



Lincoln's Climate Emergency Centre

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Great Big Green Week 10–18th June

The following activities took place, various EarthLincs members gave their support...

LocalMotion Flash Mob

On Saturday 10th June EarthLincs supported the #climatehopelincoln flashmob on the High Street. People of all ages performed a simple piece of street theatre, with a track of David Attenborough warning of the danger the planet is in. It was very well received by passers-by.

Climate Change exhibition

The XR/Climate Commission 'rainbow' educational exhibition spent two weeks in Lincoln Central library, and a day in the Waterside Centre.

Farmers' Market stall

On Saturday 17th June 10am–3pm, EarthLincs shared a stall in the Farmers' Market, Castle Square with the Lincolnshire Organic Gardeners and Extinction Rebellion, conducting a survey on public concerns about the environment.

Other recent events

'Swish' on June 16th

St. Peter in Eastgate hosted a successful *Swish* – around 45 people brought clothes to exchange, and took 'new' items away with them. A sewing machine was available to do instant alterations!

We shared FairTrade wine and local cheeses.

The purpose was to challenge the damage done by fast fashion, to save waste, carbon and money, and to make new friendships.

St. Barnabas hospice shop benefitted from the leftover clothing and a £73 gift.

Liquorice Park Community Open Day

This was held on Saturday 24th June 11am–4pm and was joyful celebration of this wonderful wildlife park in the heart of the City – music, singing, arts and crafts and even a surprise appearance of Extinction Rebellion's *Red Rebels*.

EarthLincs' stall invited children to take part in a wildlife quiz and tie 'wish hearts' around the park, as well as raising awareness of EarthLincs Drop-In and our future plans.



'Wild' at St. John the Baptist Church, Ermine, Lincoln also held on Saturday 24th June 10am–4pm Extinction Rebellion Lincoln attended this event. A wildflower meadow has been created around this impressive building and visitors were treated to a magical description of the variety of flowers and grasses now growing in abundance. This is great for wildlife, and grassland can store so much carbon in the soil, so important for tackling climate change.

Youngsters enjoyed helping to build a bug hotel and XR invited everyone to have a go at 'Wildlife Jenga'. They also gave a talk on their latest strategy to bring about Climate Action:

<https://extinctionrebellion.uk/2023/05/28/extinction-rebellion-strategy-2023-2024-here-comes-everyone/>



Doughnut Economics – a system for the future

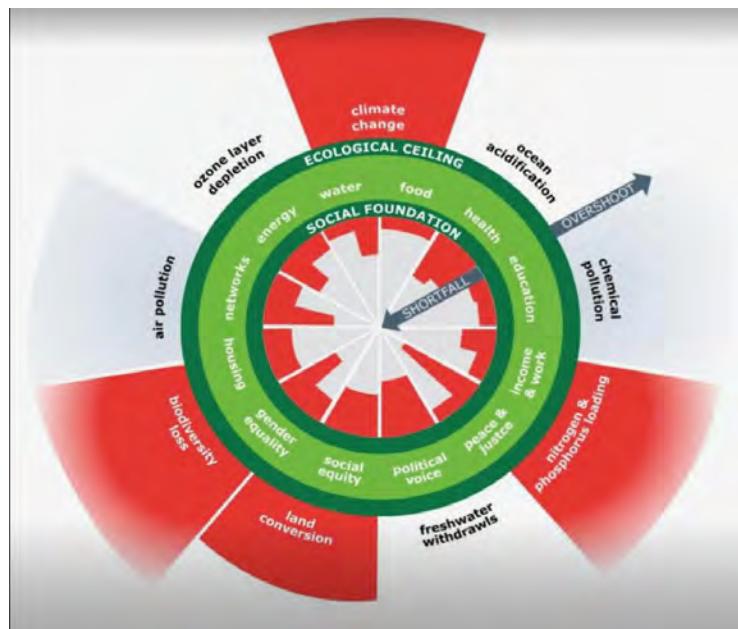
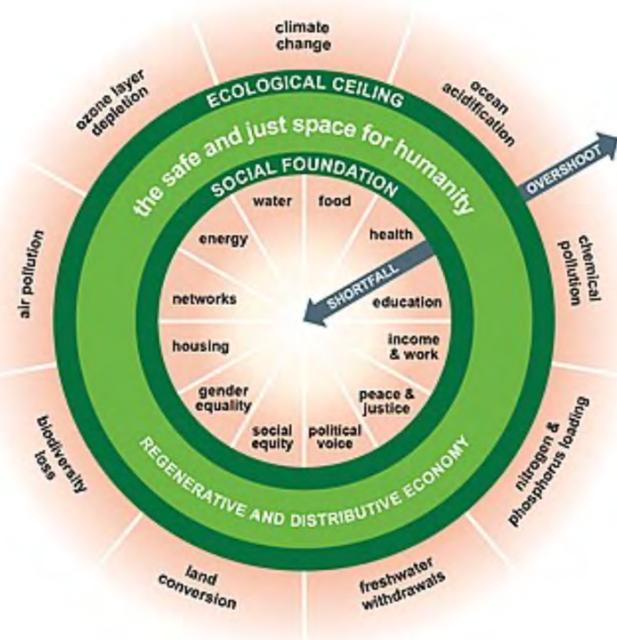
Three of our members attended the Climate Hope 'Doughnut Economics' workshop day as part of Great Big Green Week. The Event was a collaboration between LocalMotion, the University of Lincoln and other organisations.

