



**Citizens' Assembly of Scotland: Scotland's Climate Assembly  
Stewarding Group Meeting Minutes  
Sixth Meeting – 23 September 2020**

**Attendees**

Andrew McCornick	National Farmers Union, Scotland
Andrew McRae	Federation of Small Business Scotland
Angus MacDonald MSP	Scottish National Party
Audrey MacDougall	Scottish Government, Social Research Secretariat
Anna Santucci	The Democratic Society (DemSoc)
Anthony Zacharzewki	Scottish Labour Party
Claudia Beamish MSP	Director of Urbanism, Sustrans
Daisy Narayanan	Executive Director, ECCI
Dave Reay	Scottish Government, Open Government
Doreen Grove	Dublin City University
Dr Jane Suiter	University of Edinburgh
Dr Oliver Escobar	Secretariat
Eleanor McGhie	Scottish Conservative Party
Finlay Carson MSP	Secretariat
Georgina Belk	Director of the Sustainable Earth Institute
Professor Iain Stewart	University of Plymouth
Jenny Marr	Scottish Liberal Democrats
Jess Pepper	Climate Café/Stop Climate Chaos Scotland
John Dickie	Child Poverty Action Group
John Ward	Grantham Institute
Julie Steel	Secretariat
Justin Kenrick	Extinction Rebellion
Kaela Scott	Involve
Kate Dyer	Extinction Rebellion
Kelly McBride	The Democratic Society (DemSoc)
Professor Kevin Anderson	Deputy Director, Tyndall Centre, Manches University
Laura Moodie	Scottish Green Party
Mike Robinson	Scottish Royal Geographical Society
Nick Bland	Scottish Government, Social Research
Professor Iain Docherty	University of Stirling
Professor Paul de Leeuw	Robert Gordon University
Ruth Mattock	Secretariat
Susie Townend (Chair)	Secretariat
Tim Hughes	Involve

**Apologies**

Bryce Cunningham	Mossgiel Farm
Dr Scott McGrane	University of Strathclyde
Finlay Carson MSP	Scottish Conservative Party



Kirsten Leggatt  
Liam Fowley MYSP  
Malcolm Cannon  
Sally Thomas

2050 Climate Group  
Scottish Youth Parliament  
Institute of Directors, Scotland  
Scottish Federation of Housing  
Associations

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Susie welcomed and thanked attendees for joining the call and acknowledged that some members would be dropping in and out of the meeting.

### **2. Research Update –Nick Bland**

Susie introduced Nick Bland, a social science researcher from Scottish Government. Nick has been part of the collaborative research team evaluating the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland looking at the future of Scotland. A paper outlining the research proposal for Scotland's Climate Assembly was circulated to the Stewarding Group ahead of the meeting.

The Stewarding Group expressed interest in also studying the interaction between the internal and external dimensions, for example how assembly members engage with the external world. Additionally, the Stewarding Group noted it was important for the data to be open and available for other research purposes.

### **3. Assembly Selection Criteria – Attitude to Climate Change**

Susie said that the 2019 Household Data on Climate Change is available and will be used to inform member selection 29 October.

Susie also provided a brief update on member recruitment, which is on track to meet the necessary targets. In case there is a higher dropout rate due to Covid-19 and the online format of the Assembly, 105 members will be recruited.

### **4. Economics in Evidence Group**

Susie welcomed John Ward from the Grantham Institute to the Evidence Group. John's economic expertise complement the time Katherine Trebeck can offer. John has a substantial team behind him from the Grantham Institute, including Sam Frankhauser and Josh Burke. Some Stewarding Group members questioned the balance of the economic leads, but agreed to consider the proposals.

### **5. Draft Learning Proposal**

Susie introduced Iain Stewart, who presented the overall learning journey put together by the Evidence Group and circulated to the Stewarding Group before the meeting.

### **6. Draft for Weekend One**

Susie introduced Daisy Narayanan, who presented the draft proposal for weekend one from the Evidence Group.



### **7. Vote: Are you content for the Evidence Group to further develop their proposal based on our discussion?**

The majority of the Stewarding Group voted yes, with two individuals requesting further discussion. The Evidence Group will redraft the proposal taking into consideration the discussions with the Stewarding Group.

### **8. Children's Parliament**

Susie reminded the Stewarding Group that while those under 16 would not be attending the Assembly, they would still be given a voice and a chance to input into the Assembly. The Children's Parliament has been commissioned to run a project – a paper on this had been circulated to the Stewarding Group. The intent is to have this project interwoven with Assembly proceedings, rather than just running parallel.

Susie also highlighted that the online dialogue tool would be open to all ages (with parental permission required for those under 16) as part of the pre-engagement which begins 9 October and runs until 26 October.

### **9. AOB**

The following Stewarding Group meetings will take place on:

- 7<sup>th</sup> October from 14.00 – 16.30; and
- 21<sup>st</sup> October from 14.00 – 16.30

The Stewarding Group requested papers be sent out earlier. Although it was noted that this is heavily dependent on when papers are completed and consideration should be given to people's busy schedules outside their assembly duties. The Secretariat requested that all papers should be sent to them for circulation. Susie asked for speaker recommendations, but for speakers to not be approached separately by the Stewarding Group.