with a minimum age of 7yrs.

Please use this link to book if you are part of a group

Easter Open Days Date & Times:

- Tuesday 31st March 2026 10:00am – 12:00pm
- Wednesday 1st April 2026 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Thursday 2nd April 2026 10:00am-12:00pm
- Tuesday 7th April 2026 1:00pm-3:00pm

Who are we?

Lancashire Renewables is the company owned by Lancashire County Council and Blackpool Council which operates the two waste recovery plants in Lancashire. Eco Town is based in the Environmental Education Centre at Farington Waste Recovery Park.

What do we do?

We receive, treat and transport municipal waste for Lancashire. Our aim is to achieve a sustainable future for Lancashire by providing services to process biodegradable and non biodegradable household waste.

Types of waste

The waste that we receive includes residual (“black bin bag”) waste as well as kerbside collected recycling materials.

Eco Town is fully accessible, but when booking advise us of any special requirements you might need.

[Link to website](#)

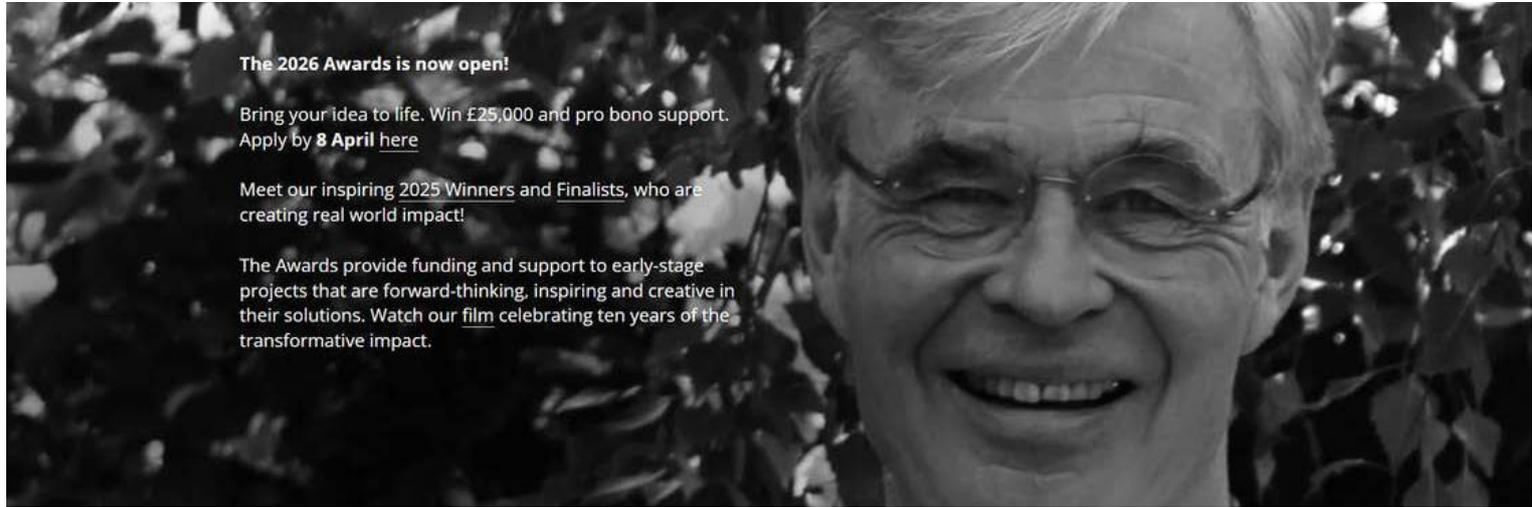
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Meet our inspiring [2025 Winners](#) and [Finalists](#), who are creating real world impact!

The Awards provide funding and support to early-stage projects that are forward-thinking, inspiring and creative in their solutions. Watch our [film](#) celebrating ten years of the transformative impact.



Stephen Lloyd Awards - Funding Opportunity

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The aim of the Awards, is to help create success by finding and nurturing innovative ideas and projects that can lead to practical, sustainable social or environmental change. The Awards are particularly interested in supporting novel, early stage ideas that address social or environmental problems at a systemic level. These are essentially ‘big ideas’ that might not, or cannot, reach the mainstream channels for support or funding.

