



Inverclyde Alliance

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 11**

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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Alliance Board</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>6 December 2021</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Climate Beacon for COP26</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to give the Alliance Board further information on the activities taking place in Inverclyde linked to the successful bid by the Beacon Arts Centre for Climate Beacon funding linked to COP26.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 Strong links have been made and sustained through the Inverclyde Cultural Partnership taking forward LOIP priorities. These links have been recognised by national agencies and have brought external funding into the area. The Beacon Arts Centre, successfully led on the Climate Beacon bid and brought £30,000 of funding into the area from Creative Carbon Scotland
- 2.2 Climate Beacons for COP26 is a Scotland-wide collaborative project between climate change or environmental organisations and arts, heritage or cultural organisations to stimulate long-term public engagement in the lead-up to and following COP26. Further details can be found at the following link: <https://www.creativecarbonscotland.com/project/climate-beacons-for-cop26/>
- 2.3 The Inverclyde bid is led by the Beacon Arts Centre and is formed of a partnership of Inverclyde Council Libraries, RIG Arts, Belville Garden Community Trust, CVS Inverclyde, Inverclyde Shed, Ian Parsons Architect and Scottish Youth Film Foundation. The funding of £30,000 will allow for the delivery of a wide range of projects and activities up to and beyond COP26, with many of these taking place at the Beacon. Section 5 of this report gives an outline of the activities that have taken place already and are planned for the future.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Alliance Board is asked to note the contents of this report.

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**Corporate Director**  
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## 4.0 BACKGROUND TO THE COP 26 CLIMATE BEACON BID

- 4.1 Climate Beacons for COP26 is a Scotland-wide collaborative project between climate change or environmental organisations and arts, heritage or cultural organisations to stimulate long-term public engagement in the lead-up to and following COP26.
- 4.2 The project led by Creative Carbon Scotland, connects Beacons and offers support throughout, alongside six co-ordinating partners: Architecture & Design Scotland, Creative Scotland, Edinburgh Climate Change Institute, Museums Galleries Scotland, Scottish Library and Information Council, and Sustainable Scotland Network. Climate Beacons for COP26 is funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Change and Culture Divisions, Creative Scotland, and Museums Galleries Scotland.
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- 4.4 Seven hubs known as 'Climate Beacons' have been formed in Argyll, Caithness & East Sutherland, Fife, Inverclyde, Midlothian, the Outer Hebrides, and Tayside. Bringing together shared resources and knowledge from cultural and climate organisations, the aim of the Climate Beacons is to provide a welcoming physical and virtual space for the public, artists and cultural sector professionals, environmental NGOs, scientists and policymakers to discuss and debate COP26 themes and climate action specific to each local area. Further details of the project can be found at the following link: <https://www.creativecarbonscotland.com/project/climate-beacons-for-cop26/>

## 5.0 THE INVERCLYDE BID

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- 5.2 Events that have taken place to date are:

**4th August 2021:** Eve Mosher *Exploring Possibilities* workshop at Beacon Arts Centre

**28th September, 5th October, 12th October 2021:** *Chat and Change* talks and discussions at Gourock Library

**30th September and 7th October 2021:** *Make it Up* upcycling sessions at Greenock Central Library

**1st October 2021:** *Growing Against Inequalities* online discussion event

**4<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021:** Primary 4 Libraries Inspire Climate Themed workshop

1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 Fun Palaces Library Challenge 2021 "Plant a bulb and hopes and dreams for a Climate stable world" Greenock, Gourock and Port Glasgow Libraries.

**4th October 2021:** Online Eco-exchange author talk

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2021:** Inverclyde Literati Keep Scotland Beautiful Event at Beacon Arts Centre

Inverclyde Libraries Fun Palaces Library Challenge 2021 "Plant a bulb and hopes and dreams for a Climate stable world"

**19th October, 26th October and 2nd November 2021:** *Chat and Change* talks and discussions at Gourock Library.

**14th October, 21st October, 28th October and 4th November 2021: *Make it Up* upcycling sessions at Greenock Central Library.**

**16th October 2021: Launch concert for local musician Lynnie Carson's single *Greta/Weaving Water* at Beacon Arts Centre.**

**18th October and 9th November 2021: Eco-exchange events at Port Glasgow Library.**

**22nd October-12th November 2021: Galoshans Festival featuring an emphasis on climate programming.**

**30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021: Galoshans – Inverclyde Youth Theatre (Kayos) X Surge supported by Beacon Arts Centre – 2 x climate change themed street theatre acts *Turtles* and *Concreatures*. Images available.**

30<sup>th</sup> October 2021: Youth Music Initiative X Where's the One, St Mary's and Gourrock Primary School Street Bands event at Beacon Arts Centre. Featuring speakers Kayla Burns and Olivia Furness (Oi Musical) and Musician Lynnie Carson. Images available.

31<sup>st</sup> October 2021: My Changing Planet X TRANCND projections on to catamaran and Beacon Arts Centre. Images available.

**6th-12th November 2021: A View from the Moon exhibition at RIG Arts.**

7<sup>th</sup> November 2021: Ian Parsons New York Times Climate Hub presentation.

9<sup>th</sup> November 2021: Inverclyde Libraries Eco Exchange 3 Alistair MacIntosh *Riders on the Storm: Where now from Cop26?*

15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021: Inverclyde Libraries Book Week Scotland events.

Ongoing: Beacon Arts Centre Green Team - to bring a 'green mindset' to everything we do, operationally and creatively. Link: [Beacon Arts \(beaconartscentre.co.uk\)](https://beaconartscentre.co.uk)

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2021** A Cup of Celebration: Chatty Café Tea Party (16+) with local crafter Gaye McLean who will lead a recycling and upcycling crochet event as part of Book Week Scotland 2021.

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2021** Author Lesley Riddoch delivering two Live Literature sessions in HMP Greenock to include prisoners in climate change conversations.

### 5.3 Events planned for the future are:

**Ongoing - Climate Collections** 15 primary schools have signed up to engage with the Library of Kindness Climate Collections (Empathy for the Environment) and virtual programming from Nov 21 - 2022.

**2021-2022 Inverclyde Libraries Programming** for both adults and children to have a Climate focus built in as part of the legacy of Climate Beacons.

**Ongoing** - In line with the Council's Net Zero Strategy Inverclyde Libraries have an established Green team, working alongside the Carbon Reduction Officer, to look at own practices and inbuilt sustainability

Beacon Arts Centre X Belville Community Garden Trust (Mind Mosaic) Creative Nature for Wellbeing Workshops.

20<sup>th</sup> March 2022: Beacon Arts Centre Beacon Youth Theatre & Scottish Youth Film Foundation *Gaia - The Foretold Storm* Live Adaptation

Inverclyde Shed Pop Up Community Garden Events.

Ian Parsons Hydro project feasibility study/ mapping exercise, open forum series and exhibition at Beacon Arts Centre.

Ongoing Inverclyde Literati events.

Nicole Manley (Artist and Hydrologist at British Geological Survey) & Partners participatory art project  
Link: [Welcome | My Site \(wixsite.com\)](https://www.wixsite.com/welcome-my-site)

Belville Community Garden Trust Guerilla Art Campaign - 6 feet: Under installation

Greenock Philosophical Society Sunny Day Café

Throughout school year: Inverclyde Libraries *Library of Kindness* 'Kind Climate' Book collections available for all Primary Schools to borrow. (Physical and BorrowBox collections).

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Legal: none at present
- Finance: none at present
- Human Resources: none at present
- Equality and Diversity: none at present
- Repopulation: none at present
- Inequalities: none at present

## **7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 N/A.

## **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 N/A.