

Academic engagement with the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission – Preparing Evidence and Best Practice Briefing Papers

Call for academic involvement in preparing briefings that provide expertise to inform the work of the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission to deliver impact in line with their Action Plan.

Throughout this information pack ‘impact’ is used in the broadest sense of the word to include a wide range of current and future impacts. This call is open to all researchers and academics who feel that they could support the use of evidence to have a broad impact in our region.

What is the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission?

The [Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission](#) (YHCC) is an independent, regional advisory body set up to bring actors from the public, private and third sectors together to support and guide ambitious climate actions across the region.

The YHCC published a [Regional Climate Action Plan](#) in November 2021. The Action Plan calls for meaningful climate leadership from larger institutions in government and the public and private sectors to deliver “significant, tangible contributions” to help tackle the climate and ecological emergency. The Plan includes a raft of ambitious actions: [you can watch a short video about it here](#).

That’s great, so what’s happening next?

Starting in Autumn 2022, the YHCC is establishing a programme of ‘**Delivering Impact**’ (DI) **sessions** that will run through to early 2024 with a focus on net zero, climate resilience, nature recovery and fair and inclusive (or just) transitions in the region. These sessions will feed into chapters of the ‘State of the Region’ (SoR) climate action progress review that the Commission is preparing for launch in early 2024. More on this in the ‘What’s in it for me?’ section below.

The YHCC are calling on **researchers and academics** to come forward to prepare a series of **Evidence & Best Practice Briefings** to inform these DI session debates led by the Net Zero, Climate Adaptation and Resilience, and Future Economies Panels.

Please note academic engagement pathways with the Land, Water, Nature Panel are still subject to finalisation, and may differ slightly in their detail but should follow the broad timetable and outline.

Wait, I want to know more about these DI sessions ...

These will be organised by the four main panels of the YHCC, these are: Climate Adaptation Resilience Panel; Net Zero Panel; Land, Water, Nature and Food Panel and the Future Economy Panel. Each panel will organise 5-8 sessions on a specific theme. [You can find out about the themes and their schedule here](#).

Each DI session will be 2.5 hours long and will be divided into two sections:

1. Part One: consisting of inspiring and thought-provoking presentations including a regional best practice presentation and stakeholder presentations. This will be recorded and used a part of a public consultation process.
2. Part Two: consisting of a structured debate under Chatham House Rule to enable open conversation. This part will not be recorded.

[You can find out more about how a DI session is structured here.](#)

OK, but where do the briefings come in?

The Evidence & Best Practice Briefings are intended to provide an overview how the existing evidence surrounding each theme relates to three key areas:

- the context of the issue,
- the potential responses, and
- proposed actions for the region.

These briefings will be circulated to those attending the DI sessions in advance to help inform the discussions and will also be shared on an online platform called Common Place for wider public consultation.

You can find a [template for preparing the briefings here](#) and a [diagram](#) that explains how the process fits together in more detail.

What's in it for me?

This is an opportunity to contribute to a **highly collaborative, trailblazing regional initiative**. The outputs from the DI sessions will form the basis for extensive stakeholder engagements and feed into chapters of the 'State of the Region' (SoR) climate action progress review that the Commission is preparing for launch in early 2024. The SoR will **credit academics involved as contributing authors**.

Through the DI sessions, public consultations and SoR report there will be many ways to **connect your research to a wide range of stakeholders**, and the potential to develop new networks and raise awareness of key issues and support. This activity could **help shape where funding goes in our region**.

The briefings together with other outputs of the YHCC, will be **fed into government and business and to the activities of the YHCC moving forward**.

What's expected of me?

To team up with a small group of academics and researchers and prepare a briefing on a given theme ready to be circulated minimum 3 weeks ahead of a given DI session. Academics are welcomed and encouraged to engage with the DI sessions and the public consultation, but this is not a requirement.

Academics will also act as reviewers to relevant section of the State of the Region report that they have contributed to.

[You can find a detailed breakdown of the timeline for producing a briefing here.](#)

Okay, I am interested to contribute, what do I do next?

Please fill in the below short form to provide your details and indicate which theme you'd be interested in: <https://forms.office.com/r/ib2ewYmkrq>

We will put you in touch with the chair of the given Panel who will be able to explain the detailed scope of their session and what is needed for their briefing.

Wait, I still have questions:

Please feel free to get in touch with [Monika Antal](#), Executive Manager, Yorkshire Universities (YU): *YU works closely with the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission and convenes the YHCC Research & Evidence Panel (REP). The role of the REP is to ensure that the YHCC connects to the region's research base to strengthen the evidence base underpinning its work and to allow it to foster and benefit from future research.*