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Canvas

NATURE AND CLIMATE STORIES

Help create the Great Scottish Canvas with us. Paint the picture of the future you want to see, tell the story of the Scotland we want to be.

Unleash your creativity and paint a picture, craft a poem, doodle or write something which illustrates the future Scotland you want. Find inspiration for your piece from our four climate and nature themes.

NATURE, FOOD, HOMES AND TRAVEL

The Great Scottish Canvas will be our nature and climate vision for the future. Because the only way to a greener, fairer Scotland is one where we protect and respect our nature, climate and people.

There are four main areas we believe will have the biggest impact on our future: protecting and restoring nature, farming and food, warm homes for all, and climate-friendly travel. By making changes in these four key areas, we believe we can create a Scotland we can all be proud of.

How important is nature in your life and for your wellbeing? What would your city, town or village be like with more climate-friendly travel, such as bike lanes or trams? Do you wish that more of our food was locally and sustainably produced? How can we transform our homes and make them fit for the future? We'd love to see you answer these questions and draw inspiration from our nature and climate themes when creating your piece.



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PROTECTING NATURE

Nature is vital. It provides our life-support system and is crucial to our quality of life and wellbeing. But it's under threat like never before. 1 in 9 Scottish species - like the red squirrel, capercaillie, and wildcat - are at risk of extinction.

All habitats are important for biodiversity, while many - such as peatlands, forests and seagrass - help us to fight climate change by soaking up carbon from the atmosphere and seas. We are part of nature and protecting it is key to a green, nature-rich future.

FOOD AND FARMING

Did you know that the food we eat has climate impacts right through from farm to fork to landfill? In fact, the way we produce and consume food today is contributing to habitat loss, biodiversity decline and climate change.

Farmers in Scotland are at the frontline of climate change. Crops and livestock are vulnerable to extreme weather, pests and disease. But they also hold the solution as managers of the land - our biggest natural defence against climate change. That's why farming of the future should be nature- and climate-friendly.



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Nature, food, homes and travel are all key to Scotland's climate solution. But they're also part of a much bigger picture. What future do you want for Scotland? The answer to that question is your piece for the Great Scottish Canvas.

Think about the big picture or focus on one of the four themes – whatever you create it's up to you. The Great Scottish Canvas belongs to everyone, we can't wait to see what you come up with!

If you have any questions about the Great Scottish Canvas or how to submit your entry, please email GreatScottishCanvas@wwfscotland.org.uk, or visit:

www.bitly/GreatScottishCanvas



WARM HOMES FOR ALL

The way we heat our homes is damaging ourselves and the climate. That's the cold truth. In fact, did you know that heating accounts for almost half of Scotland's climate emissions? It's time to bring our buildings into the 21st century. A Green New Deal for Homes will help us kick out fossil fuels from our homes, saving money, cutting fuel poverty and creating jobs.

Making our homes greener is a big opportunity for green jobs in Scotland. It's time to swap gas boilers for renewable systems, to think bigger and invest in low carbon heat networks that bring heat to whole communities, and to help tackle fuel poverty by insulating homes and cutting energy bills.



CLIMATE-FRIENDLY TRAVEL

What's on your wish list for your neighbourhood? From more green spaces and better air quality to shorter, safer commutes and greater mobility, zero emissions towns and cities can help make your wish a reality.

Did you know that over a third of Scotland's climate emissions come from transport? It's time to invest in other ways of getting from A to B: walking, cycling, public transport and cleaner vehicles. Fossil fuel vehicles are set to phased out in Scotland over the next 12 years, but electric transport remains out of reach for too many of us. We need an electric transport revolution.

