



Blaenau Gwent Climate Assembly

Agenda Overview



02 - 27th March 2021

Lead facilitators for the Assembly

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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"> ● To enable assembly members to ask questions about the process, and their role ● To enable Assembly members to meet the team ● To enable Assembly members to get to know each other (icebreaker) 	<p>Facilitated by Susan Ritchie, Mutual Gain</p>
<p>Welcome and opening</p>	<p>Michelle Morris, Managing Director, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council</p>

Saturday 6 March (10:00 – 12:30)

Purpose:

- Understanding the question
- Introducing Climate Change
 - Impact
 - Equality and fairness
 - Trade offs & 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, Consultant, Green Valleys (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

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

Sunday 7 March (10:00 – 12:30)	
Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 , Housing Tenant
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

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

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

Saturday 27 March (10:00 – 12:30)

Purpose:

- Hear from Lee Waters, Member of the Senedd (Welsh Parliament) for Llanelli
- Have a more in-depth discussion with experts on the following themes (note: participants voted on themes they wanted to hear more about at the session on 16 March)
 - The role of PSBs and the Council (Michelle Morris)
 - Community Energy (Phil Powell and Chris Blake)
 - Housing retrofit (Catrin Maby)
 - Opportunities for jobs & skills in housing retrofit (Julie Froud)
 - Community action for nature (Ian Thomas and RCT rep)
 - Integrated transport (Natalie Rees and Huw Morgan, TfW)
- Hear comments on early instinctive responses
- Considering different local perspectives and attitudes (Pol.is digital platform)

Saturday 27 March (14:00 – 16:30)

Purpose:

- Finalise 8 themes for the recommendations
- Imagining the future of Blaenau Gwent
- Considering different local perspectives and attitudes

Sunday 28 March (10:00 – 12:30)

Purpose:

- Reviewing key information from previous sessions (jamboards)
- Drafting recommendations
- Deliberating on recommendations

Sunday 28 March (14:00 – 16:30)

Purpose:

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