



## The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Skills section – Young Climate Warriors challenges (Introduction for teachers/youth group leaders)

**Aim:** To inspire Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award participants to learn about, understand and engage with the issue of climate change, and to help them feel empowered to reflect, discuss and choose their own informed path of action.

**Activity:** This 'Skills' activity involves undertaking weekly 'carbon-busting' challenges. It offers the opportunity to develop skills to live sustainably via practical guided activities as well as providing resources, and thought-provoking questions to encourage critical thinking. The Young Climate Warriors Charity is based on a positive 'stubborn optimist' outlook and the weekly topics and challenges are imbued with a sense of the 'possible', and how we can all, together, be part of the solution. 'Little by little, a little can become a lot'.

**Weekly challenges:** Each weekly challenge requires photographic evidence of participation. Links to further related resources (normally short videos or interactive webpages) are provided, and the D of E participant is expected to engage with these resources and provide just a couple of lines with their feedback/thoughts. Each week there are also several 'thought-provoking' questions – and the participant needs to choose one to respond to – again just a couple of lines in an email are sufficient.

**13 weekly topics – and sub-topics:** (YCW retains the discretion to alter/re-order these – depending on updated resources, external world events, seasonality etc)

- **Electricity/Renewables** (measure, monitor, we're all part of the solution, inventors)
- **Water/Sustainable Development Goals** (impacts on children around the world)
- **Digital** (invisible issues, influencers)
- **Food - Local and seasonal/Food waste** (changing habits)
- **Walking and talking** (global and national action, making our voices heard)
- **Clothing** (circular economy, business)
- **Trees, Nature** (Net Zero, carbon storage – green, blue, 'capture and storage')
- **Plastics/Microplastics** (campaigning, community action)
- **Plant-based eating – MEat, MEthane, ME** (being courageous!, 'stats', methane)
- **Heating, insulation / 'guzzlers'** ('climate positive', green' heroes)
- **Shopping/Consumption** (carbon footprint, choices, alternatives, Climate Injustice)
- **Palm oil** ('sustainable', certification)
- **Patterns in nature** (ice cores, ppm - carbon count, Stubborn Optimism)