Lancs CAN

Lancashire Community Climate Action Forum

Wednesday 4th March 2026

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
Promoting City, Coast & Countryside

University of CUMBRIA

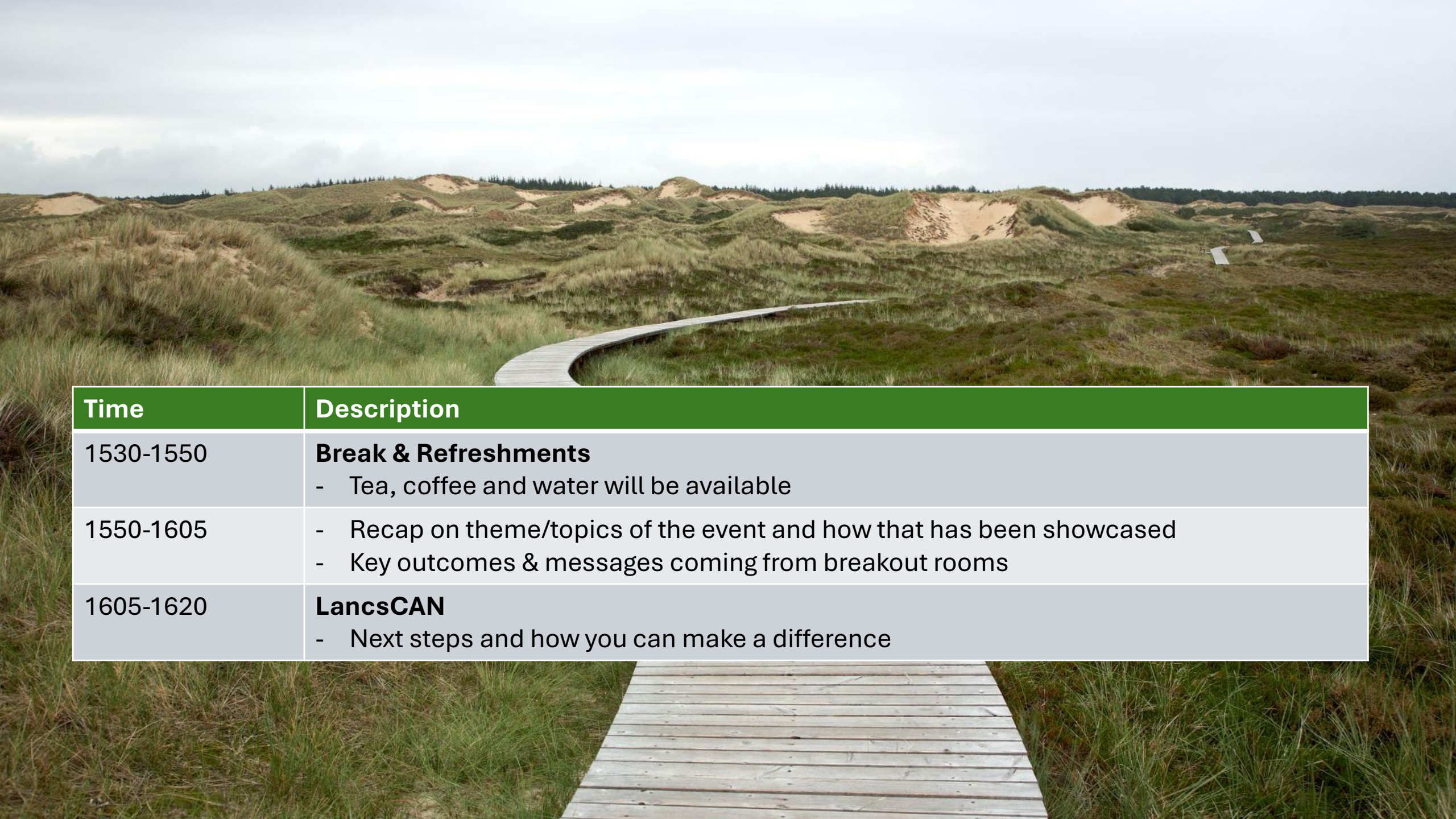
Date: Wednesday 4th March 2026, 0900–1630hrs
Venue: University of Cumbria, Sentamu Building, Bowerham Road, Lancaster, LA1 3JD

Time	Description
0900-1000	**Registration & Refreshments** - Marketplace on Ground & First Floor - Lecture Theatre
1000-1020	**Welcome & Intro to the day** - Mike Stevens, BBC Radio Lancashire - Claire Aindow, University of Cumbria - Caroline Jackson, Lancaster City Council - Mark Davies, Lancaster City Council
1020-1040	**Guest Speaker – Mike Berners-Lee** *What's going on in the world and how 'climate action' needs to respond to that. What does effective action look like in 2026?*
1040-1100	**Break & Refreshments** - Tea, coffee and water will be available - Please make your way to breakout rooms

