

# **Cross Party Group on Rural Policy** **Scotland's Climate Assembly**

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I'm a 71-year-old retired Glaswegian.



in order to make  
**DECISIONS**

A demographically  
representative group of

**MEMBERS**



are given time and  
opportunity to

**LEARN**



before they

**DELIBERATE**



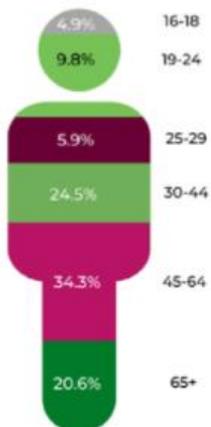
They are presented  
with expert

**EVIDENCE**



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# Selection Criteria



16-18  
19-24  
25-29  
30-44  
45-64  
65+



Urban

79.4%

Accessible Rural

8.8%

Remote Rural

11.8%

## Attitude to Climate Change



69.4% an immediate and urgent problem



14.3% more of a problem for the future



3.1% not really a problem

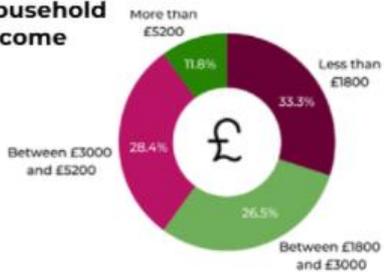


6.1% I'm still not convinced it is really happening

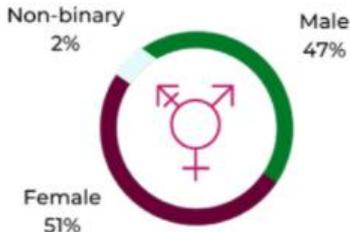


7.1% Don't know

## Household Income



## Gender



## Ethnicity



## Disability/ Life Limiting Condition



Illustrative map of the geographical diversity of Assembly members



**How should Scotland change to tackle the climate emergency in an effective and fair way?**



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# Learning Journey

Introduction to climate change adaptation and mitigation

Why we set targets, where Scotland's emissions come from, and how can we make fair and effective change happen?

### Diet, Land Use & Lifestyle

How should Scotland rebalance its diet?

How should Scotland change how it uses its land?

How should Scotland change how it buys things?

How should Scotland change how it uses materials and resources?

### Homes & Communities

How should Scotland change its existing homes?

How should Scotland change its new homes?

How should Scotland change how it plans its communities?

How should Scotland change how it delivers community services?

### Travel & Work

How should Scotland change how it travels by land?

How should Scotland change how it travels by air?

How should Scotland change its working practices?

How should Scotland support people to change work?

Cross stream learning - financing climate action and current Scottish Government policy - and deliberations

Assembly Recommendations

# Learning Journey

Weekends: 7

Streams: 3

Speakers: >100



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# Children's Participation

- 113 children completed three interactive, digital surveys between October 2020 and February 2021
- 12 of these children, from four of the participating schools acted as investigators
- Four films:
  1. Initial reflections on climate change and the Assembly
  2. Impact of climate change in Scotland
  3. Views on Assembly evidence
  4. Calls to action
- 42 calls to action cutting across diet, lifestyle, land and sea use, work and learning



100 children  
12 investigators  
1 Mission



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# Children's Participation

<b>Frequent Flyer Tax or Levy</b> Discourage air travel by introducing a frequent flyer tax or levy. <b>78%</b>	<b>Children's Parliament</b> Make prices for flying higher. <b>78%</b>
<b>Children's Parliament</b> Make fresh, organic food cheaper. Make junk, processed and imported food more expensive. <b>77%</b>	<b>Food Carbon Tax and Subsidy</b> Introduce a carbon tax on food, based on the carbon intensity of food production, and use the revenue to subsidise sustainable foods. <b>77%</b>
<b>Carbon Tax and Dividend</b> Introduce a carbon tax and dividend scheme - based on the polluter pays principle - so that for every tonne of CO <sub>2</sub> emitted you pay a tax. <b>77%</b>	<b>Children's Parliament</b> Make businesses pay for their waste and impact on the environment. <b>77%</b>
<b>Tax High Carbon Aviation Fuels</b> Reduce the incentives to fly by introducing tax on high carbon aviation fuels and making it mandatory that this cost is passed on to the customer in their ticket price. <b>72%</b>	<b>Increase Road Tax to Subsidise Public Transport</b> Phase in increased road taxes for private car use and use the revenue to subsidise public transport. <b>63%</b>

