

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.

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. Refer to the below summary for key recent updates.

For reference, 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>

Updates since the last MAKI meeting:

- Continued to support local partners South Kintyre Development Trust, Campbeltown Community Council and Inspiralba with ad-hoc support and guidance on the Community Action Plan.
- Partnered with Scottish Communities Development Centre (SCDC) to host first training session which is following Building Stronger Communities Training with a range of representatives from local organisations. Next session is planned for 25.01.23.
- New Community and Communications Assistant has started at SKDT to support work of CAP and CAT.
- Help identify funding opportunities.
- Continue to support dialogue with Campbeltown Community Council to work with Campbeltown Grammar School's pupil council, so that young people's voices are heard in local decision making.
- Hosted a Towns Gathering event which brought together participants from the nine Climate Action Towns.

Next Steps:

- Host the remaining two sessions of training, one of which is planned to be delivered in conjunction with Argyll & Bute Council.
- Support the running of two community climate action events in February, one a film screening and second a Winter Gathering - *a collection of climate action information, activities, and space for ideas*. Refer to Community Council update for further details on these. Free entry to both and everyone is welcome!

If you'd like to get involved or find out more please email chiara.fingland@ads.org.uk