

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Climate Change

Annual report 2024-25

About us

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Climate Change exists to run events and activities in parliament with the purpose of advancing understanding of policy issues surrounding climate change and enabling cross-party discussion and action on climate policy.

The group is Chaired by Luke Murphy MP for Basingstoke and the Secretariat is provided by Uplift.

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Chair's introduction

Luke Murphy MP



It has been a busy year for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Climate Change (Climate APPG) in a new parliament. As some members of parliament, myself included, settled into our new roles, we were reminded that the outside world does not wait. Last year was officially the planet's warmest year on record and, as I write this, the UK is on track to have more wildfires in 2025 than in any other year before.

Meanwhile, high energy bills continue to worsen fuel poverty and hold back investment in the UK. The Climate APPG has continued its work to tackle the root cause: an overreliance on fossil fuels which the UK has no choice but to import, leaving us dangerously exposed to volatile international markets.

Putting fairness at the heart of the energy transition is vital to ensuring action to tackle climate change maintains public support. Climate policies can also create economic opportunities for the UK, and with the right support can create high quality, productive jobs to bring prosperity to regions that have been too often left behind, or those reliant on sectors in long term decline.

The North Sea is a mature basin for oil and gas extraction, where employment has been falling for a number of years. However, the skills and expertise of these workers are absolutely crucial for powering the clean energy revolution. The Climate APPG has played a vital role this year in calling for measures that ensure new opportunities for those workers are provided in clean energy, and that they are supported to move into new forms of employment.

This is important, not only for the UK's energy and climate security, but for other countries who will also need to manage a transition away from fossil fuels. The UK has an opportunity to demonstrate that this transition can be done fairly and in a way that improves the long term prospects of its workers.

I have been honoured to chair the Climate APPG over the last year, at a time when driving forward action on climate change is more important than ever. Working with talented colleagues across the house, we have made great progress towards a fairer, greener Britain.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I am confident that the Climate APPG will continue to be a powerful voice for ambitious climate action, showing that cross-party support can drive progress and secure a safer future for generations to come.

Luke Murphy MP
Chair of the Climate APPG

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Our vision: A fairer, greener Britain

This year the APPG worked towards a strategy first adopted in 2023, when the spike in global gas prices and resulting cost-of-living crisis underlined the need for a rapid transition away from insecure fossil fuels and towards cleaner and safer energy systems.

Since the adoption of the strategy, global average temperatures have breached 1.5C above pre-industrial levels for the first time. The Met Office's annual climate stocktake highlighted the effects on the UK's weather patterns, stating that extreme weather is the UK's new normal. As climate costs escalate, at home and abroad, the cost of the transition is falling, as technologies innovate and improve. The economic case for the transition has never been clearer.

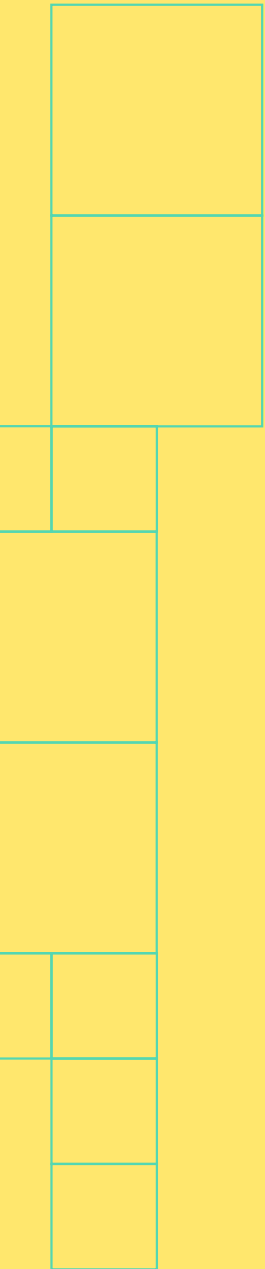
The Climate APPG has worked to achieve five bold goals designed to repower the UK in a way that safeguards the planet for future generations, while unlocking economic opportunities, strengthening energy security and cutting the cost of living. This year, and in response to increasingly frequent extreme weather events, the APPG adopted a new goal of highlighting the impacts that climate change is already having, underlining the imperative to move away from fossil fuels rapidly.

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Transform the North Sea's economic future: Exploring how the UK can transition away from oil and gas extraction, whilst supporting the alternatives, and bolstering regional opportunities for the energy transition.

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Boost energy security by scaling the alternatives: Championing the roll out of renewables, energy efficiency measures and the infrastructure needed for a decarbonised grid as well as the benefits these developments can bring to the UK economy and consumer financial wellbeing.



