

Climate Action in Language Education



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Climate Action – SDG 13

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Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts[b]

Target 13.3: Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning

- **Indicator 13.3.1:** Extent to which (i) global citizenship education and (ii) education for sustainable development are mainstreamed in (a) national education policies; (b) curricula; (c) teacher education; and (d) student assessment

Paris Agreement



PARIS2015
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE
COP21·CMP11

Article 12

Parties shall cooperate in taking measures, as appropriate, to enhance climate change education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information, recognizing the importance of these steps with respect to enhancing actions under this Agreement.



#Climate education is key. Article 12 of the #ParisAgreement calls for Climate Education. But still in many parts of the 🌍🌍🌍 this doesn't happen and information about #ClimateChange is not available for students.

This needs to change! #Youth2030 #DohaSummit



Doha Forum and Qatar Mission to UN

10:04 PM · Nov 9, 2019 · Twitter Web App

THIS EPISODE:
**TEACHING TO A
DIVIDED WORLD**



Host, Nelufar Hedayat



#DearWorld

Live •



Bhagyashree Prabhutendolkar



Fatima Akilu



Jayathma Wickramanayake

English Across the Fracture Lines

Edited by Elizabeth J. Erling



“...all those involved in English language education need to consider how we might contribute to building a safer and more sustainable world and how English language students – wherever they may be – might be encouraged to analyse, understand and act on environmental problems...”

Roslyn Appleby, Environmental fragility and English language education, *English Across Fractured Lines*, British Council 2016

Climate action across the global English language teaching (ELT) sector

Christopher Graham
Deepa Mirchandani



- We have conducted research into ‘green’ initiatives across the global English language teaching industry.
- The report highlights global efforts being taken to make the global ELT sector greener; promote and facilitate environmental responsibility and incentivise sustainability.

Young People

Survey size 13-18 years of age
(survey size c2500 partial or
full respondents)

- **76% wanted more climate change related activities and discussions in their schools.**
- **72% wanted more climate change related topics in their English lessons.**



Teachers

Survey size 1887 teachers
from 196 countries/ territories



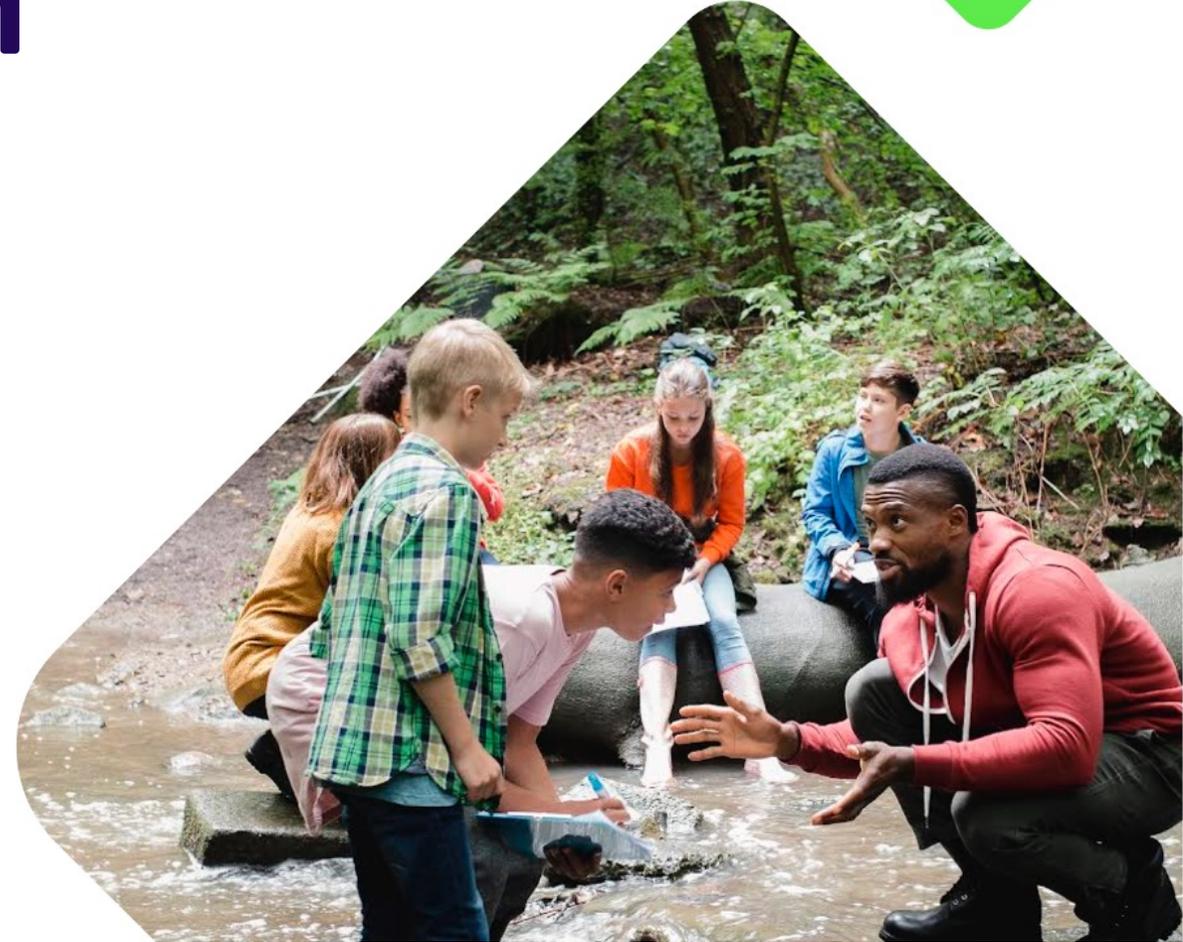
The top ten countries where teacher were based were: India, UK, Turkey, Algeria, Sri Lanka, China, Indonesia, Ukraine, Spain and Italy.

