

Climate positive ideas for LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Local Authorities have a unique and important role in our Island's communities.

This creates lots of opportunities for climate action, raising awareness and promoting low emissions, sustainable behaviours.

Involve your community

- Run/support climate and sustainability community projects, for example:
 - community gardening projects
 - skills/food/seed or plant share or swap events
 - repair cafes
 - workshops
- Partner with local charities to hold fund raising events for community climate projects.



Support local

- Talk to local businesses about how you can help them make low emission, sustainable choices.
- Make sure your refuse collection services enable recycling - did you know that glass and metal actually make the EfW plant less efficient?
- Talk to your constituents about what climate action they would like to see in their area.



Lead by example

- Reviewing existing contractor agreements and services to ensure they align with the climate change duties.
- Make sure your public spaces are managed to promote biodiversity and community wellbeing.
- Make sure your events are climate friendly by encouraging active travel.
- Make sure your bye-laws, public information and signage all help people to make low emission choices.



Reach out!

- Collaborate with local clubs and organisations, such as churches.
- Work with central government and other local authorities to join up services and increase efficiencies - don't forget we all have the same climate goals!
- Check out what other towns and areas are doing:
 - UK Councils' Climate Score Cards
 - Scottish Council's approach
 - Transition Town Totnes

