

Time for Change Argyll and Bute (TfC)

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Are a group of Argyll and Bute residents who are concerned about the threats to environmental stability and want to bring about change by speaking out, proposing effective solutions, demonstrating our support and working with local elected representatives to keep climate change on the agenda. We seek to raise awareness of both the threats posed by climate change and environmental degradation, and the potential solutions to these problems, on a local level appropriate to Argyll and Bute.

TfC build relationships with our local MP, MSPs and Councillors, expressing the urgency and scale of the issues and urging them to educate themselves on the climate crisis and take more action. We also organise awareness-raising events in our local communities, acting as a link between communities, businesses, civil society groups and politicians.

Argyll and Bute Climate Summit

On September 20th 7.30pm, - 9.30 pm BST

We are holding an Argyll & Bute-specific climate summit, as part of Climate Fringe Week. The event will focus on what changes people in Argyll & Bute want to see in the next 5 years around the themes of Energy, Food and Transport. Sign up [here!](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/argyll-bute-climate-summit-tickets-165643992641?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

Other recent activity includes zoom meeting with our MP Brendan O'Hara and fortnightly updates. Sell out Climate and Environment based hustings and follow up meetings with our Argyll/ Highland and West Dumbarton/ West of Scotland MSPs.

Meeting with The leader of the Council and Senior Officers. Input to the A& B decarbonisation plan. Attendance at quarterly Area Community meetings and Council meetings.

Fortnightly group zoom meetings with feed back from various sub groups such as action with the council and land use/ food.

External invitees have included representatives from DRAX on the expansion at Cruachan, Divestment Strathclyde on lobbying to divest the council pension scheme from investment in fossil fuels and an 'Are You Influential' UK parliamentary training session.

Started by a group of young people to organise a Climate and Environment based hustings in Lochgilphead for a Westminster election and now spanning all ages and areas of Argyll and Bute.

TfC is an active group with ambitious aims: we want to change the political narrative on the climate crisis through a combination of grassroots action and political lobbying. We feel that only through combining bottom-up and top-down approaches will we see any lasting change. We are also keen to connect with other groups who have similar objectives, both local and national. If you are involved in such a group, we'd love you to get in touch by messaging this page!

If you'd like to be more involved in the organisation of our group and actions, we are now using Slack to coordinate our members throughout Argyll and Bute. If we are to be effective, we need direction and inspiration, and as a group we have plenty of both! Please message us if you would like to be added to the Slack workspace, even if you don't feel like you have anything to contribute. Your perspective and your experiences matter, and the more people we can get involved, the more inclusive we can make our group.

So please, get in touch with us if you are part of another climate action group, or if you would like to be added to our Slack workspace!