



# CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY REPORT 2020

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

# About the Climate-related Disclosure Indicators

Climate has been identified as a top priority for PRI signatories, with over 70% of asset owners reporting this as the most important long-term trend they are acting on.

The FSB Task Force's guidance on climate-related financial disclosure aim to create a single framework for disclosure on assessment and management of climate-related risk. The recommendations, supported by investors representing US\$22 trillion, identify four main disclosures, Governance, Strategy, Risk Management, Metrics and Targets, and include specific guidance for asset owners and managers.

As a result, the PRI introduced climate-related disclosure indicators that can be used to align with the TCFD recommendations in the 2020 PRI Reporting Framework.

## About this report

This report is an export of only the climate-related indicators from the 2020 Reporting Framework response. The full Public Transparency Report is available here (<https://reporting.unpri.org/surveys/PRI-reporting-framework-2020/-0E0FE21E-C158-4EC9-9E84-AAE3C40EAA08/79894dbc337a40828d895f9402aa63de/html/2/?lang=en&a=1>). It shows the responses to all the completed climate indicators, even those you chose to keep private. It is designed for your internal review or – if you wish - to share with your stakeholders.

The PRI will not publish this report on its website if you have designated your 2020 climate reporting as “private”. Otherwise, you will be able to access the Climate Transparency Report of your organisation and that of other signatories on the [PRI website](#) and on the [Data Portal](#).

To easily locate information, there is a **Recommendation index** which summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose. The report presents information exactly as it was reported as per signatory preference. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory are presented in this report.

# TCFD Recommendations Index

Strategy and Governance - CC			TCFD Recommendation			
Indicator	Reported	Disclosure	Governance	Strategy	Risk Management	Metrics & Targets
SG 01.6 CC	✓	Public				
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SG 01.8 CC	✓	Public				
SG 01.9 CC	✓	Public				
SG 01.10 CC	✓	Public				
SG 07.5 CC	✓	Public				
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SG 14.6 CC	✓	Public				
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SG 14.8 CC	✓	Public				
SG 14.9 CC	✓	Public				
SG 15.1	✓	Public				
SG 15.2	✓	Public				
SG 15.3	✓	Public				

Symbol	Status
✓	The signatory has completed this sub-indicator
-	The signatory did not complete this sub-indicator.
	This indicator is relevant to the named TCFD recommendation
Within the first column "Indicator", indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.	

# ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW

This section provides an overview of your organisation. These characteristics are used to define your peer groups.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS	
<b>Name</b>	Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust
<b>Signatory Category</b>	Foundation
<b>Signatory Type</b>	Asset Owner
<b>Size</b>	US\$ 0.1 - 0.99 billion AUM
<b>Main Asset Class</b>	>50% Listed Equity Externally Managed
<b>Signed PRI Initiative</b>	2009
<b>Region</b>	Europe
<b>Country</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Disclosure of Voluntary Indicators</b>	100% from 38 Voluntary indicators

# Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

## Reported Information

### Public version

### Strategy and Governance

## PRI disclaimer

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## Investment policy

SG 01	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	General
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**New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.**

**SG 01.1** Indicate if you have an investment policy that covers your responsible investment approach.

SG 01 CC	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Descriptive	General
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**SG 01.6 CC** Indicate whether your organisation has identified transition and physical climate-related risks and opportunities and factored this into the investment strategies and products, within the organisation's investment time horizon.

Yes

Describe the identified transition and physical climate-related risks and opportunities and how they have been factored into the investment strategies/products.

- We have divested fully from fossil fuels.
- We invest through sustainable funds.
- We hold some thematic investment in environmental funds.

No

**SG 01.7 CC** Indicate whether the organisation has assessed the likelihood and impact of these climate risks?

Yes

Describe the associated timescales linked to these risks and opportunities.

We believe that we, and our managers, should be working towards the targets laid down in the Paris Agreement.

No

**SG 01.8 CC** Indicate whether the organisation publicly supports the TCFD?

Yes

No

**SG 01.9 CC** Indicate whether there is an organisation-wide strategy in place to identify and manage material climate-related risks and opportunities.

Yes

	Describe
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We engage with our managers on identifying and managing material climate-related risks and opportunities.

