

**Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission (YHCC)
Research & Evidence Panel (REP)**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The status of the Research & Evidence Panel (REP) is as an advisory panel to the Yorkshire and the Humber Climate Commission. It is there to develop and feed insights and evidence into the YHCC across its brief (mitigation, adaptation, just transitions, nature and biodiversity),
2. Contribute towards disseminating the Commission's research and evidence needs back into the research community, including staff and students to inform future projects etc. in a two-way dynamic.
3. In particular, the REP will encourage engagement from early career researchers, graduates and students with a research interest in the work of the Commission.
4. The REP will share knowledge and information with other YHCC advisory panels and working groups, and will encourage joint activity where relevant.
5. Work with the Commission to support emerging research bids in the region, e.g.:
 - a. by enabling collaborations through mapping existing and emerging skills sets, knowledge assets and research expertise across the universities in the region.
 - b. providing enhanced pathways to impact and
 - c. by identifying any gaps in knowledge and understanding.
6. Review and guide emerging Commission activities and outputs, in particular the Regional Climate Action Plan to be launched at COP26, and other position papers on priority topics and annual reports etc.
7. Participate in Commission events including regional climate summits and engagement events.
8. Work to develop and apply metrics and indicators etc. that can be used to monitor track climate action across the region.
9. Membership of REP will be drawn primarily from all universities and HEIs based in the region, but it will also be open to anyone with a specific interest in research and evidence to inform the Regional Climate Commission Action Plan.
10. The REP will be chaired by an academic expert from the region's universities.
11. The Yorkshire Universities Executive Team will act as the secretariat and provide administrative support to the REP.