# Yorkshire Funders Webinar





- About Environmental Funders Network (EFN)
- The role of philanthropy in environmental action
- Key trends in environmental funding
- Opportunities and challenges for funders
- Beyond grantmaking:
  - Internal operations (e.g. carbon footprint, procurement)
  - Investment strategies and divestment
  - Advocacy and influence within their sectors



# Environmental Funders Network (EFN)

### **About EFN**

EFN works to transform environmental philanthropy in the UK by:

- Increasing funding levels
- Improving the effectiveness of funding
- Supporting people and organisations helping to create a thriving planet



### Our pillars of work



Pillar I
Growing environmental philanthropy



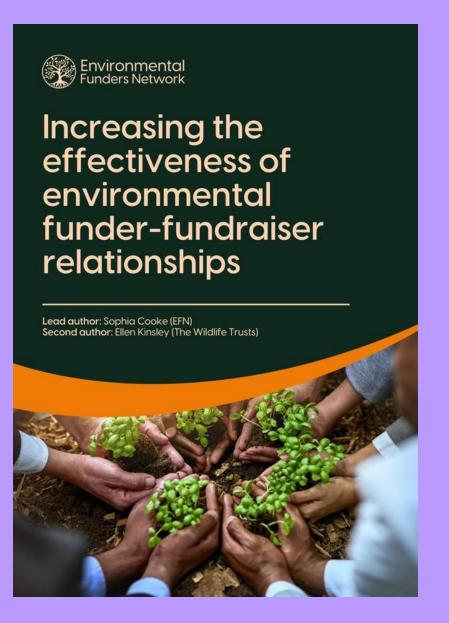
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Improving the effectiveness of environmental funding

