



# **MANIFESTO FOR ESSEX**

## **Climate Emergency Youth Summit**

**Saturday 14th January 2023 | Firstsite, Colchester**

### **ARE YOU?**

- Aged between 14-25 years old
- Living and/or studying in Essex
- Passionate about Culture, Nature & the Environment

If the answer is **YES**, then join Essex Book Festival for its 2<sup>nd</sup> Manifesto for Essex Youth Summit at **FIRSTSITE, COLCHESTER, 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023** as part of EASUSTAIN FESTIVAL [a new festival that will bring together some of the UK's leading nature writers/artists/environmental activists/politicians, including Helen MacDonald and Mark Cocker, Tony Juniper, Natural England Chair, and Lord Deben, Chair of the UK's Independent Committee on Climate Change, for a weekend of inspirational talks/performances/exhibitions] [easustain.com](https://easustain.com)

### **WHAT IS THE MANIFESTO FOR ESSEX?**

Essex Book Festival set up the Manifesto for Essex in 2020 as a cultural platform for young people living in Essex to express their thoughts, fears and ideas about Climate Change. Key activities have included working with zine artist Lu Williams to create our Manifesto for Essex zine, which led to Chelmsford City Council declaring its Climate Emergency; designing/printing protest posters at Colchester Makerspace; an exhibition of Earth Poems across Chelmsford City Centre; a series of eco-casts made by young presenters at Chelmsford Community Radio; The Book Project Photography Exhibition at Gibberd Gallery in Harlow led by students at Harlow College. The list goes on. The work continues.

### **AND THE SUMMIT**

Essex Book Festival is in the process of creating a **MANIFESTO FOR ESSEX YOUTH PANEL** to help shape its festival programme for June 2023 and beyond. This is **YOUR** chance to get involved, to share your ideas, and make a difference. Join in the debate via our **HOW CAN WE MAKE OURSELVES HEARD?** Panel Discussion. Take part in one of our parallel workshops exploring key environmental issues, such as, biodiversity, flooding and rising waters, energy and pollution, with leading experts, writers and artists. Hear from three environmental artists working in Essex who are already making a difference.

We'll provide the coffee, juice and croissants. All you need to do is follow this link and book your **FREE** place: <https://Manifesto-For-Essex-Climate-Youth-Summit.eventbrite.co.uk>

NB. This event is supported by Arts Council England, Essex County Council, and EAFESTIVAL.