3

Build a net zero workforce: Engaging with unions, academics and business to secure the building blocks of a fair transition for workers, whilst empowering communities across the UK.

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Highlight the impacts of climate change: Exploring where and how the costs of climate change are felt, including by households, businesses and government, and the importance of acting now to prevent costs in the future.

5

Encourage UK climate leadership on the world stage: International rhetoric must be matched by real domestic action, support for the global fossil fuel phase out, and seek to join and lead in international fora.

Progress report

Welcoming a new cohort of climate champions to parliament

From October to December 2024, the Climate APPG co-ran a Climate and Nature Leadership Programme with the Environment APPG, aiming to engage and encourage a new cohort of climate and nature champions, following the July general election. All in all, 40 MPs and Peers attended sessions, from all major political parties.

Participants heard from high profile speakers such as Professor Jim Skea, chair of the IPCC, Emma Pinchbeck, CEO of the Climate Change Committee and Ruth Davis, the UK's first special representative for nature.

Sessions ranged from roundtables on the latest in climate and nature science, to a workshop run by Climate Outreach on how MPs can become more effective climate communicators.

The programme finished with a parliamentary reception to thank those who had taken part and reflect on the importance of championing ambitious climate and nature policy in parliament. Attendees heard from Emma Pinchbeck, CEO of the Climate Change Committee about the economic opportunities that come with meeting climate targets, and from the UK's special representative for nature, Ruth Davis, on the crucial moment for raising the bar on nature recovery.

The Chair of the Environment APPG said that *“speaking to colleagues, the Climate and Nature Leadership Programme is one of the most positive things they’ve done since joining parliament”*



Promoting UK climate leadership on the world stage

The APPG successfully called on the government to appoint a climate envoy to represent the UK on the world stage and drive forward its climate priorities in international fora. In September, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero appointed Rachel Kyte as the UK's special representative for climate, filling a role that had been vacant for over a year.

In November 2024, Azerbaijan hosted the COP29 climate summit in Baku. The Climate APPG supported parliamentarians to boost UK ambition ahead of the summit and provided opportunities for members to engage directly with key players.

- In September, the APPG supported members in securing an important Westminster Hall debate on UK priorities for COP29.

Parliamentarians spoke about the increasing impacts of climate change - on their constituents and beyond, and the important role that the UK plays in international climate diplomacy. They reflected on how demonstrating climate action domestically puts the UK on a strong footing to influence other countries and called on the government to prioritise the phase out of fossil fuels in international negotiations.

- In October the APPG invited Minister Kerry McCarthy MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero to brief members on the UK's priorities at COP29 and discuss the international climate agenda. Members had the opportunity to express support for international fossil fuel phaseout and global cooperation on climate and energy.
- Alongside the Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit, the APPG connected directly with the COP29 summit, in a webinar with negotiators on the ground in Baku. Members heard from the UK's special representative for nature, Ruth Davis, as well as Eve Deakin from the UK negotiating strategy team in the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and Mike Williams and Courtney Federico from the Centre for American Progress. Speakers discussed how COP29 was a critical summit for showing global commitment to delivering the Paris Agreement in the midst of geopolitical turmoil, and how the UK's ambitious Nationally Determined Contribution had been received very well, demonstrating the UK's leadership position on climate action internationally.

"If we get our priorities right, then this COP29 climate conference is our chance to fearlessly lead the way to a better future, both at home and abroad."

Deirdre Costigan, Labour MP for Ealing Southall and Climate APPG member



Championing a fair transition for energy workers

Over the last year, the Climate APPG has convened and campaigned on the need to provide routes into clean energy employment for those who are currently working in high carbon sectors, particularly in the North Sea oil and gas workforce.

- In June the APPG invited Michael Shanks, Minister for Energy, to speak on the government's vision for the North Sea's energy future. The session allowed members to question the Minister on how the government is involving communities in transition planning and investing in enabling infrastructure for renewables, such as ports.
- In July, the APPG invited Sarah Jones, Minister for Industry, and the Office for Clean Energy Jobs to brief members on their work to scale up the clean energy sector and create good, high quality jobs. Members heard how the Industrial Strategy aims to break down barriers to investment in clean energy, while the upcoming Clean Energy Workforce Strategy will outline plans to fill skill shortages with new workers and those already in the workforce. Members put questions to the minister on skills planning and the importance of job quality.

Following an insightful roundtable on Putting the UK on track for a fair energy transition with academics, trade unions and a former oil and gas worker, the APPG launched its 'Five goals for a fair energy transition' in June.