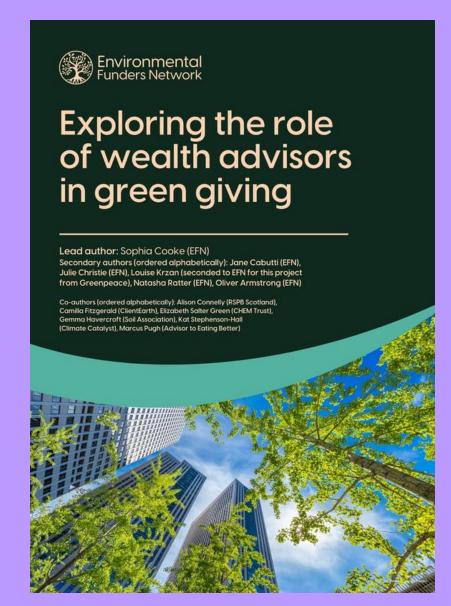


Pillar III
Supporting
environmental groups

### Our research







### More information

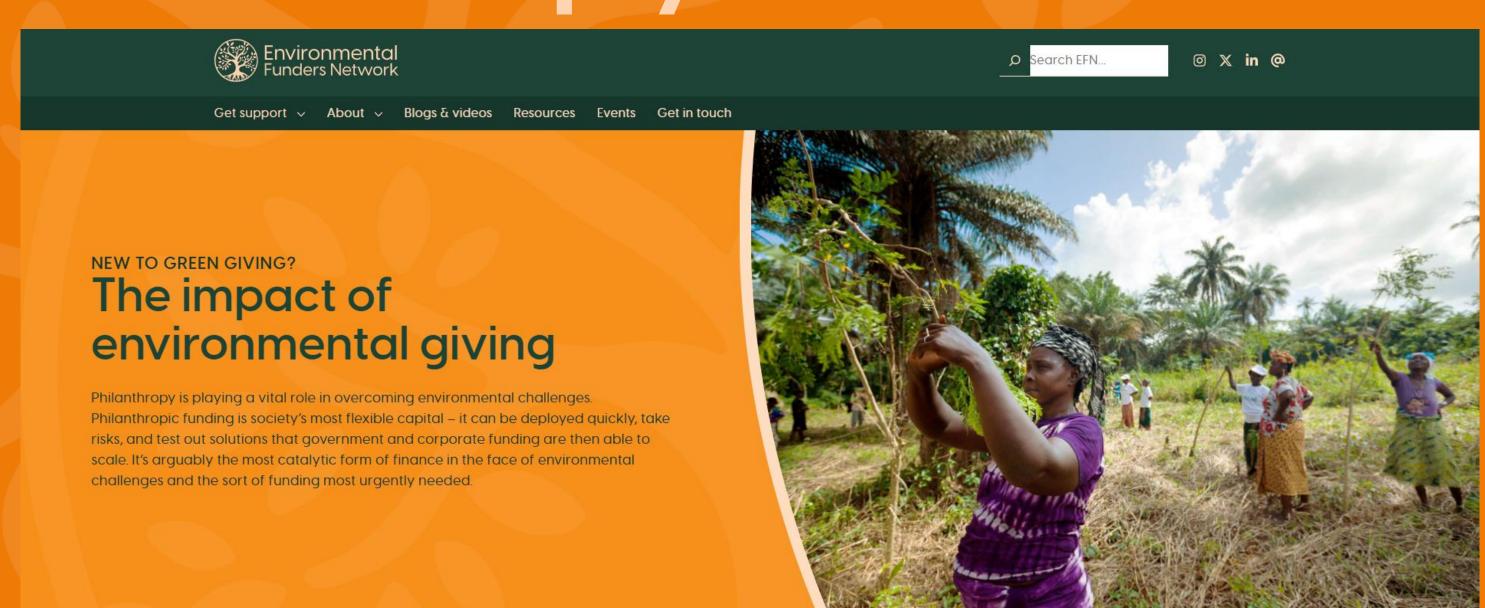
Our website

Our strategy for 2025

Our 2024 annual report

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# The role of environmental philanthropy

