

Schools' Climate Education



South Yorkshire



CLIMATE FRESK

On 29th February SCESY held its 4th annual conference involving 134 students from 21 primary and secondary schools and one college across S Yorkshire.



The morning involved a Climate Fresk workshop using a pack of 23 cards informed by the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change report. The students worked in groups of 6-8, usually without teacher input, and with trained facilitators had to create a mindmap of cause and effect in several stages. They practiced articulating what is happening in the climate emergency and then absorbed the information by illustrating the mindmap. The second and third sessions of the workshop involved facilitated discussion about how they felt about the information and then turning their feelings into active hope by creating action plans for their schools.

The school action plans followed the headings in the Friends of the Earth Climate Action plan template.

SCESY trained 24 volunteer facilitators to be able to develop **Climate Fresk** workshops and they are eager to do more. Climate Fresk is a French NGO and the 'game' was developed by a lecturer at a French University. There is an adult and a junior version and it is in widespread use with over 1 million people across over 50 countries having done the workshop. Its strength is that it is visual, interactive, based on collaboration and shared knowledge and take participants through a 'head, heart, hand' model of learning from knowledge to emotional engagement to action. It pieces together the whole story of the climate crisis, whereas much learning is about separate parts. The students gave it overwhelming feedback, with almost all students who completed the feedback describing it as 'interesting', 'inspiring', and 'challenging'.

Our SCESY conference also hosted Lucy and Hazel, two folk musicians who provided fun and made up a song with words from the audience relevant to the workshop.

If your school would like to run Climate Fresk workshops please email Carolyn.leary@btinternet.com or admin@scesy.org.uk

