

# #Wave of Hope



Over the past year, people across the UK navigated rough waters against coronavirus and surged into action, showing up for each other when it counted. And we made change happen – including influencing the UK Government to end fossil fuel finance overseas. Now, ahead of two big global summits, it's more important than ever to come together again, joining with people across the world to crack the crises of coronavirus, injustice, climate change and nature loss.

In 2021, the UK will host the G7 in June and the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in November. Decisions that governments make at these gatherings will affect all of us, now and for generations to come – especially for those living in the poorest communities across the world.

It's time for the Prime Minister and the world's governments to take action to address the biggest crises of our time and work together for

a just and green recovery – **one that provides vaccines and healthcare for all, fights poverty and injustice, and helps end the climate and nature crises.**

The church has a vital role in shaping a better future. Through prayer and speaking out for change, we can play our part and love our neighbours across the world. Will you join thousands of others around the UK in the **Wave of Hope**? Together, we can turn the tide towards a better future – our voices rising together, no matter where we are.

**Why a wave?** Firstly, the waving hands symbolise our connection to each other. Secondly, the wave signals growing momentum for change as more people speak up and take action for a better future – and as the wave builds, so does our hope. Just like the waves on the shores of Cornwall, our Wave of Hope will greet the world leaders at the G7 summit in June and beyond.



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Tearfund is joining with more than 70 other organisations in the Wave of Hope, as part of the [Crack the Crises](#) coalition, representing more than 10 million people in the UK. Through the Wave of Hope, we are calling on world leaders to:

- **Crack the Covid Crisis** by sharing vaccine doses fairly and ensuring everyone everywhere has access to jabs, tests and treatments. Healthcare heroes should get the funding and equipment they need to ensure everyone has access to health services and we are protected from future pandemics.
- **Crack the Injustice Crisis** by creating good, green jobs and levelling up at home and abroad. We should drop the debt, keep our aid promises and create new digital taxes. Funding is needed so that countries can resource urgent priorities such as girls' education, unpaid care, ending violence against women and girls, preventing famine and malnutrition and investing in the local leadership of women, people of colour, disabled people and other marginalised communities.
- **Crack the Nature Crisis** by setting strict targets in domestic and international law to halt the decline of nature by 2030, with effective protection for at least 30 per cent of the land and seas to help ensure the targets are met and reduce our ecological footprint overseas through sustainable company supply chains.
- **Crack the Climate Crisis** by spearheading a just and green global recovery based on delivering the promised \$100 billion per year and more to those hit hardest, as a critical step to global climate justice – protecting 1.5 degrees through clean energy, sustainable and equitable land and water use, ending fossil fuels and reducing land use emissions.



# How to join in

Follow the steps below to join thousands of people across the UK in the **#WaveOfHope**, raising our voices together to call for a better future.

## 1 Gather your materials

Recycled or reused materials are best, such as brown paper shopping bags, large envelopes, crisp packets, cereal boxes or newspaper.

## 2 Get crafty

Draw, trace, print or paint a hand (or hands) on your recycled materials. Feel free to put your own twist on it too – if there's something other than a hand that better reflects your connection with the wider community and nature, then go for that! It could be paw prints, mountains, or the justice-issue that you're most passionate about.

Roll on to **page four** of this guide for inspiration, or try our ready-to-use template on **page five**.

## 3 Add your message of hope

Spread some hope by writing a message for the world as we call for wave upon wave of action to crack the crises of Covid, injustice, climate change and nature loss. You can get as creative as you like. Here are some ideas to get you started:

*I've got HOPE for a healthier, fairer, greener world! #WaveOfHope #CrackTheCrises  
Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!  
I want a world where everyone has the same opportunities, no matter where they live.  
I want an end to racism and injustice.*

## 4 Take a photo and share online

Take a photo of your artwork – it's even better if you're in the photo too!

You can add your photo and message to the **#WaveOfHope** digital gallery in one of the following ways:

- Post your photo on Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag #WaveOfHope

- Visit the Crack the Crises Facebook page [facebook.com/crackthecrises](https://facebook.com/crackthecrises) and post your photo
- Go to the gallery on [crackthecrises.org/wave](https://crackthecrises.org/wave) and upload your photo directly
- Email your photo to [info@crackthecrises.org](mailto:info@crackthecrises.org)

## 5 Display your handiwork

Find a good spot in your window at home to display your art. Make sure your Wave of Hope is visible for your community to see and be inspired!

To spread the message even further, why not come together with friends, family, or your community and pool your waves? You could create a big display on a local noticeboard or in shop windows to demonstrate your support for a better future.

## 6 Check out the digital gallery

After you post your photo to social media with the hashtag **#WaveOfHope**, it will be added to the digital gallery at [crackthecrises.org/wave](https://crackthecrises.org/wave) (It may take a little while before your photo shows up.)

We'll make an offline version of the gallery to take to the G7 summit in Cornwall in June and to COP26 in Glasgow in November.

## 7 Keep the wave going

You've made it this far – don't stop now! You can help the Wave of Hope stream far and wide by bringing your community on board. If you're part of a local school, community or faith group, why not run this activity together (if you can do so safely)?