- **87% of teachers believed that ELT teachers have a significant role to play in climate change education.**
- **67% of teachers said their institution did not provide training and support for teachers wishing to integrate climate change content into teaching practice.**
- **80% of teachers said they would like some professional development on how to incorporate climate change issues into their classes.**

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CALE

- 1. Research report:** Climate action across the global English language teaching (ELT) sector
- 2. Podcast series:** Podcast series produced for the British Council by Chris Sowton & Kris Dyer
- 3. Massive open online course (MOOC):** Professional Development Training Series for English teachers consisting of 3 modules
- 4. Lesson plans:** 12 Climate themed lesson plans and a new collection for low resource contexts
- 5. Climate Action: school video competition:** Videos and new ELT resources for the classroom



The Climate Connection

The Climate Connection is a ten-part podcast series from the British Council which explores the relationship between the climate crisis and language education.



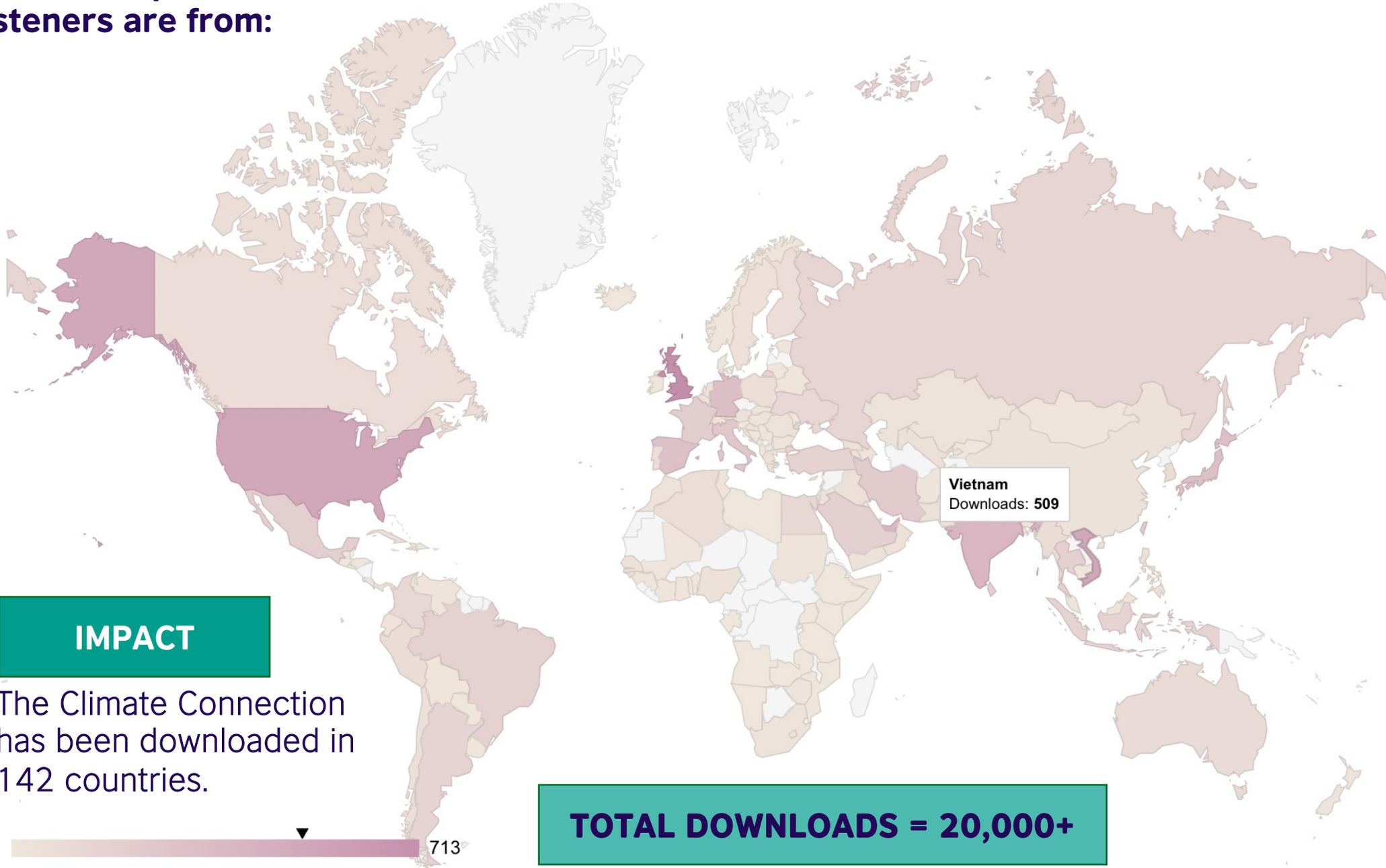
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Where our podcast listeners are from:



IMPACT

The Climate Connection has been downloaded in 142 countries.

TOTAL DOWNLOADS = 20,000+



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The Climate Action in Language Education professional development MOOC is designed to train English language teachers how to integrate environmental issues into English language teaching.

IMPACT

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS = 6,000



Tania Sen

Cross-curricular activities is the need of the hour and Climate Crisis is to be dealt head-on by triggering the minds of our young learners and making them active participants in the crusade to 'Save Our Earth'. Thanks British Council for this timely, well structured, interactive course on teaching Climate Action through Language.



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TeachingEnglish

Climate action in language education: Activities for low resource classrooms

Daniel Barber, Katherine Bilsborough, Christopher Graham and Thomas Kral



- Lesson plans covering a range of levels and age groups, and each exploring a different topic, from sports to storms and from families to fashion.
- All lesson plans have been released on Teaching English.

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TOTAL DOWNLOADS = 50,000+

- We recently launch a single PDF book of activities for low resource classrooms.

