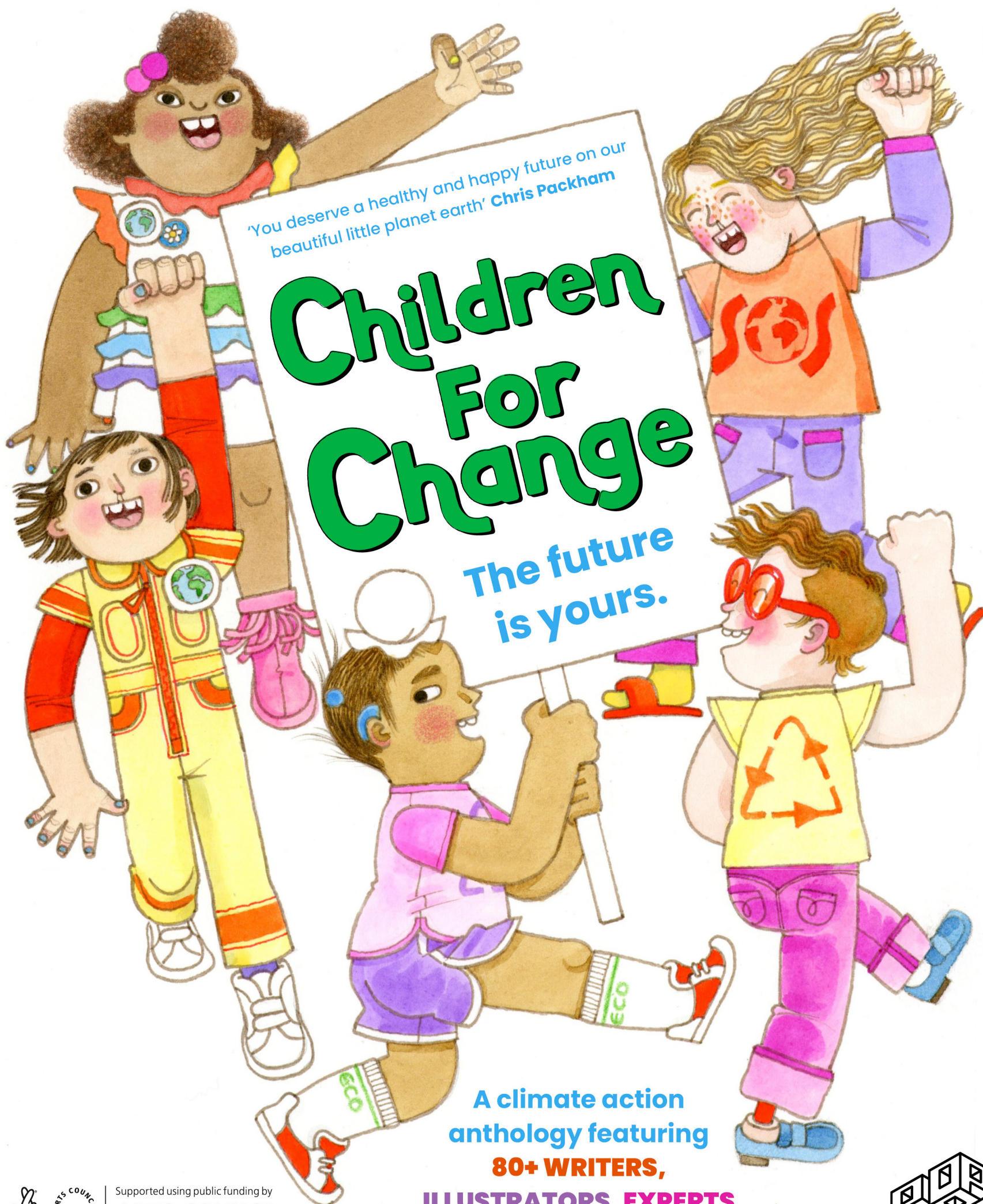


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anthology featuring**

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**EXPERT
ADVICE:
RECYCLABLE
TECH**

FastTech – the new environmental challenge

Hey there, planet-protectors! In our super busy, tech-filled world, we all love our gadgets like earpods, mini-fans and funky lights. But guess what? In the UK we throw away nearly half a billion cheap and not so cheerful 'FastTech' gadgets every year – those small, very cheap items which we only use a few times before we either lose them, or they break. That's a whole lot of stuff going to waste. And if we bin them, we lose all the valuable materials inside, like steel, copper and lithium. All these materials can be used for the future green tech that we need to tackle climate change.

BIN CRIME'S GOTTA STOP!

Anything with a plug, battery or cable should never go in the bin. But we're throwing away hundreds of millions of small gadgets every year! This is called e-waste and it's a new supervillain for our planet.

FastTech is quickly becoming the new Fast Food and Fast Fashion. And we need to tackle it now. Here's how we can all be electricals eco-stars:

BUY LESS

Sure, it's cool, we hear you. But do you really need that glow-in-the-dark unicorn light?

CHOOSE WISELY

When you do buy something, think about getting a refurbished item or something high-quality that won't break after five minutes.

THE DRAWER OF DO

Every house and flat has a drawer or box filled with old gadgets and tangled cables, right? There are 880 million unused electrical items lurking in UK homes. Become an urban miner and see what's in there. Look through your old gadgets and decide what does and doesn't work. Then you can:

PASS IT ON

If it works and you don't want it, give it to charity. They can sell your old gadgets or give them to families who need them. Sharing is caring!

FIX IT

Before you bin that broken gadget, check if it can be fixed. A little DIY can make your tech last way longer. Plus, fixing stuff basically makes you a tech wizard.

SELL IT

Make some pocket money (parent's permission required alert!). It's easy to sell your old gadgets online. There are loads of websites that can help you do this. Ker-ching!

RECYCLE IT

Did you know 75% of the materials in old tech can be recycled and turned into awesome new things? Getting materials from our unwanted electricals means we have to dig way fewer massive holes in the ground through mining. And recycling is easier than finding your lost sock – with over 20,000 drop-off points already in the UK.

SPREAD THE WORD

Tell everyone why it's important not to throw away old gadgets. Get your community and school to join the Recycle Your Electricals campaign. Let's make saving the planet the cool thing to do!

BE THE CHANGE

We can all make the world greener. I'm doing it. My friends and family are doing it. In fact, millions of people are already reusing and recycling their electricals. So, step up and join our crew. Together, we can inspire change and protect our planet.

For more info and loads of top tips, search 'Recycle Your Electricals.' Pop in your postcode to find your nearest repair, donation or recycling point.

www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk

**Smart small actions add up to super smart big change,
so let's do this...**

Electricals eco-stars assemble!