



**SHETLAND
CLIMATE
FESTIVAL
2025**

13th September - GLICKIMIN BOWLS HALL

Event Programme

What's On?

Throughout the event:

Main Exhibition

The main exhibition, held in the Bowls Hall at Clickimin, will host our main exhibitors and children's activities.

Presentations and Workshops

A series of workshops delivered by local experts have been specifically designed for the Shetland Climate Festival. Covering a wide range of topics, these provide the opportunity to learn more about climate and nature initiatives, technology, and history.

Family Fun and 'Kidz Zone'

Young people and children can visit the Kids Zone to have fun and learn all about future and current technology from virtual reality to robots to turbines. This will be set up to the left side of the hall and is run by Skills Development Scotland & Developing the Young Workforce officers.

Highlands and Islands Climate Hub Community Showcase

Development officers from the Highlands and Islands Climate Hub will be in the Bowlers Bar to host a showcase of the climate-related projects and action undertaken by community groups in Shetland.



About

Shetland Climate Festival 2025 is about celebrating the work being done in Shetland to mitigate our emissions and adapt to our changing climate. The event aims to give folk the chance to speak with our exhibitors and Council teams about their work relating to climate change, energy usage and biodiversity across Shetland.

We, the SIC Climate Change Programme teams, wish to put our work in context of the wider picture, so we have invited renewable energy companies, community development companies, conservation organisations, scientists, and local community groups.

We are delighted to welcome back BookBug, who will be running a session in the morning for bairns and parents. Throughout the rest of the day we will also have an exciting area set up just for kids where they can learn about all about their environment, and current and future technologies.

Alongside the main exhibition, there will be an agenda of workshops held in the far end of the hall. These cover a wide range of topics, with something for everyone whether you're wanting to learn something new or .

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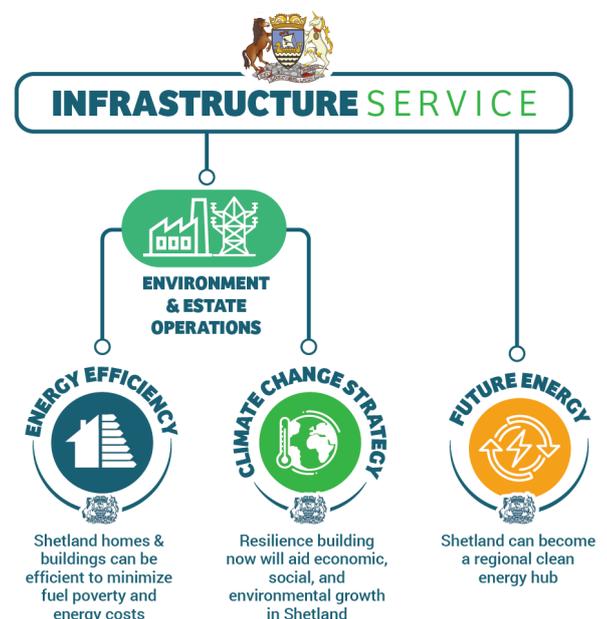
Energy for generations



A brief history of the SIC Climate Change Programme

In January 2020, the Council recognised the global climate emergency with a new strategic programme. Our purpose is to give:

- provide overview of the strategy, governance arrangements, target development and action planning required to adapt to, and mitigate, climate change in Shetland;
- contribute to an effective Scotland, UK and international response;
- inform the identification of issues and options;
- assist in evidence based planning and decision making so that environmental, economic and social needs are recognised, balanced and met.



Our Participants

Join us at the festival for an exhibition and workshops that showcase the work that our departments and a variety of organisations are doing to address the challenges that arise from climate change.

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100% FOULA SHEEP WOOL
Foula Wool
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STOURA
OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Presentation Schedule

Clickimin Bowls Hall Stage

10:15-11:00



Social Value from Renewables

Session by: Tom Wills, Equitable Energy Research CIC

A discussion on renewable energy developments and measures of community control and benefit. The session will explore findings from Equitable Energy's 'Social value from renewables in the Highlands and Islands' report on social value from renewables in the Highlands and Islands and discuss socio-economic impacts, community benefit payments and community ownership.

11:00-12:00



Postcards from the Future

Session by: Dr Susan Krumdiek, Herriot-Watt University

We live in a land rich with stories of the past—where archaeologists, historians, and curators help us understand how people lived and why societies changed. Join us for a thought-provoking seminar that flips the script: instead of looking back, we'll look forward. We'll uncover why humans may have evolved to be "future-blind," and why that no longer works in a world shaped by industrial change and looming climate crises. Discover a bold new approach pioneered at Heriot-Watt University: Systems Transition Engineering Processes (STEPS).

