



H2 Twin Cities

(Ten Point Plan - Low Carbon Hydrogen)

The Midlands Engine were invited by BEIS to enter the HeroX global H2 Twin Cities competition. Working with our partner, the Energy Research Accelerator's, HyDEX project the region is submitting an application to twin with the South Korean region of Gyeongsangbuk. Our Executive Chairman has written a letter of support for the project and five-year commitment.



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Green Skills EOI

(Ten Point Plan - Energy Workforce & Low Carbon Hydrogen)

Our Observatory colleagues have been working with the Energy Workforce theme leads to create a green skills EOI to explore the necessities of a greener workforce with a particular focus on the energy sector and low carbon hydrogen technologies in supporting the long-term resilience of local economies against the impact of a move to net zero. This EOI has been shared with multiple stakeholders as a platform to synchronise and coordinate efforts to avoid duplication.

Young People's Green Growth Assembly (YPGGA)

(Ten Point Plan: Action 9.1)

The YPGGA took place on 11 March 2022. The programme was completely designed and led by 24 young Green Growth Champions from the Midlands. They presented sessions on Nature's Recovery, Green Opportunities, and Clean Green Infrastructure and Places to our gathered audience of regional businesses, universities and public bodies. Following a challenge from the Champions, over 40 pledges were made, both personal and organisational, from the audience regarding what they will do to make a greener future possible in the Midlands.



'Midlands Forest'

(Ten Point Plan: Action 3.1)

In January our Executive Director and Green Growth Lead met with the National Lottery Heritage Fund to discuss the Midlands Forest vision. The vision is to replicate the National Forest's successful land use change model over the last 30 years to deliver environmental, social and economic benefits for the region. Next steps are a follow up site visit meeting in June with the National Forest, Woodland Trust and Observatory to discuss a development phase bid.