No

<b>SG 1.10 CC</b>	Indicate the documents and/or communications the organisation uses to publish TCFD disclosures.
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- Public PRI Climate Transparency Report
- Annual financial filings
- Regular client reporting
- Member communications
- Other
- We currently do not publish TCFD disclosures

**Governance and human resources**

<b>SG 07 CC</b>	<b>Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Descriptive</b>	<b>General</b>
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<b>SG 07.5 CC</b>	Indicate the roles in the organisation that have oversight, accountability and/or management responsibilities for climate-related issues.
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	Board members or trustees
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- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

	Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Chief Risk Officer (CRO), Investment Committee
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- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

	Other Chief-level staff or heads of departments
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- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

External managers or service providers

- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

Other role, specify (1)

Independent Investment Advisor

- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

Other role, specify (2)

Co-opted Investment Committee members

- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

**SG 07.6**  
**CC**

For board-level roles that have climate-related issue oversight/accountability or implementation responsibilities, indicate how these responsibilities are executed.

Investment Committee receives an annual report on the carbon footprint of the funds in which we are invested and holds our fund managers to account on these. It also discusses more general climate issues with our fund managers on a regular basis.

Our Sustainable Future grant making committee considers how Trust funds might most effectively be spent on developing and promoting sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to the current consumerist and growth-based paradigm. We will support a range of actions to achieve these aims, recognising this might include defending current policies, frameworks and regulations.

**SG 07.7**  
**CC**

For management-level roles that assess and manage climate-related issues, provide further information on the structure and processes involved.

Our Chief Executive is responsible for our overall approach to the management of climate-related issues.

Our Head of Finance is responsible for collating information on the carbon foot print of the funds in which we are invested and for considering climate-related issues more generally in relation to our investments.

Our Programme Officers are responsible for considering climate-related issues in relation to our grantees' work.

Our Operations Manager is responsible for managing the climate impact of our operations.



**SG 07.8  
CC**

Indicate how your organisation engages external investment managers and/or service providers on the TCFD recommendations and their implementation.

- Request that external managers and/or service providers incorporate TCFD into mainstream financial filings (annual financial reports, other regulatory reporting or similar)
- Request incorporation of TCFD into regular client reporting
- Request that external managers complete PRI climate indicator reporting
- Request responses to TCFD Fund Manager questions in the PRI Asset Owner Guide
- Other
- We do not engage with external managers and/or service providers on the TCFD recommendations and their implementation

**ESG issues in asset allocation**

**SG 13**

**Mandatory**

**Public**

**Descriptive**

**PRI 1**

**SG 13.1**

Indicate whether the organisation carries out scenario analysis and/or modelling, and if it does, provide a description of the scenario analysis (by asset class, sector, strategic asset allocation, etc.).

- Yes, in order to assess future ESG factors
- Yes, in order to assess future climate-related risks and opportunities
- No, our organisation does not currently carry out scenario analysis and/or modelling

**SG 13.3**

Additional information. [OPTIONAL]

We expect our fund managers to execute scenario analysis and/or modelling to assess ESG factors and to assess future climate-related risks and opportunities. We are too small an organisation to do this work ourselves.

**SG 14**

**Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose**

**Public**

**Additional Assessed**

**PRI 1**

**SG 14.1**

Some investment risks and opportunities arise as a result of long term trends. Indicate which of the following are considered.

- Changing demographics
- Climate change
- Resource scarcity
- Technological developments
- Other, specify(1)

other description (1)

Improvements in diversity in management.

- Other, specify(2)

other description (2)

Human rights and societal intolerance.

None of the above

**SG 14.2**

Indicate which of the following activities you have undertaken to respond to climate change risk and opportunity

- Established a climate change sensitive or climate change integrated asset allocation strategy
- Targeted low carbon or climate resilient investments

Specify the AUM invested in low carbon and climate resilient portfolios, funds, strategies or asset classes.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM			22	576	711
Currency	GBP				
Assets in USD			29	164	428

Specify the framework or taxonomy used.

By the end of 2017 we had totally divested from fossil fuel extractive companies.

Although by investing sustainably we expect to invest in in low carbon and climate resilient portfolios, funds, strategies and asset classes, we also invest in funds which explicitly invest in companies seeking environmental solutions through their products.

- Phase out your investments in your fossil fuel holdings
- Reduced portfolio exposure to emissions intensive or fossil fuel holdings
- Used emissions data or analysis to inform investment decision making
- Sought climate change integration by companies
- Sought climate supportive policy from governments
- Other, specify
- None of the above

**SG 14.3**

Indicate which of the following tools the organisation uses to manage climate-related risks and opportunities.

