



Aberdeen Adapts Newsletter



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Progressing Aberdeen Adapts

Climate change will deliver cross sector threats and opportunities that will affect businesses, organisations and communities across the city. Adaptation Scotland has been working with Aberdeen to support the development of a partnership project, to establish a city-wide and long term approach to adapting to climate change.

Who did we speak to?

The views and ideas of local organisations, businesses, young people and communities have been taken on board as part of the development of Aberdeen Adapts. 41 organisations attended workshops to build understanding of the climate risks and opportunities for the city, exchange information on adaptation actions that were planned and underway and share views on what a well adapting Aberdeen would look like.

Taking the views of young people in the city into account adaptation workshops were held at several schools in the city and adaptation questions were included in a city voice survey. As work to develop Aberdeen Adapts progresses there will be an opportunity for wider consultation on the emerging draft strategy.

5
project workshops
attended by
41
organisations

6
Climate Ready
Place events in
schools

Arts & Climate
Change event –
looking at new ways to
engage people in adaptation.

Environmental Assessment

The draft Aberdeen Adapts Strategy has been going through a process of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and work is just taking place to complete the Environmental Report. SEA is required for plans, programmes and strategies to ensure any significant effects on the environment are considered. To find out more go to <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/environment/strategy/c-environmental-assessment>

Climate Adaptation Events

An officer from Aberdeen City Council was one of a team who delivered a workshop at the European Climate Adaptation Conference, ECCA in Glasgow last year. The workshop theme was on **Collaboration for transformation; inspiring stories of successful adaptation approaches in UK cities** and was aimed at those who are seeking to develop and deliver adaptation action in partnership or at city level. Information on Aberdeen Adapts was also shared with local delegates at a Vibes Award information event in the city earlier this year.

Green Wall case study

A group of 3rd year students from the RGU Project Management course, took part in a placement with Aberdeen City Council. This produced a case study on an edible green wall pilot taking place with several schools in the city. The project is exploring opportunities for vertical growing.

Adaptation in Aberdeen

Organisations across the city are already working on initiatives that will support climate adaptation in Aberdeen.

- Aberdeen is a partner in the EU BEGIN project, developing a range of blue, green infrastructure projects. Construction commenced on a Flood Management and Wetlands Scheme at Maidencraig, one of several schemes planned for the area. The scheme will establish a raised path, act as a flood alleviation scheme and consider improvements to the natural environment.
- Work has taken place at Middlefield, to create a new user-friendly community park. This work includes raising the Scatterburn from underground to above ground, to work as a flood alleviation scheme. This work received funding from the Scottish Natural Heritage, Green Infrastructure Fund.
- Aberdeen Kayak Club recently completed a project using a natural solution to protect part of the river bank along the River Don. Willow spilling has been used to strengthen the bank along a stretch of the river, helping to protect it from further erosion.
- Tree planting has taken place along the River Dee, co-ordinated by the Dee Catchment Partnership and the River Dee Trust helping to protect the river banks.
- A number of green wall pilot projects are being explored in Aberdeen.



Please share information on any adaptation actions taking place in the city, email: ecocity@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Further information

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