

# Climate Education Opportunities Programme

## Graduate Programme



**Lucy**, Graduate Officer on the Rotational Development Programme.

Currently sat in Communities and Neighbourhoods working on food waste recycling.

*'Starting my career with the Climate Emergency Team been extremely beneficial. This support network has been useful both for learning how to develop professional skills but also to gain knowledge about sustainability and net zero initiatives. Knowledge about what the Climate Emergency Team do will be vital to have across any organisation, as companies are increasingly prioritising sustainability and reducing carbon footprints.'*

**Hollie**, Climate and Energy Officer

Joined the Council through the Graduate Programme as a Policy and Performance Graduate and now working in the Climate Emergency Team.

*'Joining the Council through the graduate programme allowed me to develop and learn skills and gain experience working in Local Government. I was able to transfer these skills when moving to the Climate Emergency Team where I have been able to contribute towards the Council's Net Zero progress.'*



## Bangor University Placements

The Climate Emergency Team have hosted two students from Bangor University for 140-hour placements. They have focused on developing professional and personal skills whilst contributing significantly to the work of the Climate Emergency Team.



**Antonia**, Environmental Science at Bangor University  
140-hour placement, June 2025

*Throughout my time spent with the Climate Team at Knowsley Council, I found it incredibly useful to gain some hands-on experience on climate action within local governments.*

*Working on projects such as the Climate Action Plan for schools has allowed me to develop research, planning, and communication skills directly relevant to environmental and policy related careers. I also gained better understanding on how differing teams work in collaboration to achieve wider sustainability goals.*



## Anna, Geography BSc, Oct-Dec 2023

The team was incredibly **supportive** and open, always **encouraging** me to take on new challenges and explore different areas of work. This trust and **accountability**—despite being an intern—was **empowering** and helped build my **confidence**.

No two days were the same, and I learned countless things throughout the placement. It was one of the most **rewarding experiences** I've had, and it has left a lasting impact on my **professional development** and aspirations.

**Projects worked on:** Staff travel plan, Green Space Mapping

## Ellis, International Tourism Management, March – April 2025.

I feel like my internship has greatly helped me in relation to my future career. For instance, I believe my research skills and my ability to pick out key information have massively improved, and these skills are needed in many different jobs, therefore no matter what sector I work within in the future, these skills will be highly transferrable from the internship. Similarly, I think improvements in my research skills will help with my upcoming dissertation.

Collaboration with the Environmental Sustainability Service has most definitely improved my teamwork skills. Communication and working alongside a strong team allow for better results, and I will take this with me to future jobs to continue to generate strong results and work.

**Projects Worked on:** Green Flag Masterplan

The Liverpool John Moores Discovery Internship Programme offer second- and third-year students the opportunity to undertake a 'Discovery Internship' while being paid a living wage for their time, fully by the University,

The Climate Emergency Team have hosted four cohorts of interns since 2022 and have continually received feedback for creating project that developing students' key skills and preparedness for the workplace.