

# MINUTES:

## Climate Psychology Alliance Scotland - Inaugural Meeting

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Glasgow School of Art

### Attendees:

Jackie	Beresford	JB	Environmental Officer	Dundee and Angus College
Clément	Bouveret	CB	Intern: Energy Management	Edinburgh Napier University
Steven	Giannandrea	SG	Soft Services Manager	City of Glasgow College
June	Graham	JG	Sustainable Development Officer	Keep Scotland Beautiful
Catherine	Happer	CH	Lecturer in Sociology	University of Glasgow
Rachel	Howell	RH	Lecturer in Sociology/SD	University of Edinburgh
Kasia	Janik	KJ	Sustainability Engagement Officer	Edinburgh Napier University
Osbert	Lancaster	OL	Director	Natural Change Limited
Julian Yves	Manley	JM	Research Associate	University of Central Lancashire
Fergal	McCauley	FM	Head of Facilities Management	City of Glasgow College
Rebecca	Petford	RP	Scotland Programme Manager	EAUC
Gemma	Stenhouse	GS	Procurement Manager	APUC Ltd
Kate	Thornback	KT	Environment Officer	SRUC
John	Thorne	JT	Sustainability Coordinator	Glasgow School of Art
John	Wincott	JW	Sustainability Advisor	Fife College

### Welcome

***Dr Julian Manley, University of Central Lancashire and Climate Psychology Alliance***

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

### Introduction to the Climate Psychology Alliance

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The Climate Psychology Alliance are a group of individuals, not all from a psychology background but also practitioners, interested in making connections between psychology and climate change to help build individual and collective resilience to the challenges climate change will bring.

They have an Annual Conference and a [Members Day](#) (coming up on 10<sup>th</sup> June and focusing on Telling Better Stories), as well as other opportunities to engage. Annual membership is £24, allowing access to discounted events and additional communications opportunities.

Glasgow School of Art are hosting an exhibition and visual matrix (psychosocial method designed to capture the emotional, affective visual reactions to the stimulus of the exhibition in a group setting) called [Water Ways](#) on 16<sup>th</sup> May. The event is free and open to all.

Generally, CPA is very Southern England oriented, and we would like to encourage more activity further north and focused on the Scottish identity and context by establishing CPA Scotland.

## **Discussion: Desire and Remit for a Climate Psychology Alliance Scotland Group**

***Led by Dr Julian Manley, University of Central Lancashire and Climate Psychology Alliance and John Thorne, Glasgow School of Art***

Keen to hear ideas for CPA Scotland in terms of identity and focus. The remit is up to the group, but should use a climate psychology lens. A later meeting can be organised to establish this formally but initial ideas are welcome.

- Idea of having this discussion taking place in Scotland was welcomed by those present.
- Scotland has a distinctive culture and having this conversation for Scotland and engaging with policy makers here through our own branch would be valuable.
- Meetings could take place approximately once a month to consider the psycho-social approach and different applications. Meetings could rotate around central belt venues.
- Other groups might be interested in collaborating – Common Weal, New Economics Foundation, etc.
- Group should bring non-psychologists together with psychologists to understand knowledge, emotions and how they drive engagement with climate change. Broader than FHE – the group would be open to attendees from all areas, including students.
- Desire to have a discounted membership cost for students and unwaged to make it open and inclusive.
- Need to be clear about what the benefits would be for attendees in communications.
- EAUC-Scotland and SSN can support advertising for new attendees.

Next steps:

- Suggest scheduling a first meeting to talk about remit, constitution, governing body, frequency of meetings, and establish then a Constitutional Group to take on some of the formal elements – 5.30pm, Edinburgh, late June/early July.
- Individuals can sign up to the Climate Psychology Alliance [online](#) and pay membership, *but please put SCO next to your name if you do so, so they know to allocate the funds to Scotland*

### **ACTION POINTS:**

- Doodle Poll for next meeting to be set up by JM
- RP to provide JM with contact details for those present at the meeting to share the poll

### **Thanks and Close**

***Dr Julian Manley, University of Central Lancashire and Climate Psychology Alliance and John Thorne, Glasgow School of Art***

Thanks to all for their comments, and to those who contributed to the climate psychology discussions as part of the EAUC-Scotland [event](#) earlier in the day.

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