

# PROGRAMME

## Making It Happen: SCCAN Annual Gathering

February 4th 9.30am-4.30 pm  
David Hume Tower, George  
Square, Edinburgh



Scottish Communities  
Climate Action Network

**9.30**  
*Atrium* Registration  
Exhibition

**10.00**  
*Atrium* Welcome and warm up session

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**10.25 - 11.10** **Plenary Session**

*Main plenary room (Room 9)* **Suzy Goodsir** of Greener Kirkcaldy, sharing learning from FifeCAN's pilot regional network  
**Paul Allen** of Centre for Alternative Technology, sharing the latest from the research Zero Carbon: Making It Happen  
**Q&A session**

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**11.15 - 12.30** **Session 1 workshops**

*Room 11* **Building regional momentum. Learning from Fife CCAN network.**  
Join Suzy Goodsir (Development Manager, Greener Kirkcaldy), Julian Holbrook (Facilitator, FCCAN coalition) and Eva Schonveld (SCCAN steering group member) to find out more about the FCCAN experience. We will go into more detail on the successes and challenges of the project and will also ask for your help in planning how similar regional networks elsewhere in Scotland could be initiated and/or supported in the future.

*Room 7* **Climate (In)Justice and You.**  
Climate justice recognises that those least responsible for climate change are those most likely to experience the impacts, with the least ability to adapt. Considering climate justice can offer new entry points to climate action in Scotland. Experience an interactive workshop that you can take away and use yourself to stimulate/revitalise community engagement. Led by Pam Candea (The Surefoot Effect).

*Room 9* **Community Energy and Enterprise - sketching out the new normal.**  
Hear from Joe Gair and Ian McConnachie how Tower Power, a new community run energy company in the heart of Edinburgh are tackling fuel poverty and the 'Big Six' through community action and about Dunbar's Reuse Depot and 'Big Pick' textile reuse events with Simon Glover from Dunbar Waste Innovation Centre

**12.30 - 1.30**  
*Atrium* **Lunch and Open Space set up**

**1.30 - 2.30** **Session 2 workshops**

Room 7

**Transition Resources: group health check with Alan Brown and Maria Cooper.**

Introducing the transition network resource toolkit to healthcheck your initiative. Members of transition Scotland (regional hub) will take workshop participants on an overview of the key elements that should be balanced well to ensure your initiative/group remains healthy and able to thrive and adapt to changes that develop over time.

Open to all Scottish Communities CAN members not specifically for transition groups. Free to use resources from TN international organisation. Take a walk in the community activism woods and encounter your transition animal face to face. Will you survive?

Room 9

**Sharing project learning**

Come and hear short presentations from different SCCAN members, sharing about their projects, successes and challenges.

Presentations from the SHRUB co-op, Transition University of St Andrews, Score Scotland, Edinburgh World Heritage, Permaculture Scotland (TBC), James Hutton Institute (TBC)

Room 11

**Climate Resilient Communities - Weathering Change.**

How can we create more resilient communities, particularly for those most disadvantaged by climate change? Esther Carmen (Scottish Borders Climate Resilient Communities Project) and Ruth Wostenholme (Adaptation Scotland) share lessons from the Scottish Borders and Glasgow.

**2.30 - 2.45**

Break

**2.45 - 4.00**

**Session 3: Open Space.**

*Room 11 - and other spaces if needed*

Open Space is your chance to talk about the issues that are most important to you. The focussing question for this session is: "What are our wise next actions in growing our low carbon, resilient Scotland?". [Here's a description](#) of how Open Space sessions work, for those who haven't done it before. There's a description of our plans below.

