

'Top tops for climate action' by Parliament Hill students:

Meet weekly, same time, same place

Provide snacks/eat lunch in the meeting

Thank your teachers for their time and energy every week

See if there are any parents newsletters and write about it in there too

Get to know your school site team, they can be helpful when you want to do gardening or recycling

Take any opportunity that comes up, you never know what it will lead to

Create a sense of identity e.g. logo, brand

Create an informal setting

Come up with a long list of ideas, let everyone be heard

Use a web platform to communicate with each other

Allow people to join at any time – more students will sign up if they don't have to sign up or contact a teacher

Make an agenda for every week – use a whiteboard – and ask your teacher to take a picture

Teacher support – find a dedicated teacher and others to help put if your teacher is absent

Put up posters on the door to your meeting room

Lead by example and don't worry if people don't get involved – you are having impact by being a positive force in your school

Fundraising can help but isn't essential, there are lots of things you can start doing with funds

Welcome everyone even if they only come for free biscuits – they are still learning more about climate action and might get involved

Appoint some enthusiastic leaders who are welcoming to new recruits

Make sure everyone is aware of your group, advertise it in school assemblies, tutor time and on clubs list

Prioritise – you can't do everything at once and be patient. Some ideas will get started straight away, others will take longer