



The Climate Challenge Fund: Supporting Communities

The Climate Challenge Fund aims to help Scottish communities make a real difference by significantly reducing their carbon emissions. It is backed by a supporting alliance of organisations with a wealth of experience. This factsheet contains a list of alliance members with information about how they can help your community.

The alliance includes partners from key organisations and networks throughout Scotland. Between them they bring expertise on specific issues such as energy efficiency and transport, links to potential partner organisations for community projects and a strong track record of working with communities to make positive change happen. These organisations will provide guidance and support to communities who have ideas about how to reduce their carbon emissions but may need some help and direction towards being able to put their plans into action.

The alliance will also help make sure the Scottish Government makes the most of investing in local community action by:

- helping to develop a shared sense of purpose amongst national stakeholder bodies in supporting the purpose and delivery of the Climate Challenge Fund
- providing a network in which communities (active CCF communities and prospective communities) and stakeholders (including national stakeholder bodies, local authorities and businesses) can exchange good practice and learning
- supporting Government work on evaluation of the actions taken by communities working with the Climate Challenge Fund to tackle climate change

The Sustainable Development Commission Scotland (SDC) is coordinating the work of the alliance members and working with other organisations supporting Climate Challenge Fund bids and projects. You can contact the SDC for more information about the alliance and all the organisations involved in supporting communities working with the Climate Challenge Fund on 0131 625 1888.

Who is in the CCF supporting alliance and what support can they offer?

Community Energy Scotland

(www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk) offers expertise and support in developing sustainable energy projects. This could include the use of renewable energy sources, boosting energy efficiency and other practical changes in energy use and savings designed to reduce carbon emissions.

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The Energy Saving Trust (www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland)

is an independent, non-profit making organisation focused on energy use in the domestic sector. It will provide information, advice and support on energy efficiency, micro-renewables and low-carbon personal transport and the development of projects and plans designed to reduce carbon emissions by changing patterns of energy use.

Contact: Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centres on 0800 512 012.

They are open from 09:00 - 17:00 Monday to Friday.

Scottish Business in the Community (SBC) (www.sbcscot.com) is a not-for-profit company which aims to support, broker and challenge businesses to continually improve their positive impact on society and the environment. SBC is led by its member companies. As a member of the Climate Alliance, SBC is interested in encouraging partnerships, joint learning and engagement between business and communities in tackling climate change.

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Cosla (www.cosla.gov.uk) is the representative body of local authorities. Its work on Climate Change includes raising awareness of the Climate Challenge Fund. This will help local authorities become aware of opportunities to work in partnership with community groups and encourage them to identify possible groups that might benefit from help in applying for funding.

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The Paths for All Partnership (www.pathsforall.org.uk) comprises 20 national organisations. It supports the development, promotion and use of path networks close to where people live. The Paths for All Partnership is happy to share learning about how to achieve behaviour change to increase walking and cycling. It can also advise on developing paths.

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Scottish Environment LINK (www.scotlink.org) is the network for Scotland's voluntary environment organisations. Its 32 member organisations offer opportunities for joint working with communities and a wealth of experience in promoting more sustainable ways of behaving.

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Scottish Renewables (www.scottishrenewables.com) is a trade association that promotes the development and provision of renewable energy. That is, energy that comes from sources that are safe, clean and renewable. Any project exploring the development or use of renewable energy could benefit from the wealth of experience gained by members of Scottish Renewables.
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Stop Climate Chaos (www.stopclimatechaos.org/scotland) is a coalition of over 70 organisations. It has more than 1.5 Million supporters in Scotland with representation from faith groups, unions, environmental NGOs, student groups, community councils, women's groups and aid and humanitarian agencies. It can help community projects by sharing expertise, contacts and offering advice.
Contact: Ruth Dawkins 0131 311 6500
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Sustrans (www.sustrans.org.uk) is the UK's leading sustainable transport charity with 20 years experience of working in Scotland. It is best known for its development of the National Cycle Network and success in getting people walking and cycling for short journeys. It has wide experience of engineering projects, delivery, project planning and tendering and promoting behaviour change. It offers advice drawn from years of practical experience.
Contact: Philippa Cochrane 0131 539 8124
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SCVO (www.scvo.org.uk) promotes the values and shared interests of the voluntary sector. It is at the heart of numerous networks and a rich source of contacts and information. SCVO runs an information helpline and short course programme on all aspects of building organisational capacity and good governance.
Contact: Ruchir Shah 0131 556 3882
SCVO Information Service: 0800 169 0022
Email: enquiries@scvo.org.uk

Sustainable Scotland Network (SSN) (www.sustainable-scotland.net) is a network of sustainable development officers and advocates from Scottish local authorities. Network members may be able to help communities develop partnerships and good working relationships with local authorities.
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Transition Support Scotland (www.transitionscotland.org) exists to network, inspire, encourage, support and train Scottish communities wishing to use the Transition model, which aims to build local resilience while drastically reducing CO2 emissions and oil use. Everyone involved with Transition Scotland Support has hands-on experience of being part of a Transition Initiative and they are available to help communities get started, increase local participation and develop their long term plans.
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