

# Wanna be a Climate Champion?

Two thirds of the UK's young people think we should be doing more to tackle climate change. Are you one of them?



“Climate change is a problem we can solve. The solutions exist – we just aren’t making the most out of them.”

Johnny Borrell from the band Razorlight.

Too right, Johnny. We all need to make the most of ways to beat climate change – that means me, you, your family, friends, Guide or Brownie unit, school, village, town, Government.

## Up for it?

Friends of the Earth is challenging Brownies, Guides and Senior Section members across the UK to become Climate Champions. We need you to investigate some of the solutions Johnny’s talking about and then tell us what you find out. It’s a bit like being a detective.

Each climate challenge you manage to complete will reduce your carbon (CO<sub>2</sub>) footprint and help save the planet. And the biggest buzz? Your detective work will form a brand new piece of research, which Friends of the Earth will use to put pressure on the Government to make it easier for all of us to lead greener lives.

Some challenges will be easy peasy, others might seem flippin’ impossible. But it’s the impossible-seeming ones that will help the planet the most – and we want the Government to make them easier in the future. So it’s really important that all you detectives tell us WHY they’re so difficult, so we can pass on what you find out and make sure the Government listens to you.

For each challenge you complete, you’ll get a certificate to keep. And we’ve even created a website just for you. At [www.foe.co.uk/girlguidinguk/](http://www.foe.co.uk/girlguidinguk/) you can upload photos, add your Climate Champion news and, most importantly, enter your results. What’s more, it’ll tell you how other units are doing and how much CO<sub>2</sub> the project has saved so far. Check out [www.foe.co.uk/girlguidinguk/](http://www.foe.co.uk/girlguidinguk/).

Over the page is a letter for your parent / guardian to read.



**Friends of  
the Earth**

# Can your family become Climate Champions?

Dear parent / guardian,

In 2010 we will celebrate 100 years of Girlguiding UK. In the run-up to this special event, Girlguiding UK has teamed up with the environmental charity Friends of the Earth to create a unique project that will really help to change the world. This project is for members of Girlguiding UK only and we need as many girls as possible taking part to make the biggest impact.

We want to tackle climate change and help secure a better future for people and the environment. We know the solutions to climate change exist. But we also know that not enough is being done to help people like you and me put these solutions into action in our own lives.

That's why we're asking Brownies, Guides and Senior Section members to become Climate Champions. By testing energy-saving measures in their own homes and telling us what they find out, they can make a real difference. Each successful test will help your family cut carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions and save cash too. At the end everyone's results will be compiled in a special research report, which Friends of the Earth will then present to the Government. Together we will ask decision-makers to make it easier for everyone to be green.

Although some of the tests will be simple, we recognise that others may seem impossible. But if the Government is going to make it easy for all of us to lead greener lives, we need to show them exactly why some things may be too difficult for ordinary people to do by themselves. So, even if you know something's out of the question, please do still help your child to investigate each solution and note down what they find out.

Each week, for three weeks, your child will bring home different energy-saving challenges. We really hope you will encourage them to complete these and record what they discover. For each challenge they complete and return to the unit Leader they'll get a certificate to keep. There's space for you to add your thoughts too. So please spare a few minutes to share your views with us.

Before we start, please help your child to measure their carbon footprint at <http://carbongym.cat.org.uk/carbongym/> – they'll need the result for Week 1 of the Challenge.

If you have any questions about this project, please do talk to the unit Leader. Or visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk/changingtheworld/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/changingtheworld/) to find out more.

Thank you and best wishes,

Girlguiding UK

