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# Climate Ready Aberdeenshire

Workshop 1. The Climate Ready  
Aberdeenshire Steering Group  
11<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 10.00am – 1.00pm



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# Welcome....



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Park Flood  
Group**

**Milton Meadows  
Resilient  
Community Group**

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## **Workshop 1.**

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**10.00am** Welcome and purpose of workshop

**10.15am** Scotland's Climate Story

**10.30am** What is Climate Ready Aberdeenshire?

**10.45am Workshop Session 1.**

Purpose of the Climate Ready Aberdeenshire steering group

**11.30am** Tea/Coffee break

**11.45am Workshop Session 2.**

Who is the Climate Ready Aberdeenshire steering group?

**12.30pm** Next Steps

**1.00pm** Close





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## Welcome

- First of a series of workshops, as we work together to devise Aberdeenshire's climate change adaptation strategy – **Climate Ready Aberdeenshire**
- Bringing together the **knowledge, expertise** and **passion** of **stakeholders** from communities, public, private and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations.

## Purpose of today

- **Why** a strategy is required, **what** and **who** we need to achieve this.
- The **remit, responsibilities** and **membership** of the Climate Ready Aberdeenshire steering group





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## Scotland's Climate Story

<https://www.adaptationscotland.org.uk/how-adapt/tools-and-resources/scotlands-climate-story>





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## Why do we need a strategy?

1. **Scotland's climate is already changing.** The climate projections for the next century indicate that the climate trends observed over the last century will continue and intensify over the coming decades.
2. **Scotland and Aberdeenshire's population is changing.** Scotland's population was highest ever in 2018 and is projected to rise, with Aberdeenshire's population growing above the Scottish average.
3. **Legislation** for Public Bodies involves reporting annually on climate change adaptation progress.
4. The Scottish Government has committed to being a **net zero society by 2045 and reducing our emissions by 75% by 2030.**
5. **We're already seeing first hand the impacts of climate change**





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## What is Climate Ready Aberdeenshire

*A shared vision, strategy and action plan for Aberdeenshire to adapt to climate change.*

### Mitigation -



**Reducing** greenhouse gas emissions in order to slow or stop global climate change, *i.e. using the car less, flying less and buying local food.*

### Adaptation -



**Adjusting** to the impacts of climate change to reduce the negative impacts and exploit any opportunities, *i.e. building sea walls or removing carpets from accommodation that is at risk from flooding.*



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## What do we need to do?

The Climate Ready Aberdeenshire strategy process will consist of 5 stages. This will enable us to:

- Understand and assess the impacts of current and future climate change and raise awareness.
- Understand how our assets, services and priorities have been and will be affected.
- Identify and prioritise our options to address key risks and future actions.
- Build partnership working, leadership and capacity to implement our on the ground actions.
- Continuously monitor and review our work and evaluate our outcomes.





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## Workshop Session 1.

What is the purpose of Climate Ready Aberdeenshire Steering Group?

- **Aim and Objectives**

Lead the development of Climate Ready Aberdeenshire?

- **Responsibilities**

Create and manage working groups?

- **Time and resource required**

Promote the vision and objectives of Climate Ready Aberdeenshire?

Facilitate the delivery of actions?

Exchange information and good practice across organisations?

Engage with the public and media?

Influence government bodies?

*30-minute discussion then feedback from each group*



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coffee time





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## Workshop Session 1.

Who do we need on the Steering Group?

*Try to keep to a maximum of 12 members*

**Based on what we've learned today**

**1. Who do we need on the steering group?** *Services, organisations, community groups?*

**2. Who needs to be involved in decision-making but not necessarily a representative on the group?** *HR, Finance?*



*30-minute discussion then feedback from each group*



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## Further information

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/environment/environmental-policy/>

<https://www.gov.scot/news/scotland-to-become-a-net-zero-society/>

<https://www.adaptationscotland.org.uk/>

## Questions?

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