

# **Share your thoughts**



**Introduction:** As part of our Climate Action Week Live Lessons 2025, we invite young people to share their thoughts and send messages to our government ahead of the next climate COP, which will be held in Brazil in November.

#### **Curricular links**

**HWB** 0-1-01a, 0-1-09a, 0-1-12a, 0-1-13a, **LIT** 0-1-02a, 1-06a, 0-1-10a, 0-1-20a, 0-1-26a, 1-28/29a, **RME** 0-02a, **SOC** 0-1-08a, **TCH** 0-1-06a

#### Introduction

The next Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP) is due to take place in Brazil from 10-21 November 2025. Climate Change COPs are held every year, with countries that are members of the United Nations coming together to agree processes for combatting climate change. Scotland has now enacted the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into law, which includes the right for children and young people to be heard and have their opinions considered. As part of this law, we invite children and young people from across Scotland to share their thoughts on climate change. We will share these thoughts with the Scottish Government ahead of their attendance at COP30.

## Composing your message

Work together as a class to compose a message to the Scottish Government about taking action to support our environment.

To help children compose their message to the Scottish Government you could ask the following questions:

- Why do you think we should protect our environment?
- What do you think we should do to look after our environment?
- What would you like adults to do to help our environment?

We recommend that messages are kept relatively short.

Submit your message via our online form (messages can be in English or Gaelic).

### Extension – share your thoughts with others

To give your children's voices an even bigger impact, you could share them with a wider audience. Pupils of all ages can do this by writing to their local member of parliament. WriteToThem has contact details for all your local representatives and online contact forms you can use. Alternatively, you can use our campaign for change letter and email template.

You can also share your message on social media. Think about the best format to get your message across. This could be a video, artwork, poetry or text.

### **Next steps**

Don't forget that you can add this activity to your Eco-Schools action plan and count it towards a Green Flag Award application. Find out more about Eco-Schools on our website.