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Dear Resident of Preston,

You could be one of 30 people selected to take part in the Preston People's Climate Jury, discussing the important question:

How can we in Preston work together to address the opportunities and challenges of climate change in a way that is fair to everyone?

We are looking for a group of local people to discuss climate change and how it is affecting our city and what we can do to shape the future.

A Climate Jury is a way of involving members of the public to help make important decisions. It brings together a group of 30 members of the public who are chosen to reflect the make-up of Preston residents. Jury members talk about an issue, share ideas and come up with a set of recommendations. Members of the Jury will hear from a range of experts, share their own views, and discuss ideas for change. A set of recommendations made by the Jury will then be used to inform Preston City Council's climate change agenda and help local people understand the risks, challenges and opportunities presented by climate change.

To take part you don't need to have special skills or knowledge, or any particular views on climate change generally. All you need is a willingness to share your views and opinions and to listen to those of other people. If you are interested but think that there will be a barrier to you joining us such as childcare, carer's costs, support with travel or anything else, we can help.

The Jury will meet for up to 30 hours - six evening sessions and two full day Saturday sessions between January and March 2024. To receive the full £330 in vouchers as a thank you for your time, you need to be able to attend all the sessions.

The sessions will take place in person **on the following dates:**

- **Thursday 1 February, 6pm-9pm**
- **Wednesday 28 February, 6pm-9pm**
- **Wednesday 7 February, 6pm- 9pm**
- **Thursday 7 March, 6pm-9pm**
- **Wednesday 21 February, 6pm-9pm**
- **Wednesday 13 March, 6pm-9pm**
- **Saturday 24 February, 10am-4:30pm**
- **Saturday 16 March, 10am-4:30pm**

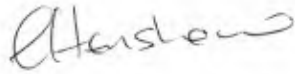
The sessions will take place at **Preston Town Hall** and the **University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)**.
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You, and everyone aged 16-plus who lives at this address, can register your interest by either visiting the website www.sortitionfoundation.org/preston or calling our freephone number: **0800 009 6486** (lines are open 7am–11pm Monday to Friday; 9am–5pm on Saturday and Sunday). The deadline for registering your interest is **Monday 15 January 2024**. More information about the Climate Jury is available on the next page. This is a fantastic opportunity to share your opinion and have your voice heard about this important topic, which will directly affect our own local area. We hope that you will be interested in taking part, and we look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

Yours faithfully,



Adrian Phillips
*Chief Executive
Preston City Council*



Councillor Carol Henshaw
*Cabinet Member for Climate Change,
Preston City Council*

The Preston People's Climate Jury

Who are the organisers of The Preston People's Climate Jury?

Shared Future – specialists in public engagement – have been hired to run the Jury. They have lots of experience of running events like these. You can find out more on their website at www.sharedfuturecic.org.uk

Preston City Council are funding this Climate Jury, with funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of the UK government's Levelling Up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025. The Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK investing in communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills. For more information, visit

www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus

To make sure that the Climate Jury is run fairly, an Advisory Group has been set up to organise this Jury. The Group has representatives from: Preston City Council, Lancashire County Council, University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), Preston College, Onward Homes, UCLan Students' Union, East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce, Lancashire Centre for Alternative Technologies, UNISON, Let's Grow Preston, Climate Action Preston, Preston Pedals, Preston Bus, Kind Communities, Preston Faith Covenant, National Farmers' Union, Preston Partnership, River Ribble Trust, Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council, and others.

What is a Climate Jury?

A Climate Jury is a form of Citizens' Jury. A Citizens' Jury is a way of involving members of the public to help make important decisions. It brings together a group of 30 members of the public who are chosen to reflect the make-up of a particular area. Jury members talk about an issue, share ideas and eventually come up with a set of recommendations

recommendations. They are helped by experienced organisers who make sure everyone has a fair say and that the task is achieved. During the sessions the Shared Future team will help to make people feel relaxed and able to take part.

A lot of people feel they don't get a real say in decisions that affect their lives. But, when people are given the time, space, and various sources of information through the use of Citizens' Juries, experience shows that members of the public will develop well-informed recommendations. This is what we aim to do for Preston.

Why is the Climate Jury being organised?

In 2019, Preston City Council passed a motion declaring a Climate Emergency. The motion commits the Council to achieving net zero carbon emissions for its operations by 2030. Delivery of this ambitious commitment requires the support of residents, businesses and public institutions across the city. Most people accept climate change is real, but are unsure what it means for them and what impact it will have on where they live. This Citizens' Jury on climate change is one of several ways that people living in Preston can share their views on how people and organisations in the area could take action to respond to the emergency of climate change. In deciding how we best address this problem, it is essential that we hear directly from the people who live here.

How was I selected to take part?

Your household was one of 6,000 households randomly selected from the Royal Mail's address database by the Sortition Foundation (an independent, not-for-profit organisation that specialises in this approach).

Why do you want me to attend?

We want to hear from a range of people who may have different experiences or opinions. We want to make sure we have a diverse range of people in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, where people live and their feelings about the changing climate. Your views are as important as everyone else's – we want to hear from you!

When will the Climate Jury take place?

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What happens during the Climate Jury?

The first few sessions will start with an opportunity for people to work in small groups and to think through what climate change means to our region and what steps are being taken to address the problem. (It's fine if you feel you don't have much knowledge of this). Throughout the process the group will be joined by a series of 'commentators' who will talk about climate change and related topics. A question and answer session will follow their presentations and afterwards we will talk about what we heard. Finally, the Climate Jury will discuss and write their own set of recommendations.

Will I receive anything for taking part?

Yes, we recognise this is a big commitment. It's about 30 hours of your time, spread over several sessions. Everyone who attends all the sessions will receive £330 in vouchers. The vouchers can be used in many high street stores, supermarkets or online. You will be given these vouchers after the

last session. Your travel costs, and any support or care costs, will also be covered.

Should I take part?

Taking part is voluntary, but we hope you can find time to be part of this unique opportunity to have your say about how Preston can best tackle this problem. The Climate Jury is a new way for all of us to work together, learn about our effect on the world and to make important collective decisions that affect the long-term future of our local community.

How accessible will the process be?

If you are selected for the Climate Jury, we will contact you to ask if you need any support to make it easier for you to take part. If you have any physical, emotional or language support needs or need help with transport, childcare or carer's costs, we can help with that too.

Will I be publicly identified as a member of the Climate Jury?

The names of jurors will not be published. We will be taking photos and will ask for your permission to be included in photos at the start. It is entirely up to you whether you give permission.

What happens after the Climate Jury?

The recommendations will be written by the Climate Jury members with support from the Shared Future's team. These recommendations will become the central part of a report that will also include a detailed explanation of the process followed. Preston City Council will respond to all recommendations made by the Jury, confirming what action will be taken.

How do I register my interest in joining the Climate Jury?

Visit www.sortitionfoundation.org/preston to register your interest, or we can fill in the form over the phone if you call our Freephone number **0800 009 6486** (7am-11pm Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm on Saturday and Sunday). The deadline for registering your interest is midnight on **Monday 15 January 2024**. Thank you!