**Climate Justice Letter for MPs**

Below is a template letter to write to your MP about climate justice as the UN climate talks – COP28 - take place (30 November to 12 December).

You can find your MP and their email address/ postal address here: <https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>

How to use this template:

* We recommend you follow the structure below.
* For sections 1 to 3, we encourage you to use your own words as much as possible, using the examples and language below as a guide. We hope that by using your own words and examples, the letter will resonate better with your MP.
* As section 4 contains specific asks for your MP, you can use as is or edit for your own asks.
* Overall, we suggest the letter is kept to one page in length, 2 pages at the very maximum.
* At the end, make sure to remove the yellow highlighted text.

(YOUR FULL ADDRESS)

(YOUR POSTCODE)

(YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS)

(DATE)

Dear (MP NAME),

Section 1 – Introduce yourself, mention that you live in the MP’s constituency and explain in one sentence why you are writing.

Example: My name is (YOUR NAME) and I am writing to you as a constituent of (YOUR CONSTITUENCY). I am writing to ask that you act on my behalf to ensure that the UK Government takes urgent action for climate justice.

Section 2 – Why do you care?

Example: My faith community and I care deeply about the injustice of the climate crisis-it’s the poorest and most marginalised communities in the world, who despite having done the least to cause the crisis, are most affected by it. With more frequent and intense extreme weather events, these communities are having to switch to drought-resistant crops to adapt to more arid conditions, rebuild when devastating damage is caused by flooding, and grieve loved ones lost in storms. In responding to the impacts of the climate crisis, they are frequently diverting their income and efforts away from opportunities, such as expanding their business or furthering their or their children’s education. Many affected countries are forced to take loans, increasing their debt burden.

The UK as a nation has massively benefitted from the use of fossil fuels in order to develop and prosper. In doing this, as a nation, we have significantly contributed to the climate crisis, and so the UK has a moral responsibility to take climate action. This action should look to reduce our own current pollution by ending all new UK fossil fuel projects. The UK Government should also assist the world's most affected countries through delivering sufficient grant-based finance and taxing the big polluting UK companies to pay for climate action overseas.

Section 3 - How have you taken action?

Example: At my church, we have been taking positive climate action by (briefly describe your action [e.g. organised a placard making event, held a make polluters pay pilgrimage, switched to renewables etc.)] – include a photo if you have one, mention press coverage if you got it.

Also, if your MP has taken climate action, for example, by acting on a previous request you asked of them, generally supporting climate action in parliament, or supporting local community actions, thank them for this. You can mention that, given their previous commitment, you hope they can further act.

Section 4 –What are you asking your MP to do? For the climate justice campaign, you can use the section below as is or edit as you wish:

As my MP, I am therefore asking you to write to the Minister for Development and Africa and ask that the UK Government commit, ahead of COP28, to:

* Deliver the UK’s existing pledges on international climate finance, predominantly through grants and without further depleting the aid budget.
* Pay into the new Loss and Damage Fund agreed at COP27.
* Make the UK’s big polluting companies, including fossil fuel companies, pay in order to fund the UK’s Loss and Damage contributions.
* End all new UK fossil fuel projects and invest in renewable, efficient energy instead.

Please also consider asking an oral or written question about the issues raised above.

As my MP, I hope you will (continue to) join me in taking climate action. Thank you for your time, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,

ADD NAME

(If you are writing this as a group to your MP, please edit individual references to the appropriate group reference such as name of your church/ churches. At the bottom, if possible, try to then get everyone who is part of your group to sign their name to emphasise that your letter is from many people. Having a letter come from even just a couple of constituents really highlights to your MP the importance of the issue.)