The goals set out the ambitious and transformative policies needed for a transition away from oil and gas production that delivers for workers and communities. They include:

- Coherent transition planning, delivered in partnership with Scottish Government, workers and unions.
- Oil and gas policy that aligns with the UK's climate commitments
- Boosting investment in domestic renewables manufacturing
- Supporting workers to transition into new clean energy jobs
- Securing benefits from the energy transition for affected communities

"If the goal is also to provide North sea workers and communities with the long-term security that they deserve—and it must be—new oil and gas fields are still not the answer."

Carla Denyer, Green MP for Bristol West and Vice Chair of the Climate APPG

Climate in the chamber

APPG members made regular parliamentary interventions throughout the year, raising ambition on climate and energy policy as well as holding the government to account. The APPG supported cross-party parliamentarians to:

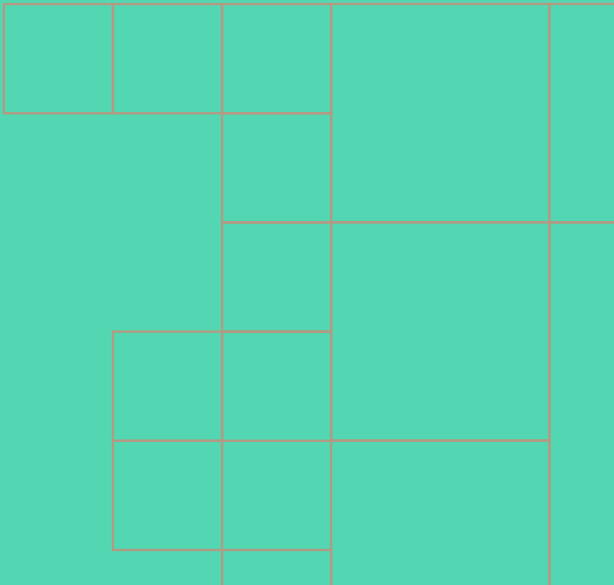
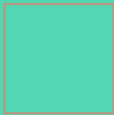
- Secure debates on climate and energy transition issues.
- Hold the government to account with written and oral questions on the costs of climate change, COP29, expanding clean energy, improving job conditions in the renewables sector, supporting workers transitioning from oil and gas, and bringing oil and gas policy in line with climate science.
- Call for the highest level of ambition in urgent questions on the Rosebank and Jackdaw oilfield and ministerial statements on building the north sea's energy future and the state of UK climate and nature.

"Make no mistake: [Storm Éowyn] was caused by climate change and is yet another warning—if one were needed—against rowing back on our net zero commitments."

Graham Leadbitter, SNP MP for Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey and Climate APPG member

Our plans for 2025-2026

The Climate APPG secretariat will continue to deliver on its vision by supporting parliamentarians in advocating for ambitious climate action over the next year.



Financial report 2024-25

Budget Line Item	Amount	Original Budget
Employment Cost	£77,538	£105,000
Contractors	£160	£6,200
Visits and Events UK	£2,561	£17,700
Office and Communication Costs	£254	£10,000
Overall Total	£80,513	£138,900

Budget 2025-2026

Budget Line Item	Budget
Employment Cost	£108,150
Contractors	£10,000
Visits and Events	£10,501
Office and Communication Costs	£6,420
Overall Total	£118,150

Secretariat report

Uplift will continue to serve as the secretariat to the Climate APPG. Uplift is a research and advocacy organisation which aims to support a fossil free future, they are funded by foundations and philanthropic organisations, who we would like to thank for their support. Both Uplift, and the Climate APPG do not receive funding from foreign governments.

Uplift will continue to provide support to the Climate APPG in both (i) staff time and (ii) direct funds to ensure that the APPG is able to offer quality events and supporting materials, during what is such a crucial time for climate action.

The Climate APPG staff team within Uplift in 2025/26 will be:

- Zoe Avison, Senior Political Adviser
- Estelle Limon, Political Adviser
- Olly Baker, Political Adviser

- Isobel Mercer, Interim Head of Politics
- Graham Banton, Chief Operating Officer

Support will also be given as needed on press and media by Uplift's communications team. We would like to thank Alice Watson, Political Adviser and Gwen Peters, Head of Politics for their support of the Climate APPG in 2024/25.

Thanks

The APPG's success would not have been possible without the support and dedication of our members. We thank them for their unwavering commitment to championing ambitious climate action in Parliament and look forward to working with them over the coming year.

Members 2024-25

- Luke Murphy MP (Chair)
- Carla Denyer MP (Vice Chair)
- Pippa Heylings MP (Vice Chair)
- Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park (Vice Chair)
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- Andrew Pakes MP
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