



Renfrewshire
Climate Action
Network Hub



2025-26 Annual Report



Credit: NatureFix - Kairos Women Tree Planting At Clyde Muirshiel

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Introduction

This report provides an overview of the activities and progress of the Renfrewshire Climate Action Hub (RenCAN Hub) during 2025-26.

LEAP (Local Energy Action Plan) hosts the RenCAN Hub and is funded as part of the Scottish Government's regional climate hub programme. It runs activities under the following themed strands: nature restoration, circular economy, community food and education (RenCAN Learn).

RenCAN Hub is the facilitation and support organisation for Renfrewshire Climate Action Network (RenCAN), a regional network of people and community organisations that are or want to act to reduce and adapt to climate change in Renfrewshire. RenCAN exists to connect people and places, to share knowledge and skills, and to fund and develop projects.

During 2025-26, the Hub brought people together through networking events, training, outreach and small grants to help local groups take action on climate change. This helped more people get involved, develop their ideas, and run projects that make communities across Renfrewshire more stronger, resilient and sustainable.

Highlights include celebrating our 1st year anniversary, strengthening and growing our network, the delivery of themed networking events, workshops and outreach activities, the launch of RenCAN Learn (digital learning platform), the distribution of climate action grants, and the production of our 'Circular Renfrewshire' booklet.

Impact

2199

People engaged

321

Organisations supported

150

Events

£14,947

Small Grants funding distributed

73

Network member organisations

53

Network member individuals



“For an organisation that's just over a year old, you have had a huge impact in Renfrewshire and in particular the Tannahill Centre.”

“Having access to shared skills, knowledge, and opportunities is a significant benefit.”

“The RenCAN Hub has had a transformative impact on our organisation. The financial support we received enabled us to implement key aspects of our project that would not have been possible otherwise. The grant enabled us to deliver our climate initiative. Beyond funding, being part of the network has been equally valuable as we have connected with like-minded organisations and shared knowledge. These have strengthened our capacity and amplified our impact within the community.”



Key Highlights

1st Year Anniversary

We would like to thank our partners, volunteers, and community organisations whose support and collaboration have been essential to the delivery and success of the hub's activities this year.

This year marked a major milestone for RenCAN Hub, as we proudly celebrated our **first anniversary** at The Wynd Centre, Paisley in October 2025, with **40** attendees from **30** organisations. We reflected on our successes over the past year, and looked forward to how we can continue the good work across Renfrewshire.



"I thought that the speakers did an excellent, and inspiring job of exemplifying the work RenCAN supports. The event was well structured and facilitated. I could have stayed all day if it had been a longer event!"

Network Growth

We have grown the network to **73 member organisations** and **53 individual members**, focusing on prioritising the strengthening of relationships and improving communication, while encouraging greater ownership of connections between members.

To support this, we introduced **RenCAN WhatsApp communities** based on our key themed strands of interest and importance to members. These groups are increasingly being used to share updates, opportunities, and provide peer support, demonstrating growing engagement across the network, with **53 active participants**.

Nature Restoration

We partnered with **Eadha Enterprises, Nature Fix, Clyde Muirshiel Rangers**, engaging with **214 community volunteers**. We made connections with organisations that meant we were able to engage people who otherwise wouldn't have been given these opportunities. In doing so, we have planted over **5000 trees**, and achieved hundreds more conservation results

"It was a great experience, outside of the young people's usual experience. Getting them outside more and learning a new skill was really valuable"

- Teacher, Tree Planting Session



Photo Credit: NatureFix

Participatory Photo Workshops

In partnership with **Open Aye**, our **9 participatory photo workshops** engaged **83 participants** to document local climate action, producing hundreds of images highlighting biodiversity, repair, and sustainable retail initiatives. A visual directory featuring **12 photo case studies** - connecting conservation, the circular economy, and social justice - will launch in late Spring 2026, creating a "photo map" to promote and raise awareness of regional climate efforts.

"Thank you so much for today, a genuine thank you! I arrived tired, grumpy and left feeling so inspired, re-energised and balanced again, despite the smirry weather. I am glad my former self thought 'why not' when I stumbled upon a leaflet somewhere in Renfrewshire . My wee maw, who is sleeping at mine tonight, is also very excited to bring the idea of 'climate visuals' to her community back in Ayrshire too."

Circular Economy

In collaboration with partners including **ReMode**, **Sewing2gether All Nations**, **Cycle Arts Festival**, **Dr Bike** and **Kustom Kruizers**, we delivered **36 upcycling and repair workshops**, including a **Repair Fair for International Repair Day**, engaging **293 participants**. To further promote local circular initiatives, we developed '**Circular Renfrewshire**', a directory of community initiatives and services enabling 'share and repair', upcycling and recycling. The directory is available in Renfrewshire Libraries and was promoted through a 'Better Than New' marketing campaign.

"Learning a completely new skill, made me think about how items considered as waste can be used to make a useful product rather than go to landfill."

- Remode Workshop Participant



RenCAN Fix & Mend Lochwinnoch

RenCAN Learn

In partnership with **Sustain the Change**, we delivered **3 tailored climate learning workshops** for local organisations, supporting those at an early stage of their climate journey to map goals and plan action. Alongside this, we co-created and launched **rencanlearn.org**, a **free, place-based, digital learning platform** offering bite-sized lessons, practical tools, and accessible, jargon-free resources to help people and organisations across Renfrewshire take meaningful climate action.