12:00-13:00



The Brae Rural Energy Hub:
Inspiring decarbonisation, community participation and replication

Session by: Steven MacLean (SIC), Anna Marriott (Aquatera), Jade Wilson (Brae Rural Energy Hub)

A short talk on how the Brae Rural Energy Hub came about and importantly the aims of the organisation and what the opportunities are for other community organisations to replicate action areas.



13:00-14:00



Schools Climate Roadshow Film launch

Session by: Anne Leask and Adam Guest, SIC

Join us for a showcase of the debut School Climate Roadshows film, highlighting young people's views and concerns about climate change. Followed by a project talk and Q&A.

14:00-15:00



Why your electricity bills are so expensive and how that might change

Session by: David Thomson, Shetland Aerogenerators

A discussion on fuel poverty and the climate measures within everyone's electricity bills. Shetland has unique characteristics that lead to greater exposure to energy costs but that also give us opportunities to change that in the future.

15:00-16:00



Species on a Climatic Edge

Session by: Gareth Powell, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Join Species on the Edge as we explore the impacts of global climatic change on our local species, such as the Shetland Bumblebee, Oysterplant, and our very own special collection of Endemic Hawkweeds.



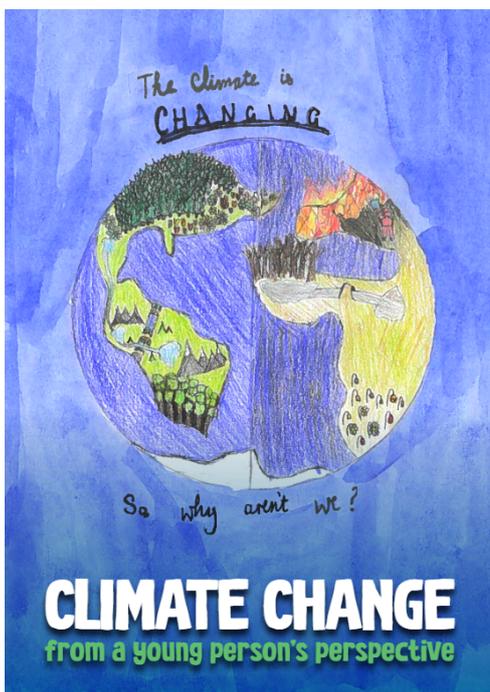
Schools Climate Roadshow



First School Climate Roadshows Showcase 2025

The debut project rolled out to primary (6 and 7) and secondary (1 and 2) classes in schools across Shetland raising climate change awareness in the community and continuing the Shetland Climate Conversation. Understand young people's views and concerns about climate change.

Come along and visit our showcase stall on the day highlighting the pupils creative pieces from the project. See the book, art and film launch on the day!



The winning artwork on the book's front page.

A side used in the workshop session.



For the bairns

Bookbug with Shetland Library

When: 10:30 - 11:00

Where: Bowlers Bar



Session by: Shetland Library

Join Shetland Library staff and Bookbug for a friendly and fun session of songs and rhymes with time for a story. This short session is for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their families and carers to enjoy together.

Kidz Zone - ALL DAY!

When: ALL DAY!

Where: Bowls Hall

Skills Development Scotland - Here, bairns of all ages can learn how to build robots and even mini wind turbines!

Face Creations by Morgan - Face painting fun for all ages! Come along to get a wonderful design painted by Morgan.

Scavenger Hunt - Use your searching skills to scout around the exhibition to find the hidden clues and complete the scavenger hunt. Everyone who does gets a free cake!

Highlands and Islands

Climate Hub:

Community Group Showcase



Where: Bowlers Bar

Schedule:

11 am - 1 pm: Community Space

Celebrating communities across Shetland taking climate action.

1 pm - 2pm: Community Lunch

2 – 4 pm: Shaping Shetland's Climate Future

Workshop delivered in partnership by Highlands and Islands Climate Hub, ICNZ and Community Energy Scotland.

The Highlands & Islands Climate Hub is funded by the Scottish Government and is part of a network of 24 Climate Action Hubs across Scotland which support communities across Scotland's highlands and islands to make a just transition towards net zero and support a climate ready Scotland. They offer a wide range resources, training, funding and support to take positive and impactful climate action.

Andrea Sánchez Quiroz is the Community Development Officer for Shetland who, alongside community groups from across the isles, will be hosting the community marketplace showcasing their climate related projects and strategies.

Come along from 11:00 to meet Andrea and learn all about the Hub's activities in Shetland and what help is on offer.



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