**Template email to invite mayoral candidates to hustings**

You can use the template email below to invite mayoral candidates to your hustings. Remember to read our [online guidance on political impartiality.](https://groups.friendsoftheearth.uk/political-impartiality-guidance)

During the election period, candidates will be receiving invitations to many events, so remember to follow up via email or phone if you don’t receive a reply.

Subject: Invitation to local hustings

Dear [name of candidate],

I’m writing to you on behalf of [Friends of the Earth/ your local group name, plus any partners who’ll meet with the candidate alongside you] to invite you to a local hustings in the run-up to the mayoral elections, focused on tackling the climate and nature crisis.

With extreme weather raging around the world, including flooding and extreme heat in the UK, taking action in all our communities is essential. We believe a brighter future is possible. Action on climate and nature will improve the quality of our lives and contribute to a fairer, greener world.

The Mayor of [region name] has important powers they can use to ensure the region is as climate- and nature-friendly as possible. We therefore believe the voters in [region name] have the right to hear your plans to prioritise climate action if elected.

This climate hustings is being organised by [name of groups/ alliances involved in organising] and will be held on [date and time – you may want to keep this flexible until you know candidates’ availability]. The event will include [describe the format of the hustings – for example, whether there’ll be questions from the audience, whether candidates will have the opportunity to make a short speech etc].

As a group we’re politically impartial and will ensure that everyone has an equal chance to contribute. [If helpful, add in a sentence here stating who’s already agreed to attend from the other parties.] We’ve also invited the local press.

You can contact us at [your group’s email/ mobile number] – we very much look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,

[Your name and name of group]