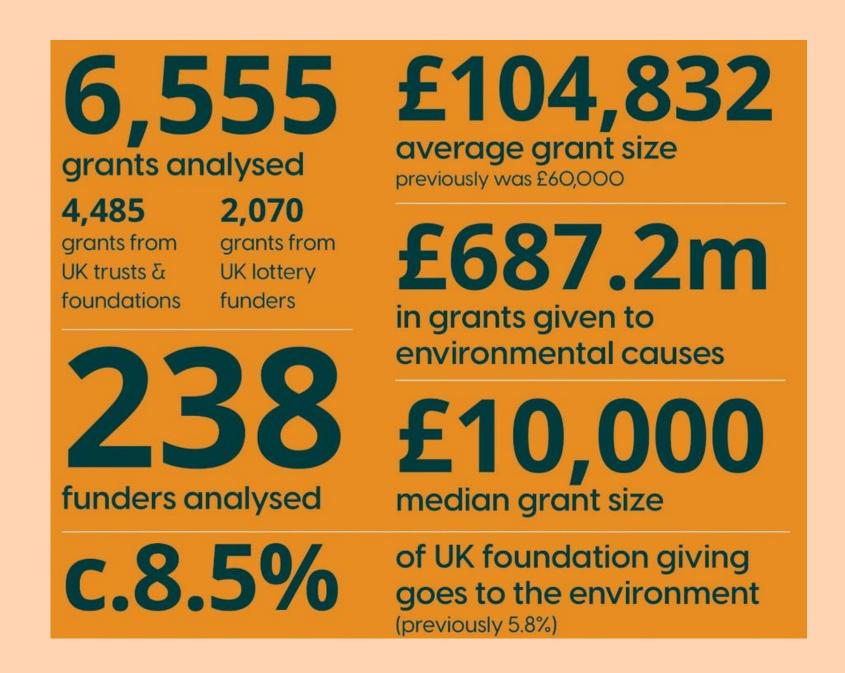


# Key trends in environmental philanthropy

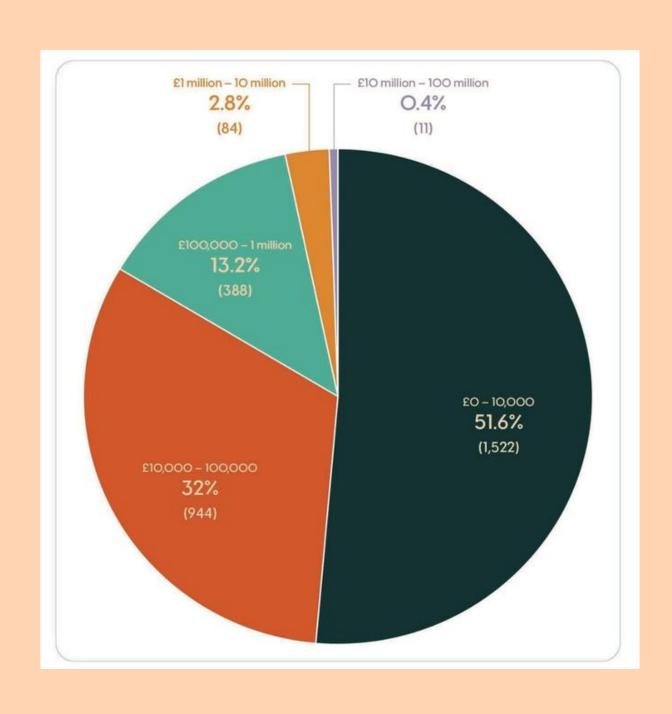


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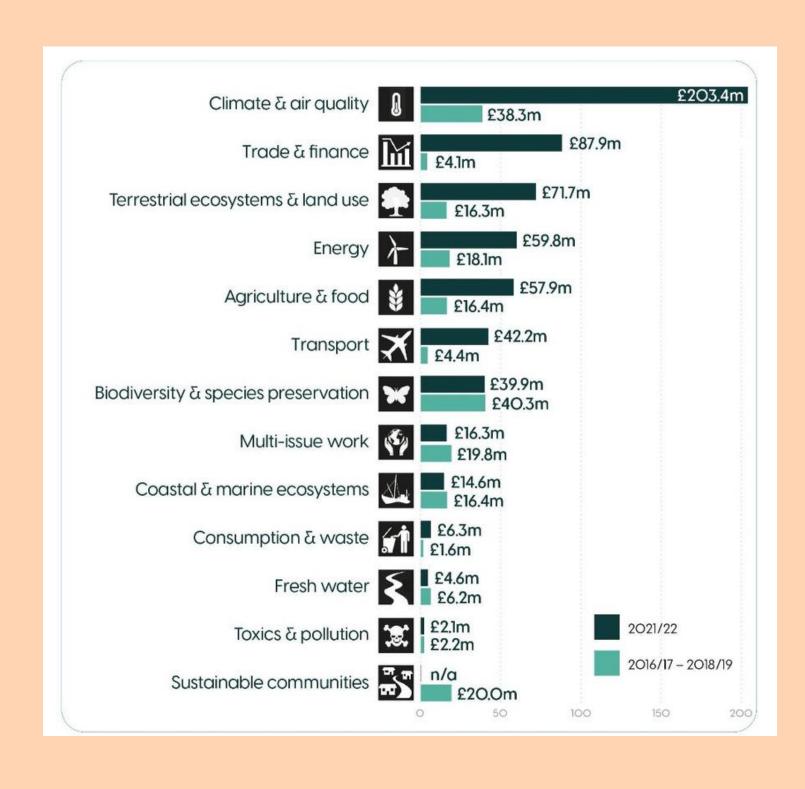
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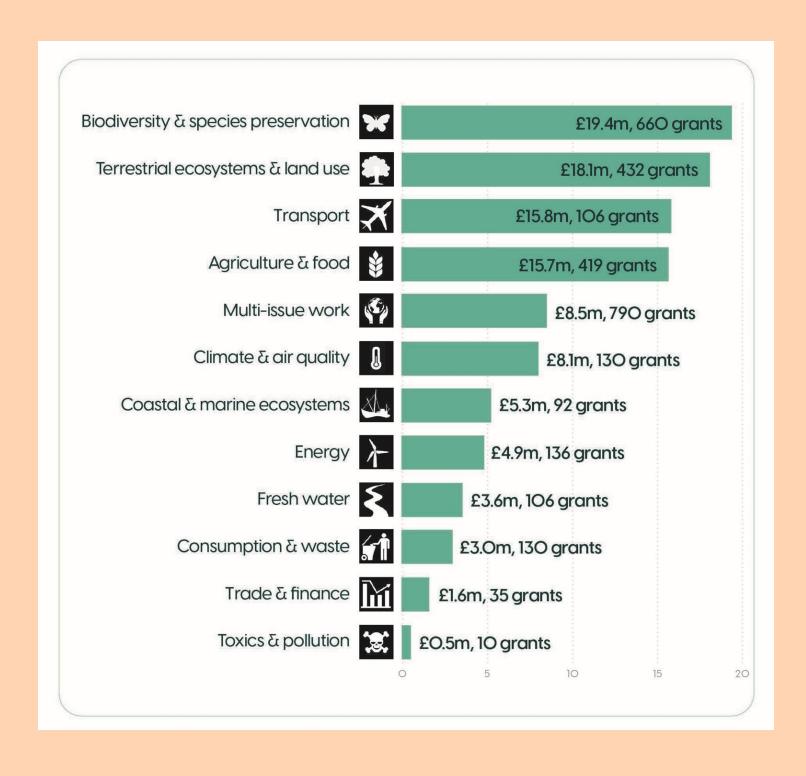
# Most grantees receive small amounts of funding



