



**Peers for the Planet** launched in January 2020 as the House of Lords' climate action group. We bring together, support and inform Members of the House of Lords who want to address critical environmental threats. Our supporters in the House - who now number over 120 Peers - span political divides and a spectrum of expert professional backgrounds. All are committed to harnessing the influence of the House to push the climate and nature emergencies to the top of the political agenda.

## 2020 highlights

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- Securing **new climate legislation**, such as provisions ensuring new pensions regulations on climate risk disclosure take account of international and domestic climate goals, making the UK the first country in the world to align the actions of pension schemes with the Paris Agreement.
- Securing an **Environment & Climate Change Committee** in the Lords that will address systemic environmental challenges and unlock dedicated and permanent resources for formal and sustained parliamentary scrutiny.
- Building Peers for the Planet's support base to 120 Peers, spread across parties, and achieving all activities and outcomes on a **collaborative, cross-party basis**.
- Bringing about a **significant step change in the prominence of climate and biodiversity issues in the House and pressure on Government** to respond to environmental priorities: Peers for the Planet supporters made 575 interventions in the House and drove 80% of all Oral Questions on climate and nature. Mentions of 'net zero' tripled and mentions of 'biodiversity' doubled from the previous year.
- Establishing the group as a trusted and valuable resource that has **strengthened the overall advocacy landscape** - 100% of Peers and stakeholders responding to our feedback survey said the organisation has had a positive impact.
- **Increasing Peers' knowledge and engagement** on domestic and international issues through high quality briefing.
- **Exploring the potential for creating collaborations** and sharing experiences with legislators in other countries.
- Raising **£845,000**, enabling us to hire a core team of three full time staff and securing our future operations until 2022.

Overall, having tested our model, we have compelling evidence that, by putting in place the right infrastructure, **we can mobilise an extraordinary resource for change.**

As for any start-up, we have learnt a huge amount in our first year. The success of the project and demand from stakeholders have exceeded our expectations but also, therefore, placed our limited resources under significant pressure. Our aim in year two is to **continue our positive impact while raising additional funds to help extend our team in order to meet unmet demands.**