

## Regional Climate Actions Hubs

### Regional sessions

The Scottish Government is supporting the development of a network of regional community climate action hubs, to provide a strategic regional approach to climate change action. This network of regional hubs will be spread across Scotland. The hubs could help groups develop local plans, take up community funding opportunities, facilitate networking and ensure a joined-up approach is being taken to tackling climate change at a regional level.

We are holding a number of sessions to consult local groups on how a regional hub in each area might be set up, and what its priorities would be.

The events are for all community groups who are currently involved in climate action, and those who might consider getting involved in the future.

We recognise there are organisations and public sector bodies already working in this space across some areas of Scotland and are keen to ensure we integrate and add value to existing structures and work. Any organisation working in this space is welcome to join the discussion or to contact us separately.

Please come along and have your say. There will be short presentations about the hubs idea, and plenty of time for questions and discussion.

### Booking Information

This event will be held online, on Teams.

It's free to attend. If you would like to book a place or would like further information, please email [ClimateChangeEngagement@gov.scot](mailto:ClimateChangeEngagement@gov.scot)

### Session Dates

Please note that these sessions are not set up based on the areas that hubs will cover but simply to allow us to have an initial discussion.

These sessions will be held between 11:00 and 12:30, with the exception of Moray, which will take place between 10:30 and 12:00.

28-Feb	Fife
02-Mar	Moray
07-Mar	Dundee City, Angus, Perth & Kinross
09-Mar	Stirling, West Dunbartonshire, Clackmannanshire
14-Mar	Falkirk, West Lothian
16-Mar	South and North Lanarkshire
18-Mar	Argyll & Bute

22-Mar	Scottish Borders, Dumfries & Galloway
23-Mar	North, East and South Ayrshire
25-Mar	Midlothian, East Lothian
28-Mar	All Islands
30-Mar	Glasgow City, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire, Inverclyde
31-Mar	Highland
01-Apr	City of Edinburgh

**Purpose:**

- To update on the purpose and vision for the regional climate action hubs
- To outline SCCAN’s network coordinator initiative to activate and support more regional networks
- Discussion. Potential areas to cover:
  - What support do you need/want?
  - Challenges -how do we ensure hubs are effective at helping build awareness and drive change?
  - Is there a current network across the area?
  - Does a network or group exist already that could lead this work? Any organisation or network must be identified as best to lead by the communities the hub will serve
  - Is there similar activity already underway and how could the hub align and add value to that work?
  - What geographic area would you see the hub covering?

**Background to Climate Action Hubs and progress to date:**

**Overview:**

The transition to net zero will impact on people and communities. Managed well, it can offer opportunities to reshape local areas in a fair and just way that improves health and wellbeing, tackles inequalities and improves quality of life.

In 2019, the former Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform announced plans to create a network of regional community climate action hubs.

The hub network will have national coverage and empower communities to develop local solutions to make the transition to net zero and climate resilient living. The hubs will provide advice and support, promote collaboration across communities, enable sharing and learning, and help groups identify funding opportunities.

Following an engagement exercise with stakeholders in 2020, and after seeking expressions of interest from organisations with an interest in developing a hub, the development of two pathfinder projects was announced in March 2021. These were launched in September with the North Highlands and Islands (Orkney and Shetland)

hub being led by Thurso Community Development Trust and the North East hub being led by NESCAN Hub CIC.

### **North Highlands and Islands Climate Action Hub**

[The Hub — North Highlands & Islands Climate Hub \(nhclimatehub.co.uk\)](http://nhclimatehub.co.uk)

### **NESCAN Hub (North East Scotland Climate Action network)**

[www.nescan.org](http://www.nescan.org) (due to go live shortly)

[NESCAN - Aberdeen Climate Action](#)

As the development of the hub network has been delayed by the pandemic we will be helping build capacity across regions through the Scottish Communities Climate Action Network (SCCAN) who will employ 10 regional network coordinators. For more information about SCCAN and the work they do to support community-led climate action at <https://www.scottishcommunitiescan.org.uk>. This will enable consolidation and expansion of the work of existing community climate action networks and nurture the creation of new regional networks that can support the emerging regional community climate action hubs.

### **Core Climate Action Hub Functions**

- Raising awareness of climate change and the action communities can take to mitigate and adapt to climate change
- Provide groups with advice and support to take mitigation and adaptation actions
- Facilitate co-ordination and collaboration
- Seed and develop new community climate action
- Foster peer-to-peer learning
- Signpost to organisations/agencies who can offer support
- Identify funding opportunities
- Support local communities to design and develop carbon/GHG reduction and adaptation projects
- Facilitate learning and development (support materials, climate literacy training)
- Ensuring the views of local communities are heard, providing a link between local communities and national and public bodies
- Influence and inform community-led climate action policy.