Climate Action: School video Competition - ELT Resources

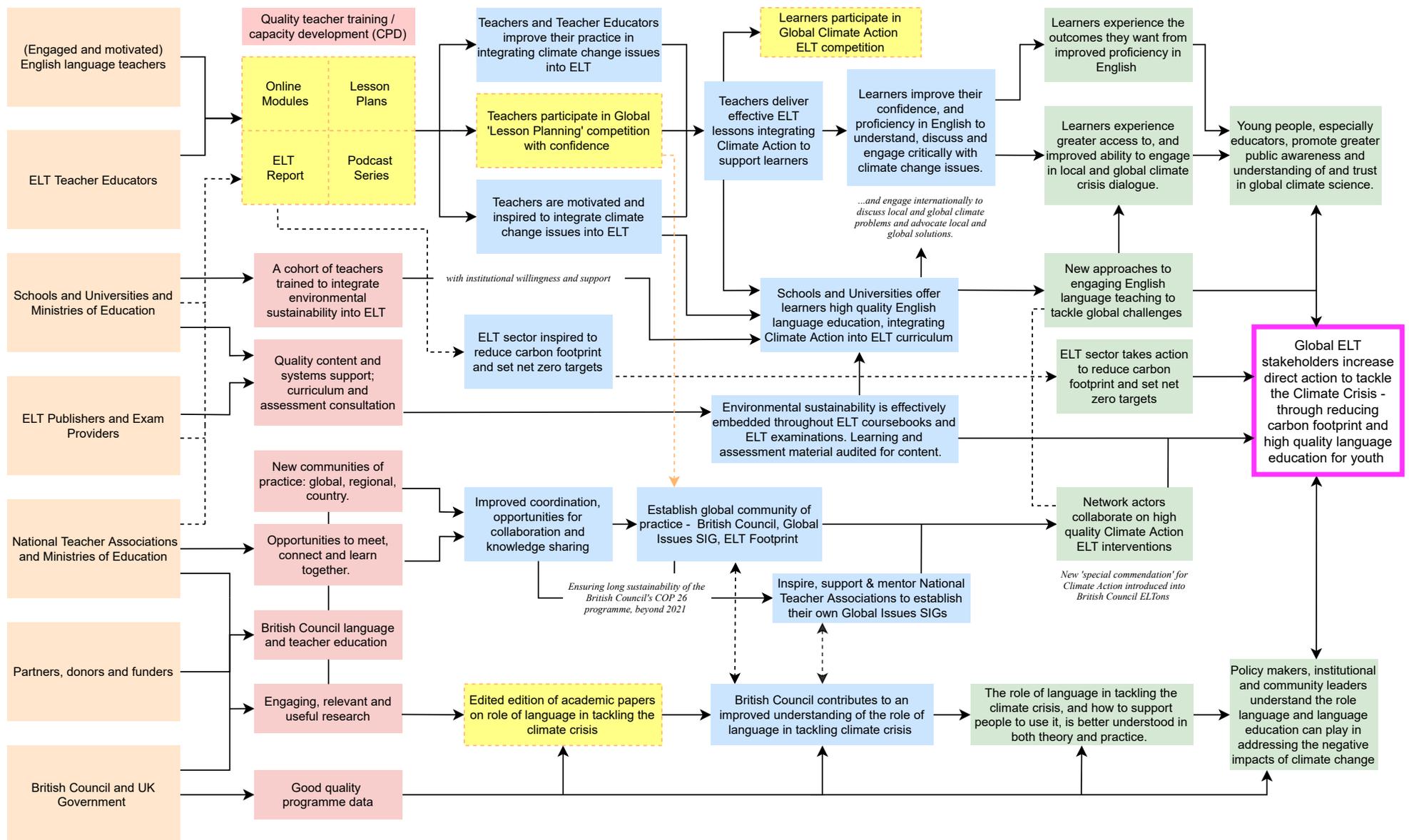


About this resource: The Climate Connection series of ELT videos is a teaching resource that emerged from the British Council’s call at COP26 for schools around the world to showcase their work on sustainability and climate change. Selected from the best more than 200 entries, these films demonstrate young people’s resourcefulness and commitment in the face of urgent problems. They also display the abilities of a wide range of English language learners on all continents.

Each video is between 4 and 5 minutes long and comes with a full set of teaching and student resources for a 45-minute ELT lesson themed on taking action on Environmental issues. The English is graded at CEFR level B1.



Climate Action ELT provides **with access to** **so that** **to contribute to the long term goal of**



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Theory of Change

British Council Climate Action ELT - EES initiatives as part the British Council's programme for UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties, COP26

Document: British Council 'Climate Action in Language Education' - Theory of Change Model
Colm Downes: Technical Lead - Date: 15 February, 2021

Note - This is a provisional Theory of Change - internal British Council document

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