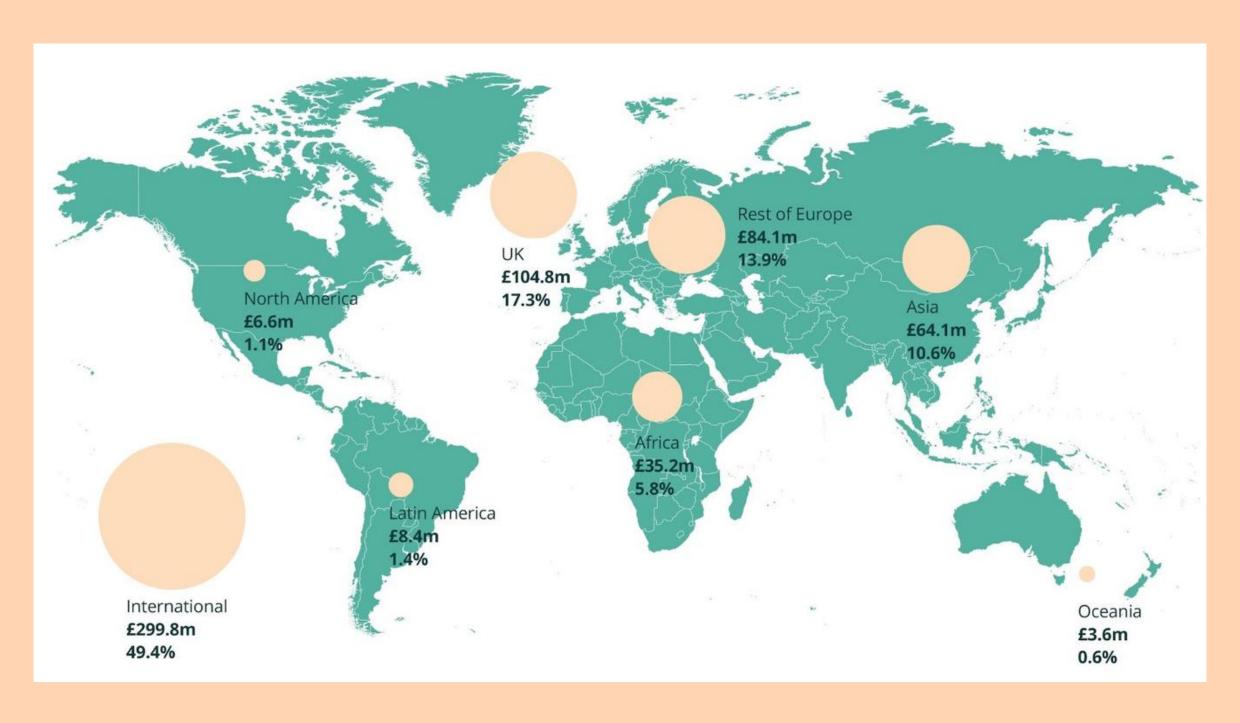
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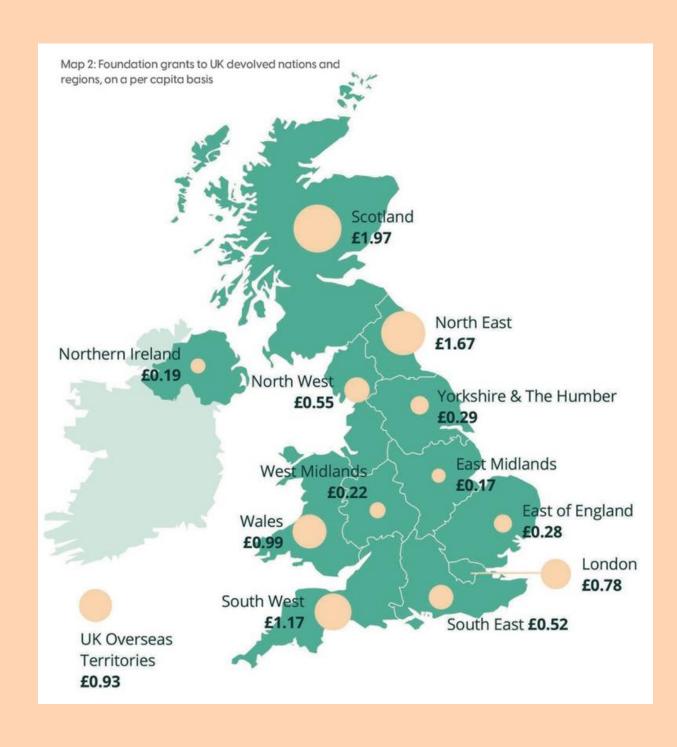
## UK thematic distribution quite different



