



# 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 (now) nine 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 the original seven 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> .

The Year Two report will be published at the end of April.

**Note: Chaira Finland has now left Architecture & Design Scotland. Mark Dowe is the officer now engaged with Campbeltown.**

## 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.
- Completed the three Scottish Communities Development Centre (SCDC) to host first training sessions 'Building Stronger Communities' with a range of representatives from local organisations. The outcome is a community groups forum to co-ordinate community actions in Campbeltown around the Community Action Plan. The group is Campbeltown Community Action Network (CampbeltownCAN) and will meet on a monthly basis in the Town Hall.
- Two new posts supported with Inspiralba which will enable CAT work in the town, partially funded by CAT.
- 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. The young people attended the Adaptation event (S5 /S6) and we will look to deliver a climate change workshop with S2/S3 after the summer break.

- Hosted a Climate Adaptation workshop to identify local climate issues in Campbeltown and map these. A report will be issued by CAT to identify where in the Community Action Plan these issues could be addressed and where gaps in the Plan might address these in the next iteration of the document. The event also featured Antonia Baird presenting on Environmental Action Plans for Community Groups.

### Next Steps:

- Host a Systems Barriers Workshop to establish barriers to positive action including funding, delivery etc
- Enable SCCAN networking in the town and beyond to establish a Climate Hub in Argyll & Bute.
- Engage at a community level at the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival in August to promote Climate Action Towns in Campbeltown
- Second communications workshop focussed on CampbeltownCAN engagement in the town.
- Promote and engage with the [Novara One Planet Project](#) as it moors in Campbeltown in May.

Further, we are hosting the Gathering event bringing together the nine CAT towns to share learning and network. Please get in touch if you would like an Eventbrite invitation to the online event on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

If you'd like to get involved or find out more please email [mark.dowey@ads.org.uk](mailto:mark.dowey@ads.org.uk).

Thanks

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