Just Transition Communities Project





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What activities/ sessions have you taken part in with the JTCP?

Climate café x 2, GEN cards, regional visits, regional assembly steering group, municipalities in transition meetings at the start of the project, tsiMORAY projects Moray CAN funding, stalls & meetings, JTPB, Moray Health and Well-being funding, Moray Local Action Fund

What did you get out of attending the regional event and taking part in the steering group for the regional event?

· Bringing local input from Moray
· REAP's local connections for energy advice and services can be shown in a wider arena
· Help shape policy and an action plan going forward for a Just Transition
· Ensure Just Transition aims are being delivered
Indirect events effects – contacts and links with tsiMORAY for funding, networking, stalls and enhancing our plans.

Would you like to take part in any further sessions with the project to increase participation and collaboration/ increase the impact of your work/ share your voice for a Just Transition more widely?

I'd like to keep involved... networking, regional and national connections to share our voice and experience, and help our work.

Interview with Segin Adebayo, REAP Scotland CEO

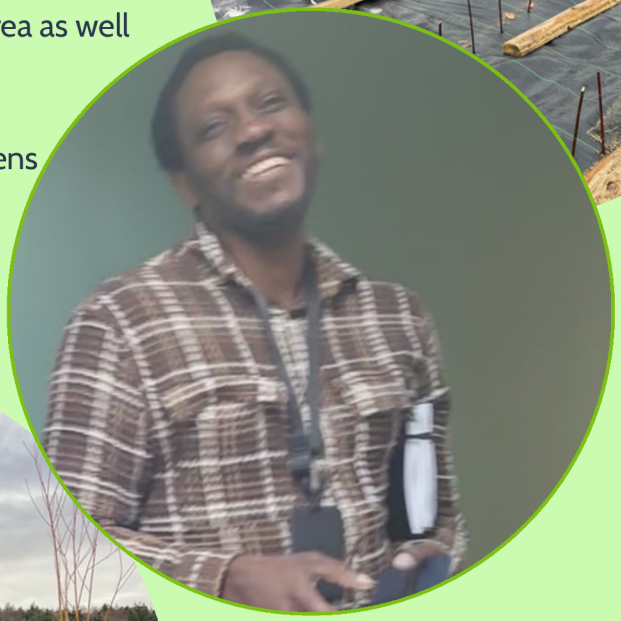
Thinking about direct sessions with Just Transitions Communities Project, what actions have you taken since?

- Confirmation of actions for a Just Transition
- We're 100% on the right lines
- Climate action is at the heart of what we do
- Confidence that we're going in the right direction
- Keep going – helps us with evidence for our funding
- Easier and better planning



The work with the REAP gardeners (GEN session, Climate café, best practice visit to Naturally Useful) led to staff, management and the REAP Board feeling more confident in their community growing work.

They feel that they are 100% on the right lines and confirmed that this work is at the heart of what they do as charity. This has led to the expansion of their community gardening project to the Keith area as well as increasing the scope of work in Elgin, too. REAP have also become more aware and in touch with other growing/ community gardens projects in Moray and this has helped them plan their work across the area.





The climate cafes and greater publicity for what they do has enhanced their ability to take climate action, both in the community growing and in REAP's anti-fuel poverty work.

Connections made in the energy climate café in Keith led to REAP applying (unsuccessfully so far) to the SSEN funding rounds for the Keith area.'

Moray Reach Out



Working with Moray Reach Out

What activities/ sessions have you taken part in with the JTCP?

Climate café with Glasgow School of Art, presenting at the Climate café at Transition Town Forres, Sociocracy training

Would you like to take part in any further sessions with the project to increase participation and collaboration/ increase the impact of your work/ share your voice for a Just Transition more widely?

Keep taking part, gaining inspiration and support for our work...
...More sociocracy training, future climate cafes.

