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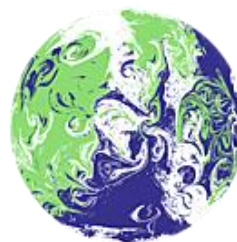
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Welcome to the latest edition of the Salix Programme newsletter. This time, learn about COP26 and why it is important, check out our new Salix banners, and find out about recent progress at sites in Leicester.

COP26: 31 October – 12 November 2021

What is COP26 and why is it important?

You will have heard the term COP26 in the media recently, and perhaps wondered what it stood for, and why it was important. COP26 stands for 'Conference of the Parties' and is held by the United Nations. It is the UN's 26th climate change summit, and this year it began on 31 October in Glasgow and will run until 12 November 2021.



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COP is attended by heads of state, climate experts and campaigners, all with the aim of producing an international response to climate change. With 197 nations preparing to attend, COP26 will be the biggest climate event since COP21 in 2015, where 196 parties signed the Paris Agreement to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. It was agreed that every five years they would come back with an updated plan that would reflect their highest ambition at that time.

What will happen at COP26?

At COP26, delegates will be aiming to finalise the Paris Rulebook; the rules needed to implement the 2015 Paris Agreement. Reaching agreement in these negotiations is the UK's formal responsibility as the Presidency of COP26.

Running alongside negotiations is the programme of Presidency for the two-week COP26 summit. The programme kicked off with a World Leaders' Summit on the first two days of the conference, followed by key themed days which put a spotlight on how all parts of society and the global economy can drive climate action. See the programme below.

Week One						
Sunday October 31st	Monday November 1st	Tuesday November 2nd	Wednesday November 3rd	Thursday November 4th	Friday November 5th	Saturday November 6th
Procedural Opening of Negotiations	World Leader's Summit Welcoming world leaders to COP to put forward high level ambition and action towards securing global net zero and keeping 1.5 degrees in reach; adapting to protect communities and natural habitats; and mobilising finance.		Finance Mobilising public and private finance flows at scale for mitigation and adaptation.	Energy Accelerating the global transition to clean energy.	Youth and public empowerment Elevating the voice of young people and demonstrating the critical role of public empowerment and education in climate action.	Nature Ensuring the importance of nature and sustainable land use are part of global action on climate change and a clean, green recovery.

Week Two						
Sunday November 7th	Monday November 8th	Tuesday November 9th	Wednesday November 10th	Thursday November 11th	Friday November 12th	Saturday November 13th
Rest day ahead of the second week of negotiations	Adaptation, Loss and Damage Delivering the practical solutions needed to adapt to climate impacts and address loss and damage.	Gender Progressing gender equality and the full and meaningful participation of women and girls in climate action. Science and Innovation Demonstrating that science and innovation can deliver climate solutions to meet, and accelerate, increased ambition.	Transport Driving the global transition to zero emission transport.	Cities, Regions and Built Environment Advancing action in the places we live, from communities, through to cities and regions.	Closure of Negotiations	

What happens next?

So far, a draft COP26 text has been released, which it's hoped will form the basis of an agreement at the end of the conference, signed by all of the countries attending. This draft text and summaries of conference discussions can be viewed on the [United Nations Climate Change Conference website](#). The latest draft text asks for countries to reveal their plans to massively reduce greenhouse gas emissions at a much faster speed than previously, and also asks developed nations to provide at least double the amount of adaptation finance they give to those countries already suffering from the effects of climate change.

There have been a number of announcements made so far:

- **US-China cooperation:** The US and China pledges to boost climate co-operation over the next decade. The steps were agreed on issues including methane emissions, the transition to clean energy, and de-carbonisation.
- **Trees:** Leaders from more than 100 world countries, representing about 85% of the world/s forests, promised to stop deforestation by 2030.
- **Methane:** A scheme to cut 30% of current methane emissions by 2030 has been agreed by more than 100 countries.
- **Coal:** More than 40 countries including major coal-users Poland, Vietnam and Chile, agreed to shift away from coal.
- **Finance:** 450 financial organisations, who control \$130trillion between them, agreed to back 'clean' technology such as renewable energy, and direct finance away from fossil fuel-burning industries.

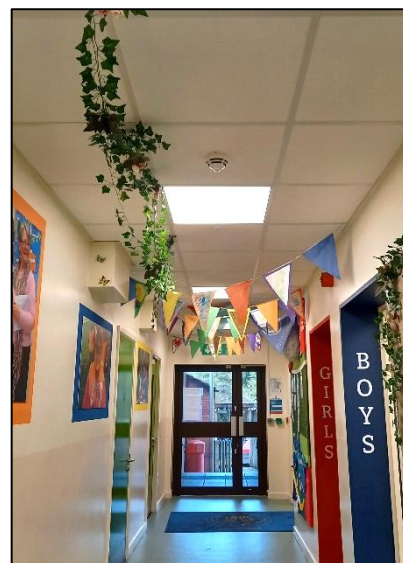
More announcements will be made as the conference begins to wrap up, with negotiations continuing late into the day (Friday 12 November). Keep up to date with the latest COP26 information with [BBC News](#).

Feedback survey

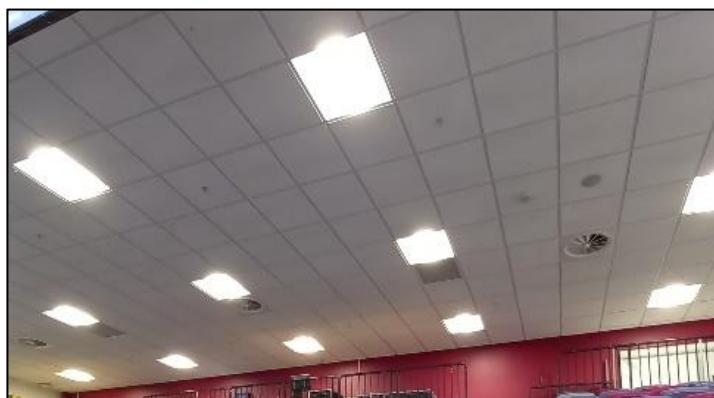
We would love to get your feedback! Our fortnightly Salix Programme newsletters bring you a variety of information, and so we would love to hear about your experiences with the newsletter so far, and what you would like to see more of. All responses are anonymised and your feedback will help to shape the future of Salix newsletters and communications. [Fill out our short survey here](#).

Completed works

Last week we visited Barley Croft Primary School to deliver their brand new Salix pull up banner, which the students were proud to display in their school. Check out their new LED lighting too.



Beaumont Leys School hosted a COP26 Eco-Schools Roadshow last week, and were proud to be taking action on climate change at their school. Check out these photos of their new LED lighting in the school building.



The installation of new windows has recently been completed on the Community Wing of Spinney Hill Primary School. Check out the photos below.



Salix promotional banners

We have recently revealed our new Salix promotional banners. A number of schools have requested a banner to display at their school so far, and we now have a limited quantity remaining. There are two types of banners; the first is designed to be hung on railings outside of your building – these are 3 x 1 m (see image below), and the second is in the form of a pull-up banner (right), for use indoors. If you would like to showcase one of these banners at your school or in your building, please get in touch and we would be happy to deliver one to you.



Contact us

Each site has a dedicated project manager (Alan Evans or John Squires), however if you have a general question or need to get in touch with the Salix Project Team email us at Salix.Project.Team@leicester.gov.uk