Time	Breakout Rooms – Morning Sessions
1100-1230	**Lancashire Sustainable Food Networking Session** **LESS – Food Futures** *This 90 minute session will introduce the emerging Lancashire Food Alliance whilst creating plenty of time for exploring the range of sustainable food activities going on across the county.*
1100-1230	**Placemaking with Young Adults** **Lancaster City Council & Lancaster University** *Shaping the places we live, study and work in is one of the most powerful tools we have for climate adaptation, mitigation and long-term resilience. To explore this in practice, join Lancaster University, Lancaster City Council and participants of the Placemaking with Young Adults Program for a WALKshop around the University of Cumbria campus. Participants can try out Lancaster's Placemaking Framework in real time and learn how the tool helps weave climate action into everyday placemaking, while also supporting inclusive, people-centred design. We'll finish by exploring how participants might use the tool within their own roles and areas of work. Please wear weather appropriate clothes and note any accessibility requirements on your registration.*
1100-1230	**Lancashire Arts Network for Developing Sustainability (LANDS)** **More Music** *Arts and culture provide powerful ways to engage individuals and communities with climate action. Lancashire Arts Network for Developing Sustainability (LANDS) comprised of Lancashire arts organisations, will share their diverse creative practice and explore how different sectors can collaborate to communicate climate action messages through arts and cultural projects with the public.*
1100-1230	**Youth Engagement in Climate Action** **LancsCAN Youth Committee** *This session will explore why it is important to meaningfully engage with young people, how to integrate young people's perspectives into discussions, and what it's like to be part of a youth climate group. Through a range of collaborative and interactive activities, the session aims to foster communication between young people and other members of the community, with the intention of sharing ideas and perspectives on the topic of young people's involvement in climate action.*

Time	Description
1230-1400	**Lunch Break & Networking** - Lunch available from Room 203 (Second Floor) *The menu features local late winter harvests & ethically sourced produce. Minimizing environmental impact and maximizing local flavour.* - Marketplace (Ground & First Floor) *Alongside speakers and workshops, we have a number of spaces for stalls and displays showcasing grassroots community action, please do use this opportunity to find out more and network*

Time	Breakout Rooms – Afternoon Sessions
1400-1530	**North Lancashire is Golden** **LESS – Food Futures** *Join us for an interactive workshop exploring how North Lancashire can go for "Gold Sustainable Food Places." We'll share the latest progress from the "North Lancs is Golden" campaign, highlight community-led initiatives driving good food transformation, and identify practical actions organisations can take to accelerate the region towards the goal. Participants will collaborate on pledges for building a fair, resilient and climate-friendly local food system and leave with practical actions for staying involved.*
1400-1530	**Peoples Jury's across Lancashire** **Shared Future** *This interactive workshop explores how citizens' juries and citizens' assemblies can place citizen voice at the heart of our response to climate change. Bringing together former members of climate juries and assemblies from Lancashire and Cumbria, the session offers first-hand insight into how these processes work in practice and the difference they can make. Mark Davies, Chief Executive of Lancaster City Council, will reflect on how deliberative democratic processes sit within the context of local government reorganisation. The workshop will also examine the role and impact of citizens' assemblies, including permanent assemblies, across the UK and wider Europe, before inviting participants to discuss what role these approaches could play in shaping the future of climate decision-making in the county.*
1400-1530	**From Anxiety to Agency: Helping Young People Resist Climate Misinformation** **University of Cumbria** *Join this interactive session exploring a new project to counter climate misinformation among adolescents in Lancashire and Cumbria. Led by researchers from the Universities of Cumbria and Lancashire, participants will share insights and co-create ideas for emotion-focused interventions that build resilience, agency, and trust in science.*
1400-1530	**Powering our Communities** **North West Net Zero Hub** *Join this interactive workshop with the North West Net Zero Hub to explore opportunities emerging from the Great British Energy Community Fund. We'll discuss the support available for community energy initiatives, practical support the Hub offers, and how local groups can unlock funding to accelerate community energy projects. Hear directly from community energy organisations across the region, share challenges and successes, and help shape the community energy movement in the North West*



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1530-1550	**Break & Refreshments** - Tea, coffee and water will be available
1550-1605	- Recap on theme/topics of the event and how that has been showcased - Key outcomes & messages coming from breakout rooms
1605-1620	**LancsCAN** - Next steps and how you can make a difference

Market Place

Alongside speakers and workshops, we have a number of spaces for stalls and displays showcasing grassroots community action.

Some exhibitors are:

- *Chamber Low Carbon*
- *Claver Hill Community Farm*
- *Co-Op*
- *Food Futures – Community Composting*
- *Food Futures – GOLD Campaign*
- *Food Futures – Summerhouse Community Farm*
- *Greener Homes in Lancashire delivered by Green Rose CIC*
- *Green Rose - Energy Matters Project*
- *Halton Co-Housing / Halton Mill*
- *LancsCAN Youth Committee*
- *Lancashire Youth Challenge - Time to Breath Project*
- *Lancashire County Council - BetterPoints Lancashire*
- *Lancaster City Council - Local Plan (Climate Policies)*
- *Lancaster City Council - Waste Consultation Engagement*
- *Lancaster University & LCC - Placemaking with Young Adults*
- *Library of Things*
- *More Music and LANDS colleagues*
- *Ribble Rivers Trust*
- *Shared Futures & Lancaster City Council - Peoples Jury*
- *Small World Consulting: Lancaster's Carbon Pathways*
- *The Bay, a Blueprint for Recovery*
- *University of Cumbria - Employer Engagement Team*