



**An interactive climate change awareness  
and action programme for Scottish  
communities**

**Are you a group of people who want to take action to tackle climate change  
but are unsure where to start?**

**If so please read this pack and contact the Switch On to Climate Change  
project officer Lorraine McCauley at [lorraine@sead.org.uk](mailto:lorraine@sead.org.uk)**

Switch On to Climate Change is a grassroots programme aiming to provide support and mentor-ship to groups looking to raise awareness and take action in their local area to tackle climate change. The solutions to climate change need to come from empowered, active communities who are really engaged with the issues and can see and feel the practical benefits from the solutions they choose.

This pack introduces the workshops and resources that we can offer your group to assist you in addressing climate change. The programme can be broken down into two main chunks:

**Live It!**

The best way to learn is to live it! We have introductory workshops to offer you. Get inspiration and ideas for action from case studies of community action happening in Scotland and all over world now to tackle climate change.

**The little Green Film Library**

Food for thought: We have a range of films and documentaries for you to borrow. Introducing the causes, the impacts and the possible solutions of climate change. Watching the films is just the first step; it's the chance to discuss new ideas, pass on experiences and learn from others that can lead to action in your area.

# Live It!

Switch On to Climate Change can offer you an introductory workshop on the current situation of climate change action at all levels; political, personal and community. It aims to help your group decide on the type of action you would like to take by looking at community action taking place in Scotland and around the world. We can also offer you three follow up workshops introducing Energy, Waste and Food issues. We aim to support your decision-making and action planning as well as helping you to find out what others are doing to address these issues.

## The Power of Community Action Introductory workshop

### Workshop contents

- Climate change: What is happening now?
- Political action: What is being done to tackle climate change?
- Personal actions: Can they really address the issue?
- Community action: Introducing communities who are taking action in Scotland and around the world to tackle climate change now.
- The power of a sustainable community: case studies
- Where shall we start? Brainstorming activities to highlight your group's biggest concerns and possible actions.

### Energy workshop

### Waste workshop

### Food workshop

**People all over the world are getting together now to take action**



**Community information and invitation events**



**Community project planning**



**Edible gardens mentoring**

# The little Green Film Library

The little Green Film Library invites you to borrow films that introduce the many issues involved in climate change. This is a forum for discussion of the possible solutions and to support people in getting an all round knowledge of climate change. To borrow any of the films below email [lorraine@sead.org.uk](mailto:lorraine@sead.org.uk)

## Introduction to climate change science and issues

**An Inconvenient Truth** - Climate change - the science, causes and impacts  
**NUFF Global - Make a Movie that Matters - International film competition on climate change** - Short films - how climate change affects different countries.

## The energy, oil and climate change connection

**Baked Alaska**  
**Peak Oil-Imposed by Nature**  
**The END of Suburbia**

Explore the causes and knock on effects from our use of oil for energy. Taking a critical look at our unsustainable lives and identifying how we are connected to climate change.

## How climate change impacts peoples lives in Scotland and worldwide

**Raised Voices**  
**The Carbon Connection**  
**Climate Witnesses - Christian Aid**

The justice and human rights issues involved in climate change, looking at the impacts on people in Scotland and around the world.

## Possible solutions

**What are we waiting for? Greenpeace**  
**The Convenient Solution - Greenpeace**  
**The Power of Community - Cuba Oil Crisis**

Introducing solutions that exist and are working in practice with benefits for all.

## How do we get involved?

If your group is up for taking part then we would love to hear from you. All you need to do is contact the Project Officer Lorraine McCauley and find out what we can offer you.

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# Online resources

**Climate change is the biggest issue facing us today so these resources are just the tip of the iceberg! There are plenty more where they came from so please get in touch if you have any questions or want more information.**

## What is climate change?

- [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk) Animation to explain climate change
- [www.wwf.org.uk](http://www.wwf.org.uk) Explanation of climate change
- <http://climatex.org> A scientific explanation of climate change
- [www.wdm.org.uk](http://www.wdm.org.uk) Climate change facts, climate jargon, climate tricky questions
- [www.aliveearth.org](http://www.aliveearth.org) Performances about climate change

## How does climate change impact on people's lives?

- [www.panda.org](http://www.panda.org) News articles and flash movies of climate change witness stories
- [www.wdm.org.uk](http://www.wdm.org.uk) Bangladesh floods, Peru glaciers and climate drought Zambia
- [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk) Reports from the front line of global warming

## What national and international campaigns and action are happening?

- [www.wdm.org.uk](http://www.wdm.org.uk) World Development Movement
- [www.stopclimatechaosscotland.org](http://www.stopclimatechaosscotland.org) Stop Climate Chaos Coalition
- [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) Cut the Carbon
- [www.foe-scotland.org.uk](http://www.foe-scotland.org.uk)
- [www.greenpeace.org.uk](http://www.greenpeace.org.uk)

# About SEAD

## Scottish Education and Action for Development

Since the late 70's SEAD has helped challenge the common problems that face communities in Scotland and all over the world. On issues as diverse as housing, gender, racism and climate change, SEAD works on the principle that positive social change is created through dynamic communities who feel engaged with the issues facing them. SEAD's current projects are "Switch On to Climate Change" - and the "Global Community Partnership" - a visionary exploration of new ways of community-based co-operation across international divides.

SEAD is a membership organisation, and as well as its project work produces several publications. For more information, have a look at [www.sead.org.uk](http://www.sead.org.uk).

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