Climate Action Resources

TOOLS, TIPS AND POLICIES

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1. Energy usage for community facilities, or to deliver local services

Building Checklist for Reducing Energy and Carbon Emissions
To help you get started with lowering your emissions and your energy consumption, we have prepared a checklist: Read this blog

Energy Audit
Contact Business Energy Scotland to request a free energy audit of your organisation's building. Visit Business Energy Scotland

Energy Bills, Cost of living & the Running Costs Crisis from SCVO
This resource hub from SCVO offers information, advice, news and policy updates to voluntary organisations that are facing higher costs and falling incomes during the cost-of-living crisis. Visit SCVO

Energy Usage Tracking Spreadsheet
Measuring and monitoring your energy usage is a great step to understand your energy bills. Find spreadsheets and a video to guide you by visiting Business Energy Scotland.

Green Lease Toolkit
If your organisation leases building facilities, you might find the Green Lease Toolkit useful. Visit better Buildings Partnerships

Green Energy
Glasgow Community Energy run a community-shares scheme for green energy.
Visit Glasgow Community Energy

Growing Climate Confidence
This site gives you a questionnaire and recommends where you can reduce your environmental impact. Visit Growing Climate Confidence

Plan Purchase and Disposal of Office Furniture
Find a responsible recycling solution to your redundant office furniture.
Visit Recycle Scotland

Switching Website audit
Eco-friendly Web Alliance states that the internet contributes to 3.7% of global carbon emissions. Audit your website for a greener internet.
Visit Eco-friendly Web Alliance

2. Travel and Transport

Bikes for Good
Get confident on a bike and learn about bike repair and maintenance with the helpf of Bike for Good.

Climate Friendly Travel
Cycle Friendly with Cycling Scotland Cycling Scotland offers a programme of expert support, including funding from Transport Scotland, to help organisations and communities be cycling friendly.
Visit Cycling Scotland

Living Streets
The charity Living Streets promotes walkability and accessibility where people live and work. They provide support to communities and can help you to get changes and repairs made to inaccessible or unwalkable streets.
Visit Living Streets

3. Food and Water

Food Systems
Glasgow Community Food Network's goal is to work together to build a healthier food system, help reduce Glasgow's food waste, and that everyone in Glasgow has improved equal access to access to affordable healthy food.
Visit Glasgow Community Food Network

Save Water
Take regular walks around your building to check for leaks.
To save water, find tips at Scottish Water

4. Consumption and Waste

Make things last in a circular economy
Support a circular economy where products and materials are kept flowing.
Visit Circular Tayside

Repair Café Glasgow
At a monthly repair café, you can bring broken items, and Repair Café Glasgow will help repair it. By fixing things, they prevent items to be thrown away, preventing release of CO2 and other greenhouse gases. Visit the Repair Cafe

5. Climate Change Risks and Adaptation

Climate Change Risk Assessment
Adaptation Scotland's guidance and tools support organisations undertaking climate change risk assessments.
Risk Assessment Tool

Climate Risk Management Plan Template
Using Adaptation Scotland's climate risk management plan, you will have a report template to help plan for climate risks.
Plan Template

Community Climate Adaptation Routemap
Use this practical guide for communities to adapt to climate change.
Visit Adaptation Scotland

6. Guides and Tools Across Areas of Energy

Actionable Climate Toolkits for Scotland
The sector specific toolkit aims to support you in improving sustainability, working towards net zero and embedding circular economic principles. Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, supported by Scottish Enterprise, have worked with SMEs across the Glasgow City region to create Community Outreach and Charity

Carbon Emissions Calculator
The carbon emissions calculator from the UK Government will help find the carbon factors related to electricity, vehicles, water, waste and other topics. Please notice that updated factors are yearly. Emissions Calculator

Catalogue of Actions
Business Energy Scotland offers a range of tools and information on both decarbonising and the 'circular economy' for businesses in Scotland. An entire catalogue can be found at Tools and Guides

Climate Friendly Practice Guides from Adaptation Scotland
A selection of tools and resources from Adaptation Scotland to help your organisation with the process of adapting to climate change and improve resilience to a changing climate. Good Practice Guides

Environmental Policy & Plan
We strongly recommend that you create a tailored Environmental Policy and Plan. It can help you identify tasks and be your tool to navigate your actions. Contact our climate team if you want to know more: **climate@gcvs.org.uk**.

Join the Climate Hub
Would you like to get together in a network to collaborate, share knowledge and experience, and build a collective vision for climate action in Glasgow? GCVS is one of 10 partners that support climate work in this network. We encourage you to join us at Glasgow Climate Action Hub.

Set up a Green Team
Business Energy Scotland guides you on how to get started on establishing a Green Team. This includes a list of resources to support the process.
More at Business Energy Scotland

Net Zero Accelerator Tool
South Seeds South Seeds are doing invaluable work by teaching people in Glasgow's South side to take control of their own energy supply. Download their 'Beyond The Meter', a toolkit to help vulnerable citizens to take control of their home energy supply, and other resources.
South Seeds Resources

7. Funding

Environmental Grants Directory from GCVS
We have compiled a Directory of Environmental Grants listing potential grant funding opportunities available to voluntary organisations in Glasgow for climate-related or environmental activities.
Download the Resource on our website

8. Official Policies

Policy – Climate Plans for Glasgow
Glasgow's climate strategy to lay out an action plan on decarbonisation initiatives, energy efficiency schemes, biodiversity protection, and other actions.
Glasgow Climate Plans

Policy – Climate Plans for Scotland
The Scottish Government's Climate change plan 2018–2032.