

The Community-led Just Transition Partnership

Supporting a socially just, community-led, and place-based response to the climate crisis – grounded in evidence, shaped by people, and designed for real-world impact.



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The Community-led Just Transition Partnership works with communities, organisations and policy makers to achieve a Just Transition to a low carbon economy and society.

We take a place-based approach that builds evidence, develops policy, reduces inequalities and mobilises people to make big changes in fair and equitable ways.

Our partnership comprises The University of Edinburgh (UoE), Tavistock Institute (TIHR), Strathclyde Centre for Energy Policy (CEP) and Innovation Unit (IU). Together we bring deep and complementary expertise in Just Transition and Climate Action, behavioural science, person centred design, placed based leadership, systems change and community-led innovation.

We help places to design, test and implement community-led solutions that address the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the transition to a low-carbon economy. All our work is underpinned by the Just Transition Theory of Change for Scotland developed by members of our team.



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What we offer

Just Transition and Climate Action

- Expertise in Just Transition issues across energy efficiency, fuel poverty, skills and employment, and health and wellbeing.
- A focus on delivering community benefits – ensuring climate action creates fair, local outcomes such as jobs, better health, and stronger local economies.
- Specialised knowledge in flood resilience, community climate action, climate change adaptation, and the wider climate policy landscape.

Examples of our offers:

[Measuring and Evaluating Success in the Scottish Just Transition](#)

(UoE and TIHR)

[Energy justice: A conceptual review](#)

(UoE)

[Climate Action Fund Learning and Support Partner](#)

(IU)

Community-led, people powered innovation

- Decades of experience working with communities to address root causes of local challenges, design and deliver change, and shift systems.
- Co-design and participatory methods that uncover what matters most to communities, tackle power imbalances, and translate their lived experiences into practical insights to build locally owned solutions
- Skilled facilitation of inclusive community engagement across diverse communities using both digital and in-person methods.

Examples of our offers:

[Climate Action Fund: Learning and Support Partner](#)

(IU)

[The Caithness Place-Based Demonstrator](#)

(IU)

What we offer



Behavioural science and research excellence

- Behavioural science evidence reviews, that build understanding of what drives change and how to design for it.
- Mixed methods research and evaluation approaches to demonstrate impact of community led climate action, showcase community benefits and demonstrate the system level changes required.
- Clear and engaging outputs for the wider public that use the best of graphic and information design to communicate complex messages simply.

Examples of our offers:

[New Dimensions of Vulnerability to Energy and Transport Poverty](#)
(UoE)

[Identifying double energy vulnerability](#)
(UoE)

[How \(and by whom\) energy policy is really made](#)
(UoE)

[Energy justice: A conceptual review](#)
(UoE)

[Effective public health communication in the face of adverse weather](#)
(TIHR and IU)



Place-based leadership for system change

- Coaching and peer learning for place-based leaders to drive insight-driven, locally-owned change.
- Experience supporting anchor organisations to increase their impact across the UK, focused on climate and the local economy.
- Support to sustain and scale local partnerships through embedding new ways of working across procurement, governance, estates, and workforce development.

Examples of our offers:

[Health Anchors Learning Network](#)
(IU)

[Health Equalities programme: Learning and Support Partner](#)
(IU)

Our team



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Christine Owen leads the design and delivery of community-led innovation programmes at [Innovation Unit](#), driving social impact and improved outcomes for communities.

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