



## Scottish Climate Change Impacts Partnership Mailing: April 2010

### Event: Adapting to climate change. How prepared are you? Glasgow - 10 June



SCCIP in partnership with Glasgow City Council are hosting a climate change adaptation event on 10 June 2010. The event entitled '**Adapting to Climate Change. How prepared are you?**' will provide:



- Details about Glasgow City Council's work on climate change adaptation;
- An overview of recent past climate trends and future projections;
- Expert opinions on how the transport, built environment and health and wellbeing sectors will be impacted by climate change;
- Opportunities to discuss what climate change adaptation might mean for individual local authority departments.

The event will be chaired by George Tarvit, Sustainable Scotland Network Development Manager and will include guest speakers from the transport, built environment and health and wellbeing sectors as well as Glasgow City Council and SCCIP. [Please follow this link to register for the event.](#)

### UK Climate Change Risk Assessment (UKCCRA)



There are a number of steps which stakeholders in Scotland can take to get involved with the UKCCRA – details of these next steps can be found on the [SCCIP website](#). If anybody has any queries about getting involved in the UKCCRA please contact [sccip@sniffer.org.uk](mailto:sccip@sniffer.org.uk)

Dates for the sector workshops have now been arranged. While these are by invitation only, if you would like more information please email [ccra@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ccra@defra.gsi.gov.uk) or [sccip@sniffer.org.uk](mailto:sccip@sniffer.org.uk).

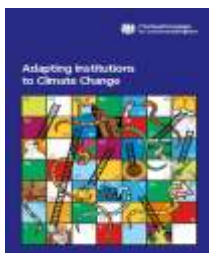
A seminar to increase the awareness of the UK Climate Change Risk Assessment (UKCCRA) was held in Edinburgh recently. It brought together a wide range of stakeholders from different sectors and types of organisation across Scotland. The seminar provided an overview of what the risk assessment covers and explained how and when stakeholder organisations might be involved. The presentations and a report from the day are now available to download from the [SCCIP website](#).

### SCCIP Website Redevelopment



The SCCIP website is currently undergoing major redevelopment to provide a dynamic and evolving information portal on climate change adaptation in Scotland. As part of this redevelopment, an overarching objective is to provide greater linkages with the wide range of work ongoing in this area. If your organisation has relevant research, publications, project information or case studies etc. which you would like to be linked through the SCCIP website, please email [sccip@sniffer.org.uk](mailto:sccip@sniffer.org.uk) with details.

## Adapting Institutions to Climate Change



The Royal Commission has recently published a report on ***Adapting Institutions to Climate Change***. The Commission chose this topic because it believes there is an urgent need to understand how UK institutions should adapt to climate change and initiate actions to build adaptive capacity. The report explores the challenges facing institutions in adapting to climate change by examining existing institutional arrangements for three exemplar areas: freshwater, biodiversity and nature conservation, and coastal zones. The full report and supplementary information can be found [here](#).

## RSE Inquiry into Facing up to Climate Change: public evidence gathering meetings and events



As part of the evidence gathering for the RSE's major inquiry into the opportunities and problems associated with a move to a low-carbon economy in Scotland, the Inquiry will be holding public evidence gathering meetings in Edinburgh, at the Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22-26 George Street, on Thursday 20 May at 6pm, and in Dumfries, at Easterbrook Hall on the Crichton Campus on Thursday 27 May, also at 6 pm. Both events will be preceded by an opportunity to visit exhibition stands and display from a range of local bodies and organisations involved in this area, from 5.30pm. The events are open to all and free to attend. Also linked to the inquiry is an RSE lecture on 12 May on China's environmental challenges and the contribution to the Flora of China Project to resolving them. This will be given by Professor Peter Raven, Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden and tickets for this event are available from the [RSE website](#).

## Managing Livestock in a Changing Climate – Thursday 20 May



**Soil Association**  
healthy soil, healthy people, healthy planet

As part of the Soil Association's climate change programme, a number of events are being held in the coming weeks. The events are open to all:

- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Optimum Manure Management Event, New Deer, Aberdeenshire**  
The technical session in the morning will look at storage & handling, when, where and how much to apply, putting a nutrient value on FYM/slurry, benefits to production, role & benefits of composting and the funding options under SRDP.
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May, Managing Livestock in a Changing Climate, Glensaugh, Laurencekirk, Grampian**  
The technical session in the morning will cover topics including improving productivity & efficiency through health and diet, selecting and managing livestock to suit changing weather patterns among others.
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June, Grassland & Clover Management Event, Abbey St Bathans, Berwickshire**  
Topics covered in the morning technical session will include grassland productivity, utilization & optimum stocking rates, choice of grass & clover species, establishment, nutrient management & weed control, the Scottish Sheep Strategy and funding options under SRDP/LMO.

All events will include farm visits to discuss how the principles can be put into practice. The cost for all events is £40.00 plus VAT. For further details see [Soil Association Website](#) or call Lyn on 0131 666 0847 or email [lmatheson@soilassociation.org](mailto:lmatheson@soilassociation.org)

## Clim-ATIC – Definition for a Community Climate Change Adaptation Strategy



Clim-ATIC is a three-year international project providing advice and training for community climate change adaptation across the whole of the Northern Periphery. It has recently developed a definition for a community climate change adaptation strategy. More information on this can be found on the Clim-ATIC [website](#).

## Conference on Strategic Environmental Assessment



A one day conference on SEA as a tool to contribute to high level policy objectives will take place on Friday, 7th May 2010 at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. In Scotland, the Scottish Executive 2003-2007 identified SEA as a key tool to contribute to sustainable development and environmental justice.

Since 2007, the new Scottish Government has re-framed the purpose of SEA as contributing to their goal of 'sustainable economic growth'. This conference brings together a range of expert perspectives to examine the outcomes and implications of identifying SEA as a tool to deliver high-level policy objectives. [Click here](#) for further information and registration.

## Sustainable Energy in the Built Environment: Best Practice for Scottish Planners



The Energy Saving Trust recently commissioned a survey of planners across Scotland which found that more than half of planners are not confident that they have the right information to address sustainability issues in the built environment.

To help bridge the gap the Energy Saving Trust has developed 'Sustainable Energy in the Built Environment: Best Practice for Scottish Planners.' Endorsed by the Royal Town Planning Institute, the online resource aims to provide inspiration through case studies and signposts users to other useful sources to help them to develop policies and make decisions that promote sustainable energy use and production at a domestic level.

The pack includes a section on climate change adaptation and can be downloaded from [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scottishplanners](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scottishplanners). Additional support from the Energy Saving Trust for local authority planners includes a free enquiries service and free presentations on sustainable energy and planning. Contact 0844 84 888 30 or email [practicalhelp@est.org.uk](mailto:practicalhelp@est.org.uk) for more information.

## Delivering on 2020: Putting Scotland at the forefront of climate change policy, action and jobs

This one-day interactive conference takes place on Wednesday 16th June 2010 at Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh. The conference will examine how Scotland, the UK and the rest of the world can work together to meet climate change targets, it will look at some of the obstacles to that ambition and will also offer practical examples of how small changes in the way our businesses operate can effect substantial savings not only to the climate but also to the public purse. For more information and registration visit [www.deliveringon2020.com](http://www.deliveringon2020.com)

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