



# Blaenau Gwent Climate Assembly Agenda Overview



**02 - 27th March 2021**

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## Lead facilitators for the Assembly

Susan Ritchie, Director, Mutual Gain

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## Agenda Overview

Below is an overview of the agenda and expert speakers. The Assembly will be given time to ask questions to speakers and also to reflect at the end of each day. Videos of the speakers will be uploaded as soon as possible following each session.

Tuesday 2 March (19:00 – 20:30)	
<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To enable assembly members to ask questions about the process, and their role</li><li>• To enable Assembly members to meet the team</li><li>• To enable Assembly members to get to know each other (icebreaker)</li></ul>	Facilitated by <b>Susan Ritchie</b> , Mutual Gain
Welcome and opening	<b>Michelle Morris</b> , Managing Director, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

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## Saturday 6 March (10:00 – 12:30)

### Purpose:

- Understanding the question
- Introducing Climate Change
- Impact
- Equality and fairness
- Trade offs and co benefits
- Enabling participants to reflect and ask questions

The role of Citizens Assemblies in democracy and mitigating climate change

**Jess Blair**, Director, Electoral Reform Society Cymru

**Sarah Hopkins**, Director, Cynnal Cymru

Introduction to Climate Change

**Chris Blake**, Director - The Green Valleys CIC (Lead Expert)

Deciding Why and How to Act on Climate Change

**Professor Lorraine Whitmarsh**, Director, UK - Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformation

Net Zero and the Just Transition

**Julie Froud**, Professor of Financial Innovation, University of Manchester

# 4

<b>Saturday 6 March (14:00 – 16:30)</b>	
Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hear more perspectives on climate change</li> <li>• Climate Change and Blaenau Gwent</li> <li>• What climate change impacts are we already experiencing?</li> <li>• What is being done about Climate Change in Blaenau Gwent?</li> <li>• Enabling participants to reflect and ask questions</li> </ul>	
The Public Service Board, Council and their role in tackling the climate crisis	<b>Michelle Morris</b> , Managing Director, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Opportunities and challenges of change at local authority level	<b>Professor Andy Gouldson</b> , Professor of Environmental Policy, University of Leeds / Chair of the PCAN (Place Based Climate Action Network)
The role of young people in creating change	<b>Mara Moruz</b> , Youth Climate Ambassador, Blaenau Gwent <b>Darcey Howells</b> , Youth Climate Ambassador, Blaenau Gwent
The role of activists in creating change	<b>Sian Cox</b> , Extinction Rebellion Cymru
Examples of community energy projects in the Gwent area	<b>Phil Powell</b> , Technical Director, Gwent Energy CIC

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## Sunday 7 March (10:00 – 12:30)

### Purpose:

- Hear perspectives on climate change with specific focus on Housing
- Enabling participants to reflect and ask questions

### Housing – Overview

**Julie James MS**, Minister for Housing and Local Government

### New Build

**Neil Robins**, Technical Director – MMC, United Welsh Housing

**Lynn Morgan MRICS**, Director Development & Regeneration, United Welsh

**Nyree Jones**, The Larch House

### Retrofit of existing homes

**Catrin Maby**, Independent Consultant/Welsh Government Decarbonising of existing homes advisory Group

**Paul Gibson**, Director, Gibson Specialist Technical Services

### Fuel Poverty

**Ben Saltmarsh**, Director, NEA Cymru

### Jobs, skills & housing

**Julie Froud**, Professor of Financial Innovation, University of Manchester

# 6

**Sunday 7 March (14:00 – 16:30)**

## **Nature & Green space**

Purpose:

- Hear more perspectives on climate change with specific focus on Housing and Nature/Green space
- Enabling participants to reflect and ask questions

The global perspective and Wales as a responsible nation

**Barbara Davies Quy**, Head of Programmes, Size of Wales

**Kevin Rahman Daultrey**, Policy and Education Manager, Size of Wales

Climate change, nature and Blaenau Gwent

**Fen Turner**, Senior People and Places Officer, Natural Resources Wales

Community and collaborative action

**Ian Thomas**, Welcome to Our Woods

# 7

**Tuesday 16 March (19:00 – 20:30)**

## **Transport, Future Generations and Initial Recommendations**

Purpose:

- Hear speakers on Transport and Future Generations
- Early instinctive responses to the question (for experts to comment on 27 March)
- Vote on experts to return 27 March

Transport and Climate Change

**Natalie Rees**, Sustainable Development Manager, Transport for Wales

An integrated sustainable transport network

**Paula Renzel**, Senior Policy Officer, Sustrans

Community EV charging

**Neil Lewis**, TryDani

Future Generations and Climate Change

**Sophie Howe**, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

Initial Recommendations Exercise

Led by **Andy Paice**, Mutual Gain

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## Saturday 27 March (10:00 – 12:30)

### Purpose:

- Hear from Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport
- Have a more in-depth discussion with experts (Q&A carousel)
- Hear comments on early instinctive responses

Welcome

**Lee Waters**, Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport

## Saturday 27 March (14:00 – 16:30)

### Purpose:

- Finalise 8 themes for the recommendations
- Hear and consider expert comments on early thinking
- Imagining the future we want
- Considering different local perspectives and attitudes (Pol.is digital platform)



# 9

## **Sunday 28 March (10:00 – 12:30)**

### Purpose:

- Reviewing key information from previous sessions (Jamboards)
- Deliberate on priorities for each theme
- Understand what makes a good recommendation
- Start drafting recommendations

## **Sunday 28 March (14:00 – 16:30)**

### Purpose:

- Editing and deliberating on recommendations
- Finalising recommendations
- Voting on recommendations
- Final words & next steps