# Global distribution of foundation grants



# Uneven distribution within the UK



### Key learnings

- Environmental grants are spread thin and wide
- Less funding is remaining in the UK than ever before, and some parts of the UK are receiving less funding than others
- The growth in funding is largely from 10 big funders, and going to 25 big grant recipients
- There is high competition for smaller grant sizes
- The near trebling in total foundation funding has not been evenly distributed
- 'Cinderella issues' still desperately underfunded



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Section B: Effective Environmental Philanthropy

# Opportunities and challenges

### Challenges





The environment affects all other issues - and the most marginalized in our society are hit first and hardest

## So what do we need to do? Part I

Keep fossil fuels in the ground:

- Reduce energy use
- Switch to renewables



## So what do we need to do? Part II

Protect and restore nature:

- Protect what we still have
- Restore what we can



### Mitigation & adaptation

### Mitigation

Action that will reduce man-made climate change. This includes action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions or absorb greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

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### Adaptation

Action that helps cope with the effects of climate change - for example construction of barriers to protect against rising sea levels, or insulating homes and buildings against extremes of weather.

### Opportunities

Widen your current grant criteria

Develop new funding programmes

Support grantees in other ways



### Opportunities

Policy work

Legal challenges

Communications/narrative change

Campaigning/activism





### Resources

EFN 'start giving now' resources

Active Philanthropy publications and tools

Impatience Earth resources (incl. new women & gender briefing)

In Our Nature Manchester (Wates Foundation)

Thriving In Nature Fund (Oxfordshire CF)

### Beyond grantmaking



Educate and learn

Commit resources

Integrate

Steward our investments for a post-carbon future

Decarbonise our operations

Report on progress



### Resources

Funder Commitment on Climate
Change

How to Integrate Climate into your Philanthropic Programmes: What foundations need to know, and where to begin

## Thank you!

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