



The story so far...

IT ALL STARTED AT THE ALTON ECO FAIR WHEN THE YOUTH VOICE WAS HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR.




ALTON ECO-FAIR

Sunday 11 July
10-4,
Public Gardens

TALKS AND MUSIC PROGRAMME

- 10.15 Town Mayor Pam Jones opens the Eco-Fair
- 10.20 Cllr Ginny Boxall (Alton Town Council) and Eleanor Hill (ACAN) talk about their vision for a sustainable Alton
- 10.35 Cllr Rob Mocatta speaks on East Hants District Council's climate and environment strategy
- 10.50 Valentina Lewis (aged 7) talks about her picture "Save our Planet"
- 11.00 Eggars School students share their deep concern for the future of our planet
- 11.20 Lucy Jones, author of "Losing Eden - Why our Minds Need the Wild" in conversation with Emma Jones

MUSIC at 12.00 noon

- 12.00 The Lürxx - voice, guitar, recorder, from Alton
- 12.40 SOS from the Kids - semi-finalists in Britain's Got Talent
- 13.00 The Band with No Name from Froxfield
- 13.45 Frankie Morland (aged 10) sings about "The World in Danger - Tomorrow will be a different day".

AFTERNOON TALKS

- 14.15 Amery Hill School students talk about the climate crisis and their Eco-Union
- 14.30 Steve Green, Director, The Gilbert White Museum talks about Gilbert White's contribution to ecology and climate science.
- 15.00 Alton Fringe Theatre perform 'Zigzag', a short dramatisation celebrating the life of Gilbert White

All times are approximate.
Programme subject to change.






OCTOBER 2021

Young ACAN was founded by former Eggar's student, Lillie Ewins, together with ACAN trustee Emma Jones.





AIMS OF YOUNG ACAN

- To empower young people to reclaim their future through local climate action.
- To give young people in our community a voice.

AUTUMN 2021

“It’s our Future” project started, thanks to funding from the Community Lottery’s “Together for our Planet” fund.





**YOUNG ACAN AMBASSADORS WERE
NOMINATED BY LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS
TO REPRESENT THE YOUTH VOICE.**



BACK ON THE RACK WAS OUR FIRST COMMUNITY EVENT AIMING TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH AN ALTERNATIVE TO FAST FASHION IN ALTON.

IN 2022 YOUNG ACAN COMMISSIONED A SURVEY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE'S VIEWS ABOUT THE CLIMATE AND NATURE CRISIS.

11

QUESTIONS

335

STUDENTS

10-19

YEARS

A word cloud on a light purple background. The words are arranged in a vertical stack. The largest word is 'betrayed' in a dark red font. Other words include 'Worried' (large, dark red), 'disappointed' (large, dark red), 'Motivated' (medium, dark red), 'grief' (small, dark red), 'annoyed' (medium, dark red), 'guilty' (small, dark red), 'exasperated' (small, dark red), and 'sad' (small, dark red).

grief
Motivated
annoyed guilty
betrayed
exasperated sad
Worried
disappointed

The words above highlight the most common feelings that young people shared throughout the survey about the climate and nature crisis.



**IN 2022 100 STUDENTS FROM 10 SCHOOLS
ATTENDED OUR FIRST YOUNG ACAN SCHOOLS' ECO
CONFERENCE.**

IN 2023, YOUNG ACAN LAUNCHED THE YOUNG ACAN PARTNERSHIP WITH NEARLY EVERY SCHOOL IN THE AREA SIGNED UP AND WORKING TOGETHER.

16
SCHOOLS

4-18
YEARS

Working together to help
tackle the climate crisis





OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH EGGAR'S STUDENTS IS A HUGE SUCCESS AND HIGHLIGHT OF THE WORK OF YOUNG ACAN.

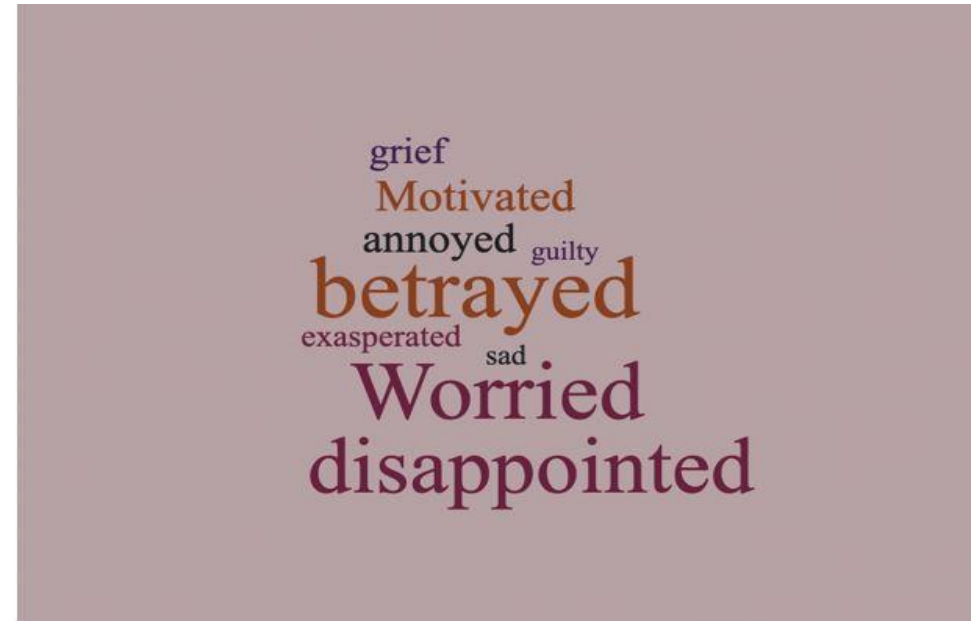


THE LITTER PICKER BACKPACK PROJECT BEGAN AT THE ECO CONFERENCE AND THANKS TO FUNDING FROM CLLR GINNY BOXALL IS NOW IN 8 SCHOOLS.



WHY IS YOUNG ACAN 'BOTHERED'? WITH CLIMATE EDUCATION?

About half of the young people who participated in our 2022 survey expressed feelings linked with climate anxiety.



“YOU CAN EASILY FALL INTO A DARK HOLE IN WHICH YOU FEEL THERE’S NOTHING YOU CAN DO.”

SURVEY STUDENT

THE LISTEN TO THE CHILDREN EXHIBITION
AND BOOK WAS THE RESULT OF A SURVEY
ABOUT THE NATURE AND CLIMATE CRISIS
CARRIED OUT AT THE BUTTS PRIMARY
SCHOOL, ALTON.

I worry most
about that
people are not
listening to what
is happening to
our planet!



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I worry what
things Earth will
have when I grow
up as most animals
and plants will
have died out.



CLIMATE AND NATURE EMERGENCY

LISTEN TO THE CHILDREN



CHARITY NO 1189431

[HTTPS://ALTONCLIMATENETWORK.ORG.UK/ABOUT-ACAN/](https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/about-acan/)



THE SEPTEMBER 2023 ‘BIG AMBITION SURVEY’ FURTHER REINFORCES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK OF YOUNG ACAN.

**1 in 5 children in England say they
feel listened to by politicians.**

“So, I ask our political leaders now to address children’s frustration at being overlooked, and to repay their faith in you. Please listen to what they have to say, and more importantly – act, and make the difference they believe you can.”

Dame Rachel de Sousa – Children’s Commissioner for England