

CES Conference 2023: The Role of Communities in Delivering Fair and Inclusive Decarbonisation

27th September 2023 Programme

Time	Activity
9:00	Conference opens
9:30	Registration Networking and project showcase over tea and coffee
Morning Session: Plenary	
10:00	Welcome and Introduction Dr Aameena Camps (<i>CES Director & Just Transition Commissioner</i>)
10:05	Scottish Community Alliance: Community Learning Exchange Introduction Speaker Jill Keegan (<i>Partnerships Manager, Scottish Community Alliance</i>)
10:10	Introduction of Speakers, by Zoe Holliday (<i>CEO, Community Energy Scotland</i>)
10:15	Sandy Macaulay Lecture Speaker Dr Bobby Macaulay (<i>Research Fellow, Centre for Mountain Studies at University of the Highlands and Islands</i>)
10:30	Community-led Action in the Just Transition to Decarbonisation Speakers Pauline Smith (<i>Chief Executive, Development Trusts Association Scotland</i>) Morven Lyon (<i>Programme Manager, Development Trusts Association Scotland</i>)
10:45	The Potential for Community Energy Organisations to Influence Scottish and UK Policy Speakers Kristopher Leask (<i>Policy Manager, Community Energy Scotland</i>) Dr Josh Doble (<i>Policy Manager, Community Land Scotland</i>)
11:00	Morning Break Networking, stalls and CES staff chat opportunities over tea, coffee and biscuits
11:25	Taking Local Action on Decarbonisation: Experiences from the Carbon Neutral Islands (CNI) Project Speakers Tom Lusink (<i>Carbon Neutral Islands CDO for Raasay</i>) Scott Watson (<i>Carbon Neutral Islands CDO for Cumbrae</i>)

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11:45	<p>Panel Discussion – Community Leadership in Action</p> <p>Chair: Zoe Holliday, CEO Community Energy Scotland</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Dr Bobby Macaulay Dr Aameena Camps Kristopher Leask Dr Josh Doble Morven Lyon</p>
12:30	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Stalls and opportunities for informal chats – food continues through the hour</p>
Afternoon Session: Discussion Groups	
13:30-14.10	<p>Climate Change Action Plans Workshop: Sharing Opportunities and Challenges (one of four options)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy • Transport • Land & Sea • Waste
14:20	<p>Discussion Groups Session 2 (one of three options)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repowering • Linking Community Renewables with Addressing Fuel Poverty • Community Energy and Land Ownership as an Alternative to Carbon Trading
15.00	<p>Afternoon break & networking</p> <p>Tea, coffee and cake</p>
15:30	<p>When will communities be able to use the power they produce?</p> <p>Speaker and Q&A conversation Felix Wight (<i>Technical Director, Repowering London; previously Head of Development, Community Energy Scotland</i>) Conversation host: Kristopher Leask (<i>Policy Manager, Community Energy Scotland</i>) Felix will share his own experience of developing local electricity supply models, exploring the benefits they can provide, and the current prospects for changes to legislation to make it easier for all communities to make the most of their power.</p>

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16:00	<p>Discussion Groups Session 3 (one of three options)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Energy Infrastructure System and its Challenges and Opportunities • Sustainable Transport in our Communities • Re-energising stakeholder collaboration: learning from the RIPEET project in the Outer Hebrides
16:40	<p>Panel Discussion – Looking Forward: Opportunities and Barriers to Achieving Decarbonisation in Our Communities</p> <p>Chair: Gordon Gilfillan, Development Manager, Community Energy Scotland</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Mike Danson (<i>Visiting Professor in the Centre for Energy Policy, Strathclyde and Chair of Strathnairn Development Company</i>)</p> <p>Steve Atkins (<i>Senior Manager, Stakeholder Relations, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks</i>)</p> <p>Morag Watson (<i>Director of Policy, Scottish Renewables</i>)</p> <p>Mark Hull (<i>Chief Technical Officer, Community Energy Scotland</i>)</p> <p>Michael Hildrew (<i>Energy Advice Team Leader, Greener Kirkcaldy</i>)</p> <p>Sarah Marshall (<i>Senior Manager – RIPEET, Highlands & Islands Enterprise</i>)</p>
17.00	<p>Close</p> <p>Optional informal drinks at the Waverley Bar (www.waverleybar.co.uk), a 10-minute walk from Augustine United Church</p>