**4.00 - 4.10**

Feedback from open space groups: sharing the next steps

**4.10 - 4.30**

*Room 9*

Closing talk from Andy Wightman

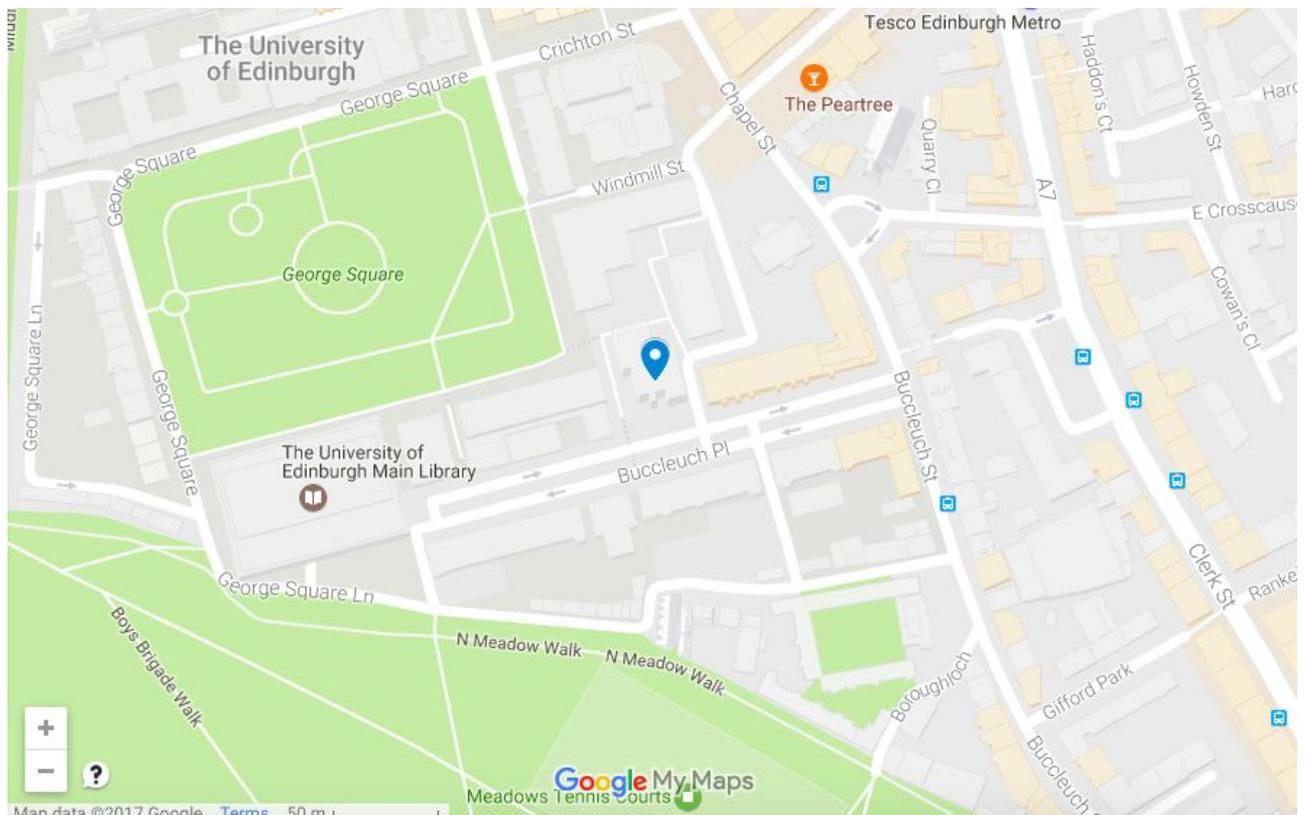
Continuation of discussions and exchanges in Southside Social (pub around the corner).

## Social evening 6-9pm Friday 3 February, David Hume Tower

We warmly invite representatives from community groups and anyone else interested in climate action to join us for a social evening hosted by [Transition Edinburgh](#). It is meant as a space to get to know each other better over some good food, local beer, and inspirational chats. Our special guest for the evening is Paul Allen, Director of the Zero Carbon Britain project at the Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT) in Wales, who will share his experience of moving ideas into action.

The social evening can be attended independently of whether you go to the Saturday gathering. Register separately for this at <https://sccan3feb.eventbrite.co.uk>

### Location Map



## Transition Scotland Gathering

These are exciting times in Transition Scotland!

We are in the process of becoming an official national hub, meaning that we can take part in the international Hubs gathering in Italy in May;

We are investigating whether we could pioneer a Transition Internship programme;

We have been part of creating and publishing the brand new Transition University guide featuring Scottish universities;

We are looking at how to bring more Transition trainings to Scotland.