'Humanity's 21st century challenge is to meet the needs of all within the means of the planet. In other words, to ensure that no one falls short on life's essentials (from food and housing to healthcare and political voice), while ensuring that collectively we do not overshoot our pressure on Earth's life-supporting systems, on which we fundamentally depend – such as a stable climate, fertile soils, and a protective ozone layer. The Doughnut of social and planetary boundaries is a playfully serious approach to framing that challenge, and it acts as a compass for human progress this century'

A facilitator from DEAL – Doughnut Economics Action Lab – whose remit is supporting communities in turning the ideas of Doughnut economics into action, took us through a number of practical sessions, sharing examples where the model is in place throughout the world.

Using questions such as '*What are the things we need to transform that no longer serve us*'; '*what is wrong with our social systems*' and recognising the urgency of climate breakdown that faces us, the day looked at how we can come together to respect the health of the planet. There were people from groups in Lincoln and beyond, including the Climate Commission, local councillors and many community groups including Green Synergy and Project Fast Fashion. It was a great opportunity for seeing the possibilities of existing and potential partnerships in Lincoln.

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The '**Doughnut Economy**' is another model for sustainable development provided by UK economist Kate Raworth in her book '*Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st-Century Economist*' (2017). Amsterdam will be the first city in the world to officially adopt this model of economics.

The Doughnut Economy model is a simple way to illustrate a complex goal. The inner ring of the doughnut represents minimum standards of living, based on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. This entails the basic essentials everyone needs to thrive, from food and clean water to gender equality and adequate housing. According to the model, no-one should fall into the hole in the centre of the doughnut, which would mean they don't have enough to afford basic needs. The outer ring of the doughnut represents the ecological limits of the planet, from biodiversity loss and air pollution to climate breakdown.

Mint Lane 'Drop-In' Events

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July	Closed for holidays
5th August	Art Blocking with Cat & Rosemary
12th August	Mending and sewing skills plus Childrens' crafts.
19th August	Climate Conversations drop-in with Jenga. Learn more about our wildlife and the ecosystem.
26th August	Childrens' craft activities and stories.

*** Please note our opening times are now 2-4pm.**



The Mint Lane Café is now opening on Saturdays for a trial period, serving a healthy plant-based menu from 11.30am–2pm.

Enjoy a good value and tasty meal before the EarthLincs Saturday Drop-in at 2pm.

An opportunity... short course in Permaculture

'Permaculture is an approach to land management and settlement design that adopts arrangements observed in flourishing natural ecosystems.'

Whether you have a smallholding, an allotment or a backyard, there is much to be gained by using it to best effect. Join this short course led by expert Hannah Thorogood of Inkpot Farm.

<https://www.the-inkpot.co.uk/>

It will be possible to visit the farm and following this 2-day introduction in Lincoln (14-15 October 2023), you can move on to a Permaculture Diploma course.

A donation of £20 per person per day is requested but we have some funding available to support participation so don't be put off by this. Apply now via earthlincs@gmail.com to secure your place.

What's On – elsewhere

Extinction Rebellion Lincolnshire:

Speakeasy (Zoom): Every Wednesday at 8pm.
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/143280123>

Repair Café

The next repair Café organised by Plastic-Free Lincoln is at Sunday 2nd July 2–4pm at Lincoln Toy Library.

Pre-book to get your item repaired by emailing:

lincolnrepaircafe@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Plasticfreelincoln/>

Stand Up To Racism

Saturday 8th July 11am start at Speakers Corner, Cornhill Square. *Join Lincoln Trades Council & Stand Up To Racism* in a counter demonstration to the planned Far Right faschist group march to be led by Hitler lookalike, Alek Yerbury.

Jumble Sale at Dunholme Village Hall

To be held on Saturday 15th July starting at 1pm.
Entry 30p. Refreshments served.
All proceeds go to local charities.

Want to Find Out More about EarthLincs?

To take part in a Drop-In session, get involved as an individual or find out more about our plans, contact the EarthLincs team on:

earthlincs@gmail.com

or find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/181394503851074

The EarthLincs Team

An appeal...

We are looking for someone who can design a simple website for EarthLincs. Please get in touch if you have the experience to create something for us at minimal cost. We do have a small budget for the right person.

We can publicise your events. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is 25th of the month.



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