"These sessions marked the beginning of a vital organisational conversation. Scott helped us understand what sustainability truly means in practice, where it naturally connects to our work, and the meaningful changes we can make to become a more environmentally responsible organisation."

- Remode Workshop Participant



Photo Credit: NatureFix - tree planting with RSPB



RenCAN Bookbinding workshop with Remode



RenCAN Learn workshop with ACCORD Hospice



RenCAN bottle top workshop with 'Little Midges'



Himalayan Balsam picking session



Renfrewshire Repair Fair 2025



Climate Action Grants

This year we distributed **£14947.04** of climate action grants to support Renfrewshire groups and initiatives, funding **18 community groups** delivering a range of activities. These grants have enabled communities to take practical, community-led action.

- **Broadloan Gardens** - Started up a community seed library at Renfrew Library
- **Darkwood Crew** - Established a communal tool shed to enhance the accessibility, usability, and sustainability of the Ferguslie Community Growing Area
- **Oakshaw Trinity Church** - Created an eco-garden
- **School of African Cultures** - Delivered a 5 day October holiday climate action camp for young people: "friendship with nature"
- **Renfrew YMCA** - Delivered 5 community climate reduction activities for young people and their families
- **Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust** - Planted as many varying species of plants and flowers as possible within the garden space where further planting was necessary
- **Lochwinnoch Early Learning and Childcare Class** - Purchased a storage unit, a water irrigation system for the polytunnel and a canopy for creating a sheltered space in the woods
- **Chard Organic Produce CIC** - Purchased fruit trees to create an orchard at the field in Barnhill
- **Gala Ministry** - Purchasing sewing machines and basic sewing accessories to engage families in the Foxbar through the Mend, Adapt, Repurpose (MAR) Project
- **Sewing2gether All Nations** - Delivered 4 sewing workshops, engaging those from low-income backgrounds or refugee community
- **Friends of Clyde Muirshiel** - Purchased a printer, ink and paper supplies to produce and print a quarterly Friends of Clyde Muirshiel
- **Lochwinnoch Community Larder** - Developed a new growing space within the community garden
- **Grow in Glenburn** - Purchased a new polytunnel and raised beds to expand growing opportunities
- **Rainbow Turtle** - Purchased growing resources to deliver the 'Schools Growing Project 2026'
- **Tannhill Centre** - Delivered community cooking classes and solar panel learning sessions to youths
- **Erskine Riverfront Development Trust** - Enhancing the biodiversity of inherited land from Scottish Enterprise
- **Creating a Sustainable Gryffe** - Delivered a "Community Retrofitting Workshop"
- **Lochwinnoch Community Garden** - Wildflower meadow event in Lochwinnoch

Funding **£14,947**

People **1228**

Projects **18**

Funds levered **£820**



Photo credit: Lochwinnoch Early Learning and Childcare Class - story time under the shelter



Renfrew YMCA, litter pick



Erskine Riverfront Dev Trust , bat box

“RenCAN Hub funding was an invaluable leg-up to our community group, enabling the delivery of our first two public events. It allowed us to purchase two bat detectors, which we will use for future bat walks in the local area.”

“Without RenCAN grant we would not have been at the stage of having the garden restored and the young people would not have had opportunity to play with spring flowers blooming beside them”

Outreach & Community Engagement

Outreach events

This year, we delivered **53 outreach events**, weekly drop-in sessions at Paisley Library, organised litter picks, beachcombing and beach craft activities, and facilitated film screenings. We also contributed talks at a range of events, including community councils, a primary school session, a NESCAN seminar, and a Women's Institute meeting. In addition, we delivered a Climate Change Plan workshop that fed into the Scottish Government's CCP consultation. In total we have reached almost **350 people** through these events.



Paisley Library Drop-In



Beach Combing at Lunderston Bay



Block Printing at Renfrew Gala Day

Networking events

Additionally, we showcased our work at various other events including monthly **themed workshops** on topics such as community energy, growing and planting tips, setting up a tool library, bookbinding, and creating warmer homes, as well as quarterly network gatherings. We also collaborated with Renfrewshire Youth Services and the Climate Change Champions to co-host **Econet**, a climate-themed network event in June 2025. Through these events we have engaged with **548 people**.



Network Gathering



Fermentation Workshop with Bora



HSE at RenCAN 'Warmer Homes' Workshop



Eco Net Event



Tool Library Workshop with 'Friends of Barshaw'

Thank you to RenCAN our partners for this event, without their support and guidance we wouldn't have been able to run the event so successfully.

Looking Ahead

In 2026–27, RenCAN Hub will focus on developing and sustaining the growing network while strengthening connections between members. Key priorities include expanding core strands in conservation and the circular economy, continuing community - led climate learning through RenCAN Learn, as well as looking at new opportunities to build the Community Food Network.

Planned activity includes conservation volunteering opportunities, hands-on circular skills programmes with partners, repair and 'makers' initiatives, and support for community food growing, seed libraries, and connected networks. We will also build on engagement and awareness through participatory photo workshops with Open Aye.

We will continue to support and promote community-led climate action across Renfrewshire.



Photo Credit: NatureFix - visit to Barnhill Farm



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