

# HIGHLAND Climate Change CONFERENCE

# CO-LABHAIRT Atharrachadh Gnàth-shìde NA GÀIDHEALTACHD

## 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Addressing the Climate and Ecological Emergency and Working Towards a Green Recovery

### Energy

This section will explore the emerging technologies which will help our energy industry reach net zero in Highland. Attendees will hear about developments green hydrogen, SSE Renewables, energy efficient school initiatives and much more.

### Land and Sea

This section will take a closer look at how our lands and sea can help to tackle the climate and ecological emergency. Attendees will hear about The Flow Country World, the Highland Good Food Partnership, rewilding projects and much more.

### Net Zero

This section will examine what net zero actually means and will explore how we can achieve it within Highlands. Attendees will hear about The Highland Council's journey to net zero, financing net zero, a just transition and much more.

### Resilient Communities

This section will celebrate the amazing work already being done across Highland to tackle the climate and ecological emergency. Attendees will hear from community groups and organisations already taking action such as, The ROSE Project, Thurso Community Development Trust and many more.

## AGENDA

### DAY 1

9:30am - 12:45pm

#### Introduction

#### Welcome to the 2021 Highland Climate Change Conference

Joe Perry & Katie Andrews  
Climate Change Coordinators, The Highland Council

#### Welcome to Day 1

#### The Highland Council's Commitment to Climate Change

Cllr Margaret Davidson  
Leader of The Highland Council

#### Keynote Speech

#### Let's Act!

Drew Hendry MP  
Member of Parliament for Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey

### Energy

#### River Ness Hydro

Martin MacDonald  
Project Manager, The Highland Council

#### Energy Sparks

working with Highland schools to save energy and fight climate change

Paula Malone

Energy Sparks Project and Volunteer Co-ordinator and Education Support

#### Hydrogen in Highland and the Invergordon Green Port

Joanne Allday  
Senior Executive at Port of Cromarty Firth

#### Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure in Highland

Rachael Anderson  
Sustainability Officer, The Highland Council

#### Invest in LEG power, Lochaber Community Hydro

Lochaber Environmental Group

#### SSE Renewables delivering renewables in Highland

Andy Sloan  
Head of Consents Strategy, SSE Renewables

#### Solar PV Installations across The Highland Council's estate

Sarah Roberts  
Trainee Architectural Technician, The Highland Council

#### Energy Transition Research

Professor Susan Krumdieck  
Chair of Energy Transition Engineering, Islands Centre for Islands Technology

#### Interval

#### Tea Break

15 minutes



Water on device by Joshua Hyatt Manager

#### Keynote Speech

Arianne Burgess MSP  
for Highlands and Islands, Scottish Green Party

### Land and Sea

#### Blue Carbon

William Austin  
Professor in Geography and Sustainability at St Andrews University

#### Pollinators and the Climate Emergency

Cllr Craig Fraser  
The Highland Council

#### The Flow Country World Heritage Site Project

Steven Andrews  
World Heritage Project Manager

#### Cairngorm's National Park Authority - Heritage Horizons

Dr David Hetherington  
Woodland Advisor, Cairngorms National Park Authority

#### Scottish Finest Woods - Cairngorms Award

Scottish Finest Woods

#### Affric Highlands a rewilding project

Trees for Life & Rewilding Europe

#### Sustainable Food Systems

Professor Pete Iannetta  
University of Dundee

#### The National Trust - Response to Climate Change

Stuart Brookes  
Head of Conservation and Policy, National Trust for Scotland

#### Highland Good Food Partnership - a collective vision for a resilient, regenerative and supportive Highland food system

Highland Good Food Partnership

#### The Highland Council's Food Growing Strategy

Kirsty Ellen  
Food Growing Coordinator, The Highland Council

#### What are Marine Protected Areas

Scottish Association for Marine Science

#### Green Growth Accelerator focussing on the nature-based solutions which could help for flood mitigation.

Joe Perry  
Climate Change Coordinator, The Highland Council

#### Interval

#### Lunch Break

1 hour

#### Video Montage on Climate Issues:

Video will play over the lunch break.

Featuring:

John Muir Trust	ORION
Scotland: The Big Picture	Friends of the Earth
Forestry Land Scotland	And many more...

