

Greener Kirkcaldy Climate Action Plan

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Greener Kirkcaldy has worked in our community for the last 10 years. One of our key organisational aims is to tackle climate change by supporting and encouraging local people and organisations to reduce their carbon footprints. This work is now more important than ever.

This action plan sets out our ambition to tackling climate change. It includes actions to address our own carbon footprint, to increase the priority of carbon savings in our work, and to engage people in our community more on climate change. It focuses on actions that cut across the whole organisation. Each of our project delivery teams also have Climate Action Plans that set out their own plans in detail.

A new Green Team working group will review this document quarterly to ensure good progress is made. It will also be reviewed annually by all staff.

Abbreviations – RWG is Ravenscraig Walled Gardens, site of our community gardens and training room, LTC is Lang Toun Cycles, our community cycle hub, and EFP is 8 East Fergus Place, our town centre building.

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Timescale / status</i>
Coordination	Convene an internal Green Team to lead on, and monitor, this action plan	Green Team includes staff and volunteers	Done
Coordination	Measure GK's organisational (internal) carbon footprint, broken down across our three sites and key areas of emissions	Using the GHG Protocol Guidance, including direct emissions and those from purchased electricity (Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions) plus business travel	Delayed by Covid Do in 2022, treating 2019-20 as baseline year
Coordination	Review and update key policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental policy • Purchasing policy 	Do in 2022 then annually
Coordination	Work towards becoming a carbon neutral organisation	This is our long term aim	Do by 2030
Coordination	Become Carbon Literacy accredited	Accreditation on an organisation level	Achieved Gold accreditation Jan 2022

Buildings and infrastructure	Make energy-efficiency improvements to East Fergus Place	Phase 1: insulation, LED lighting and heating controls – done as part of refurbishment in 2018-19 Phase 2: solar PV & battery storage – done Dec 2019 Phase 3: replace draughty inner front door	Phases 1 and 2 complete Do phase 3 before winter 2022-23
Procurement	Switch to electricity contracts supplying 100% renewables	Next time our electricity contracts comes up for renewal, we will take the carbon footprint into consideration as well as the price	RWG and LTC done, EFP to be done for April 2023
Food	Create an ethical food policy, covering all aspects of our work.		Early 2022
Waste	Produce less waste as an organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal audit to identify issues • Junk mail - ask team members to contact companies that are sending them unnecessary mail to stop • In-vessel composting project at Ravenscraig Walled Garden 	Ongoing Audit started Applied for capital funding for in-vessel composting project
Our work	Support people travelling to our events and premises with route plans to reduce the number of local car journey and parking issues	Refresh the information on our website and event promotion materials	Early 2022
Our work	Measure the total carbon savings arising from the work we do	This is an important part of our impact reporting	Ongoing

Our work	Create in-house guidance – a consistent approach to talking about climate change and encouraging people to adopt green behaviours	Update our ‘elevator pitch’ and website Consider language – ‘climate emergency’ not just ‘climate change’ Add to induction for new staff and volunteers	Guidance produced and published in May 2021, along with resource library of good practice.
Our work	Talk more about climate change to our community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blogs by volunteers, CEO and board • Sharing and discussion on social media • Link our activities to climate action more • Share our learning • Positive stories • Fair, just and accessible 	Ongoing Climate Action Fife project launched October 2020 Several climate blogs published in 2021
Our work	Training for staff and volunteers, on talking about climate change	All staff should complete Carbon Literacy training, or equivalent Volunteers also encouraged to take part Also review what other training is needed	Majority of staff, plus some volunteers, have completed CL training
Our work	Develop a plan on how we engage with local businesses	To include events, simple advice, and sign-posting to Zero Waste Scotland for technical support	Done, and piloted as part of Climate Action Fife
Our work	Develop a plan on how we engage more with young people	To include volunteer opportunities, events, and partnership with local youth workers	Done, and piloted as part of Climate Action Fife
Inspiring others	Be active members of Fife Communities Climate Action Network and national networks	We will share our learning, learn from others, and seek opportunities to work in partnership	Ongoing
Inspiring others	Relaunch Kirkcaldy Green Drinks or Climate Café	Climate change is a challenging topic but we need to stay positive – informal social discussions help!	Do once Covid restrictions are lifted