**Laudato Si Catholic Social Teaching Opportunity for Young Catholics aged 18 – 35**

The Bishops’ Conference of Scotland Care of Creation Office, supported by Justice and Peace Scotland, SCIAF, and Pax Christi Scotland, wish to invite young adult Catholics in all our dioceses to take part in the Laudato Si Animators Course, a 5-week online course for young Catholics in Europe hosted by the Laudato Si Movement.

Laudato Si' Animators are members of the Laudato Si Movement, a global community of prayer and action, who animate their local parishes and communities to engage in ecological spirituality, sustainable lifestyles and advocacy for climate and ecological justice based on Catholic Social Teaching and gospel values. **The Laudato Si’ Animators course consists of a series of live webinars following the Catholic Social Teaching approach: See – Judge – Act.** The course is a response to the Pope’s call to action embodied by the encyclical “Laudato Si’: Care for Our Common Home”. The main aim is to empower young people to be the driving force for actionable change in their communities.

This course, offered entirely free of charge, **will be hosted online via Zoom for five consecutive Wednesdays** and will be conducted in English. The course **begins on November 8th 2023**. The webinars will bring together participants from around Europe and be held **at 6pm UK time**. The course dates are as follows:

* November 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
* W/b December 4th: date TBC

Please see the attached flyer and share with parishioners who may be interested. **Participants can register for the course by scanning the QR code on the flyer or visiting the following link:** [LSA YOUTH - EUROPE - Laudato Si Animators](https://laudatosianimators.org/lsa-youth-europe/). The flyer can also be shared along with the website link on parish or diocesan social media accounts to spread the word and encourage sign ups.

**If young people under the age of 18 wish to sign up, they can do so and Laudato Si Movement will ask them for parental consent at the time of registering.**

Justice and Peace Scotland will be coordinating communication and activities for all Laudato Si Animators Course participants from Scotland. If there are any questions from clergy or potential participants, they are advised to contact Anne-Marie Clements, Catholic Social Teaching Engagement Officer at Justice and Peace Scotland, on: Annemarie.clements@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk.