

The group grew out of an arts project in March 2023 that produced two murals in the town. The murals and workshops were funded by <u>Rights Community Action</u> as part of the #wearehere project.

When the murals were completed in June, there was a sense that it would be good to take the conversation further. One of the murals had the words *Use Your Voice* embedded in it and this was adopted as the name of the group.

Two things were central to the original project: the use of the arts to communicate and to connect people and a concern with climate change and its effects on the town. These remain central to us a group – as is the principle of working through positive ideas and actions.

The name sums it up: we decided to use our voice wherever and in whatever ways we can to raise awareness of what is possible for Lowestoft as well as the dangers we face from climate change. We aim to broaden the conversation in any way we can and to cooperate with the efforts by the council and fellow community groups who are also committed to using their voices for positive change.

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