



CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT



Inverclyde Council

Inverclyde Climate Beacons: linking culture, creativity and climate action, helping everyone in Inverclyde to better understand how to contribute to becoming a net-zero society.

Working in partnership with local group Bellville Community Garden Trust, RIG Arts (an arts charity) and Beacon Arts Centre (a contemporary theatre and arts centre) Inverclyde Council created a Climate Beacon, in an initiative funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Change and Culture Division, Creative Scotland and Museum Galleries Scotland.

The aim of the Climate Beacon is to bring together shared resources and knowledge and provide both a space in which members of the public, artists, environmental scientists and policy makers can discuss and debate COP26 themes and climate actions that are specific to their local area.



Climate Beacons logo

Over the last year the Beacon has planned and organised a range of events such as workshops and talks to engage with the local community. This has included Chat & Change talks, Make It Up Upcycling Sessions and Eco-Exchange events.

The Beacon worked with a local youth theatre group to research, write and perform a new play about climate change, which was performed at the theatre and will soon be available as a film.

Galoshans is a festival centred around Halloween traditions. Its recent content has linked into the Climate Beacon work, featuring an emphasis on climate programming and new songs about climate change from local musicians.

Building on its current offering, Inverclyde Council's South West Library is introducing a 'Lend and Mend Hub', funded by The John Lewis Partnership's £1m Circular Future Fund, which will help the local community to repair, reuse, rent and upcycle everyday items, with free access for everyone to keep items in use for longer, rather than them being thrown away. This uses a co-design approach with service teams bringing local knowledge and expertise to the delivery to ensure the hub is tailored to community needs. The hub is also introducing an education programme to support new skills development, helping to reduce inequality through equitable access to resources.

In 2022 Inverclyde Council's libraries service team was recognised for their commitment to sustainability, taking home the 'Project of the Year' award at the 2022 Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) Awards. The Inverclyde Climate Beacon work was described as 'inspirational' in the way in which it grew the sense of community while linking the 'local' to the 'global' through a series of special events.

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