Interview with Gemma Morrison, Moray Reach Out

Thinking about direct sessions with JTCP, what actions have you taken since





As a direct result of the Glasgow School of Art climate / repair café, the Moray Reach Out staff member attending was inspired to lead a series of crochet classes for upskilling, using some of the resources shared by the Glasgow School of Art presenter. These have continued to run and are always fully booked. The Climate repair café session increased staff confidence to do sessions/ wider variety of sessions.

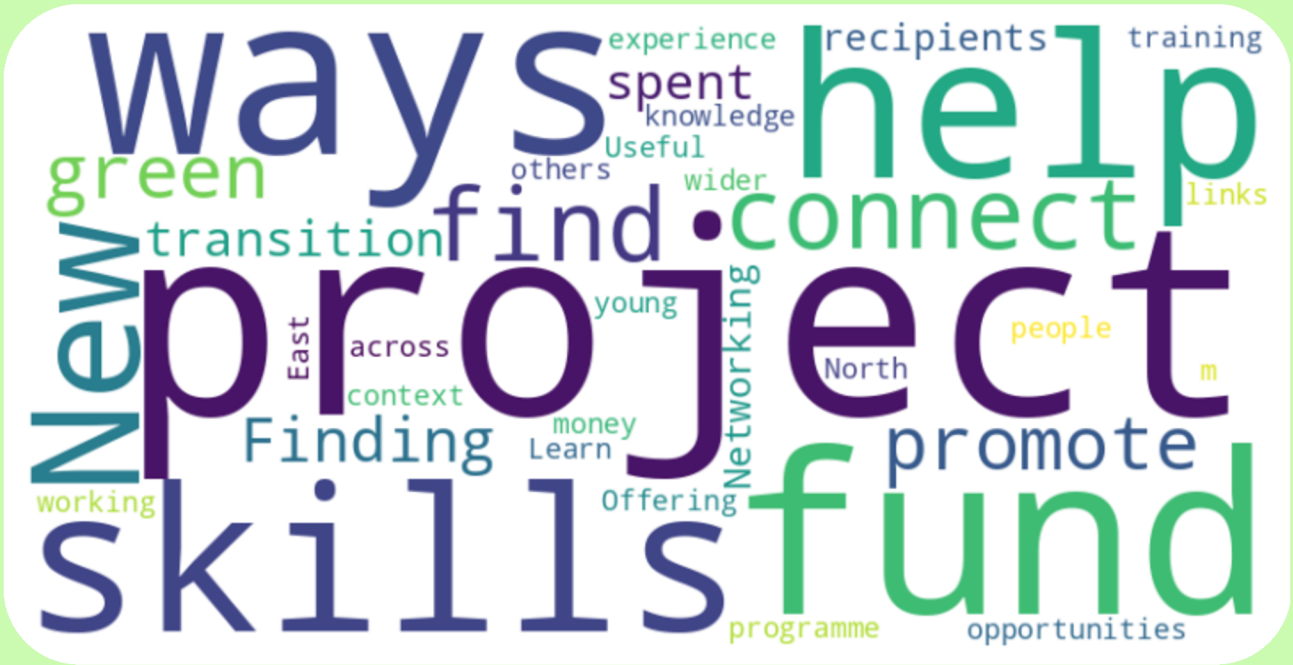
The sociocracy training with Phillip from SCAN/ Sustainable Dunbar was attended by 3 representatives from Moray Reach Out; very inspiring and fitted in with the vision for the organisation. Something different for team building – the way we want to be in the future. Staff attending learned skills to bring back to others and collaborate at team meetings. Indirect events effects: contacts, links with third sector in Moray, i.e./ The Social Enterprise Leadership for Sustainability 6 week course run with Moray CAN and the Social Enterprise Academy - Gemma still draws on the links made there and often meets other participants at other **tsi**MORAY events. Helped build skills and confidence for Just Transition actions.

- **Better collaboration**
- **Expanded network**
- **Time well spent**
- **Building trust**
- **Improving our culture and leadership**
- **We've built our confidence for taking climate action**



Moray CAN funding for therapeutic garden out the back of shop, helping widen and grow our vision, good advice on the garden, biodiversity focus added to social aspect. Events like Join the Dots etc raise awareness of our own project in Moray and increase our knowledge of what's going on / other projects like The Paddock, Broom of Moy CIC and The Coat Hangar for collaboration.