You Retweeted

 **Children's Parliament** @Creative\_Voices · Aug 19

Ben, age 10, shared his favourite call to action: children want a [#NationalTreePlanting](#) day in Scotland. Excitingly, plans are underway to make this happen (watch this space!) but Ben explained that we need to plant native trees & work with landowners to make this work well!



You and 4 others

1 comment, 6 retweets, 13 likes

Children and Adults' Recommendations Fully Integrated



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## Food Carbon Labelling

Within 5 years, to have fully implemented food carbon labelling, similar to nutritional labelling, that shows real and total carbon content - not the offset carbon footprint.

95%

## Incentivise Land Use to Support Net Zero

Fulfil Scotland's carbon sink potential by incentivising landowners to maximise the land available in order to meet net zero targets.

91%

## Sustainable Diet Public Information Campaigns

Initiate public information campaigns, including education for children and families, that deliver accessible advice and information on transitioning to a sustainable diet.

94%

## Greenfield and Brownfield Development

Strengthen planning restrictions immediately so that development on greenfield sites should not be permitted until all other development options, such as brownfield and existing building repurposing, have been considered and legitimately rejected.

95%

## Marine Carbon Sequestration

Fulfil the carbon sink potential of the marine environment to establish an holistic enterprise that maximises carbon sequestration and supports sustainable marine food production.

98%

## Farming Subsidies to Support Transition

Given the exit from the EU (and the end of the Common Agricultural Policy funding model), the government should work with the farming community to develop a subsidy regime that encourages farmers to transition to more sustainable land management practices, to be fully implemented in the next 5 years.

91%

## Product Carbon Labelling

Require businesses to label products to show the carbon footprint of the production process.

91%

## Plant-based and Low Carbon Food

Immediately require government and public services to procure plant-based and low carbon food for all public sector catering and canteens.

85%

## Funding for Community Climate Action Projects

Introduce a pot of money for community projects (this could be ring-fenced money collected from land carbon taxes) to be used to invest in community-based climate action projects e.g. rewilding, peatland restoration, growing projects.

88%

## Community Land Ownership Reform

Empower local communities to manage underused, unproductive, and/or unoccupied land around them in ways that address the climate emergency through rapid and decisive movement on land ownership reform.

90%

## Peatland Restoration and Native Woodlands

Commit to higher levels than in current Scottish Government plans of restoring peatlands and native woodlands for carbon sequestration and improving biodiversity.

97%

See supporting statement for more detail.

## Enhance Community Right to Buy

Enhance Community Right to Buy legislation to make it easier for communities to take ownership of unproductive land for climate action, alongside providing clear policy guidance on how community owned land should be managed.

86%

## Targets to Sell Local Produce

Set targets for supermarkets and other shops to buy and sell local produce at a fair price to farmers and consumers, and consider systems of grants for supporting more localised markets.

95%

## Incentivise Cooperative Models of Land Use

Incentivise cooperative models of land use/land management, and partnerships between farming and other uses, that drive sustainable agriculture and move away from intensive farming and reliance on pesticides.

90%

## Food Carbon Tax and Subsidy

Introduce a carbon tax on food, based on the carbon intensity of food production, and use the revenue to subsidise sustainable foods.

77%

## Rural Localised Living

Ensure that all communities are able to benefit from the principles of localised living, inspired by the 20-minute community, by guaranteeing access to services through remote, digital and mobile provision.

91%

## Carbon Land Tax

Introduce a carbon land tax which taxes emissions created through land use and penalise land currently emitting more carbon than it captures.

81%

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