We plan to meet, celebrate all these things, and discuss many more after the Scottish Communities Climate Action Network gathering on February 4th in Edinburgh. We will gather outside the venue at 5pm and head to a nearby pub. Do come along if you can!

## Open Space Introduction

During one of the sessions at the gathering we will use a methodology called Open Space. This is a way for everyone at an event to get the chance to have the conversations they're most interested in.

We will have a board up during the morning and early afternoon, where you can stick a post-it with the title of the conversation you'd like to have. This might be something you know about, which you'd like to share or a new idea you'd like to explore with others at the gathering - or something entirely different: it's up to you, but it should be something you feel keen to discuss - and should broadly respond to the question: What are our wise next steps in growing our low carbon, resilient Scotland?

During the afternoon break, facilitators will organise everyone's suggestions, so that every conversation has a room to happen in. After the break, there'll be an opportunity to (briefly) describe your idea to the group - and then we'll split up and have our conversations. You will not have to stay in the same conversation for the whole session, but are free to change as and when you feel like it. At the end, there'll be another chance to share the 1 or 2 main 'next steps' to emerge from your conversations.

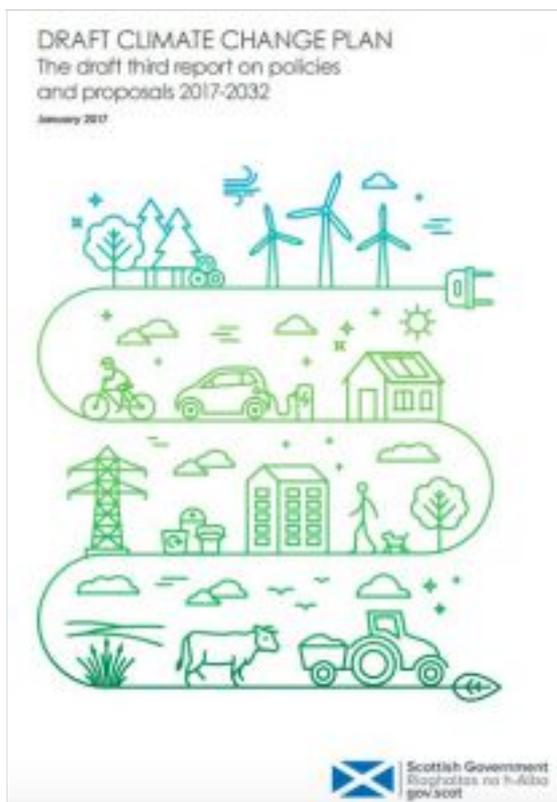
If you haven't done it before, Open Space can be a bit of a challenge to begin with - but do bear with us - it all comes clear once you get started.

## Influence Climate Policy, hear Paul Allen, and speak to Andy Wightman

### 3 good reasons to attend our annual gathering on Feb 4th

We are excited that our annual gathering is coming up very soon! And it couldn't have been with better timing! Here are three reasons why:

**The Scottish Government has just published a draft of the upcoming Climate Change Plan. The draft Plan will be subject to a 60-day period of Parliamentary scrutiny, so our gathering will be a great opportunity to help each other understand and comment on it!**



The draft Plan contains a pathway out to 2032, broken down into sector carbon envelopes, or budgets. The sectors are: Electricity, Residential, Transport, Services, Industry, Waste, Land Use (including Forestry and Peat) and Agriculture. Each sector contains policies and proposals designed to keep emissions within the carbon envelopes.

In November SCCAN convened a meeting with the [Scottish Community Alliance](#) to discuss the unique contribution of the community sector in tackling climate change; the barriers which hold the sector back; and the opportunities available for our sector to contribute to the Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan. A paper was written as output from that meeting and is intended to inform and support the Scottish Government in the development of the Climate Change Plan.

We invite you to read it as inspiration for the gathering! [SCA paper – Climate Change Plan](#).

**Zero Carbon Britain**, the flagship research project from the [Centre for Alternative Technology](#), has been investigating how a modern, zero-emissions society is possible using technology available today. They are soon launching their final report with findings on Making It Happen. We will be joined by Paul Allen, director of the research project, who will give a keynote address and share their learnings. For inspirational reading check <http://zerocarbonbritain.com/en/making-it-happen>.