The heart of the Awards is the bringing together of experts that can deliver practical, free support to shortlisted candidates as well as Award winners, and in many ways, this is the biggest prize for those shortlisted. In addition, funding of £25,000 will be made available to support Award winners in developing their initiatives. At the shortlist stage the Awards will make up to ten awards of up to £2,500 to assist candidates to further develop their ideas.

Ideas may come in many forms. They may be a new start-up enterprise or an extension of an organisation’s existing work; however, preference will be given to entries originating from a start-up or early stage project, rather than initiated within a larger charity organisation. They might be a discrete piece of lobbying work or a high profile campaign; the aim might be to change policy or legislation or to create a new legal form or financial structure.

Who was Stephen?

Stephen Lloyd was an inspirational lawyer and innovator who dedicated his working life to advising charities and social enterprises and who pioneered significant developments in the sector. He died suddenly on 20th August 2014 while sailing in Newport Bay, a place that he loved dearly. The exact cause of his death is unknown. Stephen was widely known for his expertise, dynamism, creative intellect, wisdom, leadership, sense of fun and commitment to good causes, and his friends and admirers have established the Stephen Lloyd Awards to preserve and perpetuate the memory, ideals and legacy of such an extraordinary man.

[Link to website: Stephen Lloyd Awards | Supporting Sustainable Social Change Ideas](#)

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FoodFutures Spring Into Action!

From 20 April – 2 May 2026, FoodFutures is coordinating a series of events that invites people and organisations across the Lancaster District to ‘Spring Into Action’ around creating a thriving local food system that is healthy, resilient and fair.

Activities include:

- Reconnecting exhibition,
- A Halton Food Festival
- listening to soil microbes
- A Share The Harvest picnic
- Lancaster Green Spaces forum
- Orchard blossom trail
- Food champion induction
- ‘Building a regenerative economy from the ground up’ gathering
- Composting Eggcup food waste at Cork Road Allotments skill share
- and more!

[Details about all Spring Into Action events can be found on their website link here.](https://foodfutures.org.uk/spring-into-action-2026/)

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Accrington Eco Station

Sustainability in Action at Accrington Eco Station Education Centre

Looking for an inspiring and educational experience with a strong environmental focus? The Accrington Eco Station Education Centre offers FREE workshops that put sustainability at the heart of learning—perfect for schools and community groups.

Tucked beneath the station in a unique space known as “the bunker,” this innovative centre brings eco-friendly ideas to life in a fun and engaging way

Explore Sustainability First-Hand

Eco Station Tours

Go behind the scenes to discover what makes Accrington an eco station. From energy-saving initiatives to greener ways of working, students will see real-life examples of sustainability in action.

Community Garden Experience

Visit the station’s eco-friendly garden and learn how green spaces support biodiversity, improve wellbeing, and contribute to a healthier environment.

Sustainable Travel

Discover why rail travel is one of the most environmentally friendly ways to get around. We can help arrange travel on a Northern train to and from Accrington Eco Station.

Inspiring Future Change-Makers

Students are encouraged to think about their own impact on the planet, sparking ideas for greener lifestyles and sustainable choices. They also have a hands-on opportunity to explore careers within the rail industry by trying on real uniforms and discovering roles that contribute to a greener, more sustainable future.

To find out more information about the station [visit our website link here.](#)

Ready to book your visit or find out more? Contact us today at: TrainEd@communityraillancashire.co.uk

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Morecambe Bay Curriculum Annual Conference 2026, Save the Date: Friday 3rd July 2026

Our Bay, Our Future: Inspiring Action and Hope

On Friday 3rd July, we will once again gather to share resources, learn about new opportunities, meet like-minded folk and celebrate our collective achievements and growing community.

Join us at the Great Hall from 9.30am-4.30pm at Lancaster University for an inspiring day focused on community-generated, place-based and environmental education that empowers young people to take Climate Action!

You can expect to hear from national experts on climate science, learn more about the Curriculum Assessment Review's implications for climate education and get the latest Eden Project Morecambe updates. There will be workshops that focus on Nature and Health, Community and Place-making and Future skills.