- Scenario analysis
- Disclosures on emissions risks to clients/trustees/management/beneficiaries
- Climate-related targets
- Encouraging internal and/or external portfolio managers to monitor emissions risks
- Emissions-risk monitoring and reporting are formalised into contracts when appointing managers
- Weighted average carbon intensity
- Carbon footprint (scope 1 and 2)
- Portfolio carbon footprint
- Total carbon emissions
- Carbon intensity
- Exposure to carbon-related assets
- Other emissions metrics
- Other, specify
- None of the above

**SG 14.5**

Additional information [Optional]

We expect all our fund managers to use a variety of tools, including those listed above, to manage and model climate-related risks as part of their decision making process and to strive for long term carbon reduction.

When appointing new external managers, the carbon impact of their portfolios always at the forefront of our discussions with them and we would not appoint or retain a manager who was not able to demonstrate both an appreciation of these issues and a strong commitment to sustainability. For this reason, all the funds in which we invest tend to have a relatively low carbon footprint and they typically exclude fossil fuel extractive companies, petrol and diesel car manufacturers or airlines. We do not specifically ask for emissions-risk monitoring and reporting within our contracts with our fund managers since, given the low relative level of risk in these areas for our portfolios, we would prefer to prioritise other matters. Instead we prefer to carry out, on an ongoing basis an all-encompassing evaluation of each of our external managers to ensure that their overall approach is compatible with our investment aims and objectives including those relating to climate change.

**SG 14 CC**

Voluntary

Public

General

**SG 14.6  
CC**

Provide further details on the key metric(s) used to assess climate-related risks and opportunities.

Metric Type	Coverage	Purpose	Metric Unit	Metric Methodology
<b>Climate-related targets</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets			
<b>Carbon footprint (scope 1 and 2)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> All assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	To measure the relative carbon footprint of our funds against benchmark and year on year.	Varies between fund manager.	
<b>Portfolio carbon footprint</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> All assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	To measure the relative carbon footprint of our portfolio against benchmark and year on year.	Combination of measurements to reflect those used by our fund managers.	
<b>Exposure to carbon-related assets</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets			

<b>SG 14.7 CC</b>	Describe in further detail the key targets.
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Targettype	Baseline year	Target year	Description	Attachments
<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute target <input type="checkbox"/> Intensity target				
<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute target <input type="checkbox"/> Intensity target				
<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute target <input type="checkbox"/> Intensity target				
<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute target <input type="checkbox"/> Intensity target				
<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute target <input type="checkbox"/> Intensity target				

<b>SG 14.8 CC</b>	Indicate whether climate-related risks are integrated into overall risk management and explain the risk management processes used for identifying, assessing and managing climate-related risks.
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- Processes for climate-related risks are integrated into overall risk management
- Processes for climate-related risks are not integrated into overall risk management

Please describe

We expect our fund managers to have processes to integrate climate-related risks into overall risk management.

**SG 14.9 CC** Indicate whether your organisation, and/or external investment manager or service providers acting on your behalf, undertake active ownership activities to encourage TCFD adoption.

Yes

Please describe

We expect our fund managers to undertake active ownership activities to encourage TCFD adoption.

No, we do not undertake active ownership activities.

No, we do not undertake active ownership activities to encourage TCFD adoption.

<b>SG 15</b>	<b>Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Descriptive</b>	<b>PRI 1</b>
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**SG 15.1** Indicate if your organisation allocates assets to, or manages, funds based on specific environmental and social themed areas.

Yes

**SG 15.2** Indicate the percentage of your total AUM invested in environmental and social themed areas.

%

8.0

**SG 15.3** Specify which thematic area(s) you invest in, indicate the percentage of your AUM in the particular asset class and provide a brief description.

Area

Energy efficiency / Clean technology

Asset class invested

Listed equity

Percentage of AUM (+/-5%) per asset class invested in the area

8

Private equity

Cash

#### Brief description and measures of investment

We are invested in the Impax Asian Environmental Markets (Ireland) and Impax Environmental Markets PLC funds. The funds specifically invest in companies that provide environmental solutions through their products or services.

Our other funds also have some investments in these areas but they are not included in the above figures.

- Renewable energy
- Green buildings

#### Asset class invested

- Listed equity
- Private equity

#### Percentage of AUM (+/-5%) per asset class invested in the area

1

- Cash

#### Brief description and measures of investment

We are invested in Ethical Property Company, Ethical Property Europe and Social Justice and Human Rights Centre. These companies support groups working for social change by supplying office space and communal working facilities in an ethical and environmentally aware way.

- Sustainable forestry
- Sustainable agriculture
- Microfinance
- SME financing
- Social enterprise / community investing

#### Asset class invested

- Listed equity
- Private equity

#### Percentage of AUM (+/-5%) per asset class invested in the area

1

- Cash

See green buildings above.

- Affordable housing
  - Education
  - Global health
  - Water
  - Other area, specify
- No