Transition Town Forres



Working with Transition Town Forres

What activities/ sessions have you taken part in with the JTCP?

Climate café x 2, GEN cards, regional visits, Regional assembly steering group and other tsiMORAY projects, including Moray CAN funding & meetings, Just Transition PB x 2

Would you like to take part in any further sessions with the project to increase participation and collaboration/ increase the impact of your work/ share your voice for a Just Transition more widely?

I'd like to keep involved as above – links, networking, regional and national connections to those with money and power.

Interview with Kelly Warren, Transition Town Forres



Thinking about direct sessions with JTCP, what actions have you taken since

Kelly has made so many contacts through the JTCP events she's attended, both in the local Forres area but also across the North East, and nationally – green skills charities and contacts, third sector contact eg./ growing groups in Forres, heritage group in Forres.



A major development is their traditional building skills programme, funded through other funds. Programme in 2024 = 23, 16-24 year olds taking part in a 4 week programme – 2x woodworking, jewellery course, and welding; 20 x 16-24 year olds (average age 19) stonemasonry – limestone mortar, field trip to a training centre and Kinloss Abbey, stonemasonry and dry stone walling.

This came from an idea at a climate café session – now moved on to look at setting up in partnership with another skills charity to develop and take forward the project for green skills in the area.



Kelly has gone on to do more volunteering – the Gaff! project in partnership with The Moray Council, which runs with 45-50 young people in Forres.
She has recruited some young people to the traditional skills project from there.

Indirect events effects - contacts - links with third sector in Moray – i.e./ other Moray growing groups through the JTPB funding events – both inspiring other Moray groups to apply/ take inspiration from TTF composting project and links to apply for eg gardeners' project at Bogton.

The Social Enterprise Leadership for Sustainability 6 week course run with Moray CAN and the Social Enterprise Academy – Kelly still draws on the links made there & often meets other participants at other tsiMORAY events. Helped build skills and confidence for Just Transition actions. These connections deepened at Join the dots and Meet the Funders links – directly to funders, Moray Local Action Fund wellbeing funding, governance advice during difficult time with the TTF board/ lease.



What did Kelly get out of attending the regional event and taking part in the steering group for the regional event?

- New ways to connect and find ways to promote and fund the green skills project
- Finding out how just transition funds have been spent and if other recipients can help our project
- Networking for opportunities and money!
- Useful links for the training skills programme and project to help the young people I'm working with
- Offering my experience and knowledge in a wider context
- Learn what others are doing across the North East

Lhanbryde Community Centre



Working with Lhanbryde Community Challenge: Lhanbryde Community Centre



Interview with Ian Sutherland, Treasurer Lhanbryde Community Challenge, known as Lhanbryde Lhanbryde Community Centre



Thinking about direct sessions with JTCP, what actions have you taken since

Ian has been chair at the LCC for around 18 months – the JTCP worked with the previous Chair Katrina in 2022. Ian and other current committee members did however attend the JTCP event with the GEN cards.

Lhanbryde Community Centre has been through quite a few changes since 2022 when we did the sessions – only one committee member is the same, but a new committee is in place and working hard.

The new committee wanted to improve the offer at the centre – Ian feels they've had a real change. They've worked hard to reopen the café for the community.





Ian and others were very worried by the old inefficient heating system, draughty doors and dim lighting in the main and small halls and applied to the Just Transition PB fund for new lights, heaters and doors to solve some of these problems, plus solar panels to help with the bills.

Now the halls are brighter and warmer to offer our for hire to groups in the community, the café is open more and provides a much needed community hub. More people are coming in More groups and individuals are hiring the hall – word's got around! It's cosy and bright – a more likeable atmosphere.
There's no way they'd have managed to make these changes without having the vision to apply for funding - a big impact.

It's still hard work and not all the committee members put in the same amount of work, but we do not have more members on the committee than before the JTCP session.