

MAKI _ Climate Action Towns Update

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About Climate Action Towns

Climate Action Towns is a Scottish Government pilot run by Architecture & Design Scotland. The pilot aims to support place-based climate action in a network of seven small Scottish towns, working collaboratively with local communities. From this, Architecture and Design Scotland will develop learning that can be applied in places across Scotland.

Campbeltown has been selected as one of the Climate Action Towns. The 7 towns were selected using a data-driven approach; firstly the Scottish Government's Urban Rural Classifications (2016) and Census data (2011) were used to identify 156 towns in Scotland with a population under 10,000. These 156 towns were then assessed against a number of indicators to narrow down to 7 Climate Action Towns - including the SIMD, flood risk, sea levels, receipt of Climate Challenge Funding and whether A&DS had previously engaged with the place.

To date we have been focusing our support around the development of the Campbeltown Community Action Plan, to ensure it considers future climate change and climate risks. Over the past year we have helped involve local people and businesses in developing the action plan.

Since the last MAKI meeting we have:

Agreed our focus for Year 2 with local partners and where we can support implementation of the Community Action Plan (CAP) with climate change considerations:

- Ad-hoc support and guidance around specific CAP actions, which South Kintyre Development Trust, Campbeltown Community Council and Inspiralba have already started implementing.
- Help identify funding opportunities
- Convening and supporting local groups to take forwards CAP actions under 'Resilience' section. Including bringing together local partners and people to develop of a climate change strategy for Campbeltown, which links into the CAP
- Convene regional and national stakeholders around deliverability of CAP actions
- Training with Scottish Communities Development Council to get more local people involved in community organising

We have also supported the Campbeltown Community Council to work with Campbeltown Grammar School's pupil council, so that young people's voices are heard in local decision making. This has led to a potential project around improving recycling in the school and town, due to start autumn 2022.

Our learnings from Year 1 across all 7 Climate Action Towns have now been published. To take a look please visit: <https://www.ads.org.uk/resource/climate-action-towns-year-one-lessons-report>

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