



Climate action in a climate emergency: the Stop Climate Chaos Scotland strategy 2020-2025

The world stands at a turning point. Decisions made by world leaders in the period of this strategy will determine whether the world accelerates towards a devastating climate future or manages to limit the worst of the consequences of the climate crisis. Scotland finds itself in a key position, with Glasgow due to play host to the UN Climate Talks in 2021, offering a unique opportunity for us to accelerate Scottish climate action, to grow the movement, and to impact on global action. Stop Climate Chaos Scotland's work is more vital than ever in these coming five years, to project a strong, shared voice, and to coordinate to maximise civil society's impact.

Our vision:

Scotland is a just, sustainable and flourishing nation consistent with a climate-safe future at home and abroad and has encouraged others to the same goal.

Our aims:

This vision is supported by four core aims:

1. **Climate Justice:** *We want to ensure that there is climate justice at home and abroad and that vulnerable people have been able to benefit from a green transition and adapt to the changing climate of our planet.*
2. **Action at home:** *We want to inspire urgent action in Scotland and the UK so that Scotland and the UK have done at least their fair share to deliver climate action consistent with a safe future for our planet.*
3. **Global Action:** *We want Scotland and the UK to lead and inspire global action so that global climate emissions reach a level consistent with a safe future for our planet*
4. **Building the Movement/creating connections for change:** *We want to help inspire a stronger climate movement in Scotland with strong connections in all sectors in the country better equipped to push for all of the above objectives.*

1. Climate Justice:

Ensuring that there is climate justice at home and abroad, and that climate-impacted people are able to benefit from a green transition and adapt to the changing climate of our planet is at the core of our 5-year strategy and informs all of the other aims. Specific areas to highlight for focus are:

- Advocating for policies that create a more equitable and flourishing society and planet and providing a vision of an equitable and climate-just future here in Scotland and around the world
- Using the year running up to COP, and its legacy, to tell global stories of climate change and to bring in the voices of those most affected by climate change, and strengthen our understanding of just responses to the crisis
- Diversifying our membership to include groups addressing poverty, disability, racial justice and migration
- Ensuring the voices of those most affected by climate change are heard, especially those from the Global South and Indigenous voices.
- Following the principles of Just Transition in the work that we do

2. Action at Home:

The Scottish Government committed in the Climate Act 2019 to reduce emissions from 1990 levels by 75% by 2030. The next five years, during the period of this strategy, are vital. We will demand immediate and rapid action on this target from Scottish Government and from other actors, and encourage further ambition. We will develop an action plan to create other connections for change and to reach new audiences to include investigating the possibility of a focus on sub-state actors, for

example local authorities, to drive transformative action on the ground; to use the impetus of the non-state actors agenda at COP26, and the opportunity to work closely with Glasgow City Council over COP, to kick-start this area of work.

3. Global Action:

We will advocate for Scotland to take a transformative, Climate Justice centred approach to the crisis. We will push the Scottish Government to do its fair share of tackling the climate emergency, recognising that we have a moral obligation to cut emissions faster and offer support including finance to global south countries. We will campaign for solutions that are just at the national and local level too, ensuring the burden and benefits of solutions are shared fairly. Where appropriate, we will harness positive Scottish Examples to lever more ambition, recognising that Scotland has world leading targets but needs to do more to deliver its fair share of climate action

The first 2 years of this strategy gives us an unparalleled and unique opportunity for Scotland and the UK to lead and inspire global action as COP26 comes to Glasgow in 2021. Our focus will be on COP26 for the coming period and, thereafter, creating a lasting legacy from the UN conference, and its surrounding activities, following this through to input at future COPs. Our key activities for COP26 will be those that will create connections, drive rapid and just climate action in Scotland, make the biggest difference to a successful COP, and front-line the voices of those most affected by climate change.

4. Building the movement/ creating connections for change:

In order to create the change that we need to see across the whole of society to achieve a climate-safe and climate-just future, we will involve much more of society in the climate movement. We will expand our membership in strategic areas, create a more diverse coalition and reduce barriers to participation in SCCS activities for smaller and grassroots organisations. Our aims in this will be to: have better policy; better interactions at a local level; have a broader audience (through our members to their supporters/members); ensure a transition to a more equitable, just future where all can flourish.

We will concentrate on our model of working via our members to communicate and activate their own supporter bases, and we will become more effective at helping our members encourage their supporters to get active on climate change, in addition to specific SCCS campaigns.

We will develop a plan to develop connections for change with non-civil society actors. In the second half of the period of this strategy we will reach out to and involve wider society, for example Universities and other educational institutions, local authorities, and local business, to influence and accelerate action on the climate crisis.

Delivering the Strategy:

We expect to use the following approaches, among others, to deliver the strategy

- Policy development and advocacy, supported by public campaigning
- Public campaigning and engagement to build awareness and encourage social transformation
- Roundtables and sectoral engagement, policy and advocacy, public campaigning
- Building strong relationships and alliances to increase motivation and commitment to net zero
- Where appropriate highlighting the Scottish example globally – in events, communications etc.
- Where appropriate highlighting international good practice of just transition in Scotland