[Join the MBC community for FREE](#) to be the first to hear about FREE tickets! **[Read more about Morecambe Bay Curriculum Conference 2026 here.](#)**

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Philosofun - Climate

Jane Yates and I first began collaborating on the Philosofun Concept back in 2020, wanting to find more ways to showcase the accessibility and ‘fun’ ness of Philosophy for Children and Communities (P4C). In P4C we so often refer to the 4C’s of P4C, in relation to the skills we are trying to develop with the groups that we work with – ‘Caring, Collaborative, Creative and Critical’. We were seeing a lot of Philosothon taking place, with their strong competitive elements, which prompted us to develop Philosofuns, focused on the Caring, Collaborative and of course fun elements of P4C. We can’t personally take credit for the name ‘Philosofun’ as it was developed in true Philosophy for Children (P4C) style through a collaborative dialogue shared with Pippa Leslie on a train journey back from a SAPERE P4C conference. Jane and I were describing to Pippa what we were trying to achieve and then Pippa summarised our thinking succinctly and Philosofuns was born!

Our first online Philosofun took place during the depths of COVID in May 2020, with a linked Philosofun theme to the times we lived in ‘Provisions’ and was attended by over 40 participants. We now regularly offer online, face to face (both in the indoor and outdoor classroom) whole school and open courses and can also of course offer sessions with pupils. <https://www.littlechatters.co.uk/forthcoming-courses>

So what is a Philosofun?

- Philosofuns are non-competitive, active, playful, engaging and fun!
- Short philosophical activities to ensure they can easily be slotted into the school day and can be expanded to full class sessions or even full day sessions if required – you can use or adapt our ideas straight to your classroom
- Activities to foster collaborative thinking through ‘micro-communities’ focused on small group conversations with potential to lead to a full class enquiry
- Activities focus on a theme or concept:

Full information can be found on [Philosofun’s website link here.](#)

Next session: Tuesday 21st April, 4:15 - 5:30pm. ONLINE

Booking please via [eventbrite](#) - £15pp + eventbrite fee

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Good for Growth - B Corp Fest

What if growing your business and doing the right thing for people and the planet weren't competing priorities... but the same strategy? That's exactly what Good for Growth is all about. Hosted at The Wellbeing Farm, Good for Growth is a one-day, festival-style experience designed for businesses, leaders and change-makers who believe that sustainability isn't a cost, it's a catalyst for growth.

This is our fifth year and across the day, we bring together B Corp leaders, Founders, sustainability pioneers and practical thinkers to explore how purpose-led business can drive real commercial success. From carbon reduction to culture, from community impact to customer experience, the focus is simple: how do we turn intention into action?

This year details of some of our amazing speakers can be found at our [B-Corp fest website here](#).

- Chris Turner, CEO, B Lab UK
- Masami Sato, Founder and CEO, B1G1 - a global business movement and non-profit giving platform
- Maxine and Darcy Laceby, Co-Founders, Absolute Collagen
- Lucy Traynor, Founder, Magnificent Roots. Lucy previously led the Purpose strategy and implementation for Deloitte UK

More importantly, B Corp is not just about the badge. It's about understanding the steps involved that help your business become better. Even if certification isn't your goal, Good for Growth will show you how to use the free B Impact Assessment as a practical tool to: measure what really matters, identify areas for improvement, take meaningful action across your business.

Good for Growth aligns closely with LancsCAN's mission to mobilise collective climate action. It creates space for connection, knowledge-sharing and real momentum across themes like business, food, energy and community wellbeing. We believe the businesses that will thrive in the future are the ones that embed purpose at their core. Not as a marketing message, but as a way of operating every single day.

As part of our shared commitment to climate action in Lancashire, we're offering LancsCAN members an exclusive discounted rate to attend Good for Growth.

We would love you to join us and take advantage of a discounted rate [by booking here](#).

April Newsletter Entries

Your Chance to Contribute!

Thank you to all the March Newsletter contributors, especially our LancsCAN Youth Members who will now have a permanent home in our newsletter. Please keep an eye out for LancsCAN Youth updates in the next few newsletters as their work within LancsCAN is pivotal.

We also have a large number of events listed for the next few months so please take a look and save the dates for your diaries!

For the next April Newsletter we are looking for entries, events and projects to share, so please get in touch via email: lancscan@lancashire.ac.uk

We look forward to seeing all your April contributions!

LancsCAN Leadership Team