You can also keep in touch with one (or more) of the organisations that have come together for this moment. Check out [crackthecrises.org](https://crackthecrises.org) for more info.

## Get in touch

We'd love to hear from you. For help or support with joining the Wave of Hope, email us at [campaigns@tearfund.org](mailto:campaigns@tearfund.org)

## Ideas and inspiration

Here are some ideas to get you started with joining the Wave for Hope. Remember to make it your own – and have fun with it!

### A crafty handprint

Don't be afraid of getting your hands messy. A great one for the kids.



### Recycled cut-outs

Find some old cardboard or paper and give it a new lease of life as a hand in the Wave of Hope.



### Paws for a cause

Show your love for the animal world using paws, claws, or something else that represents your favourite creature.



### A paper chain of people

Show the power of people coming together by making your own paper chain of people holding hands.



### Hearts

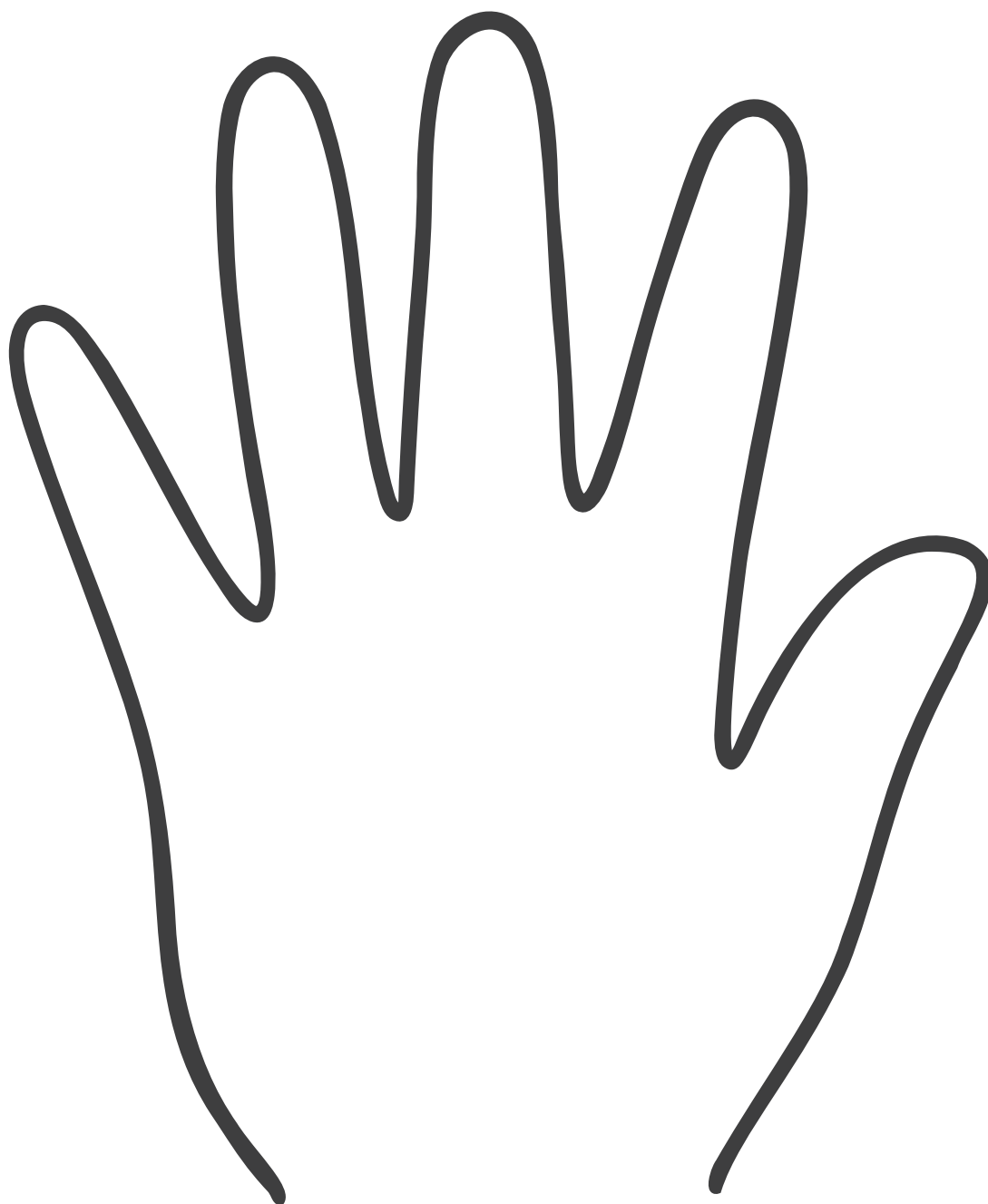
Whether it's one of [The Climate Coalition's green hearts](#) or your own style, a heart can symbolise your love for people and planet.



## Example template

Let's be kind to the environment – please only print this page if you need to.

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fairer, greener world.

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