### DAY 2

9:30am - 12:45pm

#### Keynote Speech

Mairi McAllan MSP  
Minister for Environment and Land Reform

### Net Zero

#### What is Net Zero?

Keith Masson  
Climate Change and Energy Manager, The Highland Council

#### Green Finance

Patrick Jean-Martel  
Environmental Green Finance Manager, NatureScot

#### Landscape Finance Lab

Paul Chatterton  
Leader of Landscape Finance Lab, NatureScot

Graham Neville

Area Manager, NatureScot

#### Passivhaus Project

Philip Shannon  
Design Consultancy Manager, The Highland Council

#### Green Impact

Sonya Peres  
Scotland Project Manager, Students Organising for Sustainability (SOS-UK)

#### HIE Investing in Emerging Technologies

Audrey MacIver  
Director of Energy Transition and NetZero, Highlands and Islands Enterprise

#### Net Zero Buildings and decarbonising The Highland's Council's estate

Nathan Chaplin  
Engineer, The Highland Council

#### Just Transition - a fair and equal transition to net zero

Katie Andrews  
Climate Change Coordinator, The Highland Council

#### Interval

#### Tea Break

15 minutes



Recycling by Emma Whitham

#### Keynote Speech

Cllr Trish Robertson  
The Highland Council

#### Keynote Speech

Richard Lochhead MSP  
Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work

### Resilient Communities

#### The Rose Project

Simon Middlemas  
The Rose Project & Sustainability Steering Group

#### Community Action in Highland

Anna Patfield  
Planet Sutherland and Future Communities Highlands and Islands

#### The Pebble Trust

Martin Sherring and Penny Edwards  
The Pebble Trust

#### Jobs for Green Recovery

Becky Shaw  
Rural Development Advisor, Nature Scot

#### Green/Eco Tourism in Highland

Colin Simpson  
Principal Tourism Officer, The Highland Council

#### Scottish Cities Alliance

Veni Kojouharova  
Policy Lead, Scottish Cities Alliance

#### Wellbeing Economy Alliance

Jane Morrison  
Wellbeing Economy Alliance Board Trustee

#### Land Use for Community Benefit

Hamish Trench  
Chief Executive of the Scottish Land Commission

#### Zero Waste Scotland and the circular economy

Helen Lavery  
Rural Engagement Zero Waste Scotland

#### Thurso Community Development Trust

Joan Lawrie  
Development Manager, Thurso Community Development Trust

#### Highland Adapts

Emma Whitham  
Principal Project Manager, The Highland Council

#### Interval

#### Lunch Break

1 hour

#### Video Montage on Climate Issues:

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Featuring:

Highland Primary Schools	Velocity
Visit Inverness Loch Ness	My Climate Path
	And many more...

#### Summary and Thank you

Joe Perry & Katie Andrews  
Climate Change Coordinators, The Highland Council

## WORKSHOPS

### Energy

This workshop will explore the various challenges and opportunities for clean, green energy in Highland. Each workshop will run twice.

Workshop 1 - 1:50pm - 2:30pm

Workshop 2 - 2:35pm - 3:15pm

with Stewart Gilfillan and Keith Masson,  
The Highland Council

Access workshop here:  
[www.bit.ly/HCCC-energy-workshop](http://www.bit.ly/HCCC-energy-workshop)

### Land and Sea

This workshop will look at how our natural landscapes and seascapes can help tackle the climate and ecological emergency.

Each workshop will run twice.

Workshop 1 - 3:35pm - 4:15pm

Workshop 2 - 4:20pm - 5pm

with Joe Perry and Trish Robertson,  
The Highland Council

Access workshop here:  
[www.bit.ly/HCCC-land-and-sea-workshop](http://www.bit.ly/HCCC-land-and-sea-workshop)

### Net Zero

This workshop will examine what net zero actually means for Highland, while exploring how we can reach our target by investing in green jobs, decarbonising our buildings and looking at new technologies.

Each workshop will run twice.

Workshop 1 - 1:50pm - 2:30pm

Workshop 2 - 2:35pm - 3:15pm

with Keith Masson and Katie Andrews,  
The Highland Council

Access workshop here:  
[www.bit.ly/HCCC-net-zero-workshop](http://www.bit.ly/HCCC-net-zero-workshop)

### Resilient Communities

This workshop will celebrate the proactive and positive action already taking place in the Highlands and what opportunities there will be in our green future.

Each workshop will run twice.

Workshop 1 - 3:35pm - 4:15pm

Workshop 2 - 4:20pm - 5pm

with Emma Whitham and Katie Andrews,  
The Highland Council

Access workshop here:  
[www.bit.ly/HCCC-resilient-communities-workshop](http://www.bit.ly/HCCC-resilient-communities-workshop)