



# Young Climate Warriors

## Donor Gift Acceptance policy

1.1 At Young Climate Warriors we aim to ensure that everyone who chooses to support us, whether by making a donation, giving their time as a volunteer, or attending events, has a positive and rewarding experience and understands that their support is truly valued.

1.2 Fundraising is vital to the existence of Young Climate Warriors (YCW). Donations help us continue to support schools and communities in advancing climate literacy and inspiring children to choose to take climate action. Our aim is to make sure our fundraising is legal, open, honest and accountable, and in line with our YCW Charity Commission objectives.

1.3 Young Climate Warriors is committed to making decisions that are in the best interest of the charity, as well as in the best interests of children, and in the best interests of our planetary health. This policy ensures that we do not compromise on our mission and values when it comes to raising income.

1.4 This policy is for information only and therefore is not a binding contract and does not confer legal rights on any person.

### **Applicability:**

2.1 This policy applies to all Young Climate Warriors supporters, members, volunteers, staff and trustees, and is to be brought to the attention of anyone who is involved in accepting donations.

2.2 Where we work with volunteer or third-party fundraisers we will ensure they comply with the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Fundraising Practice and will act quickly if they do not meet the high standards we set and take appropriate measures where necessary.

### **Legal Compliance:**

3.1 As a registered charity, we comply with all relevant UK laws and regulatory guidelines including those issued by The Charity Commission, HMRC and the Fundraising Regulator, or any other relevant bodies.



3.2 In soliciting funds, we will not knowingly mislead or provide false information, nor put undue pressure on a donor, particularly if he/she may be vulnerable. We have set up a complaint's handling procedure, as outlined in our Complaints Policy, and have a process to manage donations effectively and securely.

3.3 We do not accept donations that may be an attempted scam, or may be being used to launder money, or to evade tax, or is in some other way illegal.

### **Regulatory Guidance:**

4.1 Young Climate Warriors is registered with The Fundraising Regulator and follows their Code of Fundraising Practice that sets the standards that apply to charitable fundraising in the UK.

4.2 We will further draw on their guidance, advice and best-practice where necessary, for example in organising community fundraising events, lotteries or raffles or cash collections. We will also draw on the Institute of Fundraising's Practical Guide to behaviour when fundraising.

4.3 As a registered charity we will also take advice from The Charity Commission as necessary, for example related to suspicious donations.

### **Our fundraising promise:**

5.1 Our fundraising promise is that we will be honest and transparent about where your money goes and why we ask for donations.

- We commit to communicate clearly why we need funds and how donations will be spent.
- We commit to regularly publish information about our work, and how we have spent donations gifted to Young Climate Warriors.
- We commit to monitoring and evaluating our fundraising activity taking into account complaints and feedback.

### **Acceptance of donations:**

6.1 We accept donations on a good faith basis. That is there is a presumption that a donation is acceptable, unless there is evidence to the contrary. We carry out appropriate risk-based due diligence to mitigate this risk to an acceptable degree.

6.2 In deciding to accept, or reject, a donation we balance the impact on our beneficiaries of not accepting the funding, against the impact on our charity of accepting a donation that should not have been. That may include risks such as



harm to our beneficiaries' interests, reputational damage, loss of public trust and the risk of breaking the law.

6.3 We do not accept donations from organisations involved in activities that are incompatible with our values as a charity. Whilst we understand that most organisations have a level of negative environmental impact we do not accept donations from companies, or individuals, that are directly involved in fossil fuel extraction or that are known to be lobbying against policies that will address the climate and ecological crisis.

6.4 We may refuse donations where the conditions attached are so inflexible that they undermine our independence; or where there may be a private benefit linked to the donation, such as an obligation to purchase goods or services from a specified company; or where the cost of accepting the donation would exceed its value.

### Supporting documents:

7.1 This policy statement should be read alongside our organisational policies, procedures, guidance and other related documents, including:

- YCW Donor Privacy Policy
- YCW Complaints Procedure

All these documents can be found at:

<https://www.youngclimatewarriors.org/youngclimatewarriorspolicies>

### Policy Review and Updates:

8.1 This Donor Gift Acceptance Policy will be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary to ensure it remains accurate and relevant.

8.2 Any updates to this policy will be communicated through our website or other appropriate means.

8.3 We recognize the importance of donor trust and strive to maintain the highest standards. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy please contact us directly.

### Contact details

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We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.  
This policy is due for review in November 2026.