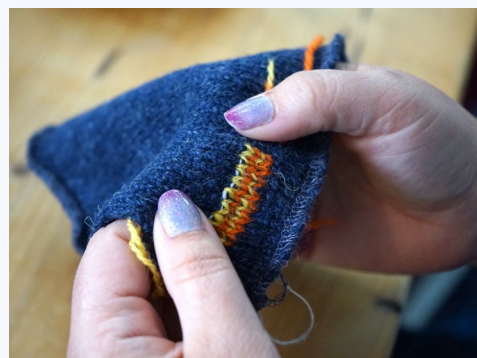




Year one report



Reducing waste and promoting sustainable consumption in the Highlands



Introduction

The climate emergency is being fuelled by the way that we consume, that is, how we buy, use and dispose of things.

If we are to address it, we need to move towards a more circular economy, where we both use and waste less.

At a local level, this means using things better, for longer, reducing the impact of waste on our communities and working together to make the most of what we've got.

This will help cut costs and strengthen community, growing local, grassroots initiatives and transforming the way we live, to reduce our environmental impact and help build towards a more sustainable future.

80%

of Scotland's carbon footprint



comes from things we buy, use and throw away, often after one use

*Zero Waste Scotland, 2017 - <https://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/resources/how-scotlands-carbon-footprint-changing>



Who we are

The Highland Community Waste Partnership (HCWP) is a community-led collaboration working to reduce waste and build a movement for more sustainable consumption in the Highlands.

Launched in April 2022 and funded by The National Lottery Climate Action Fund until April 2025, we are working to raise awareness, promote more circular services and skills, trial interventions and share learning across three key areas of waste.

 <p>FOOD WASTE & COMPOSTING</p>	<p>We are working to reduce food waste in households and businesses and to promote composting, so that anything left over can be reused as a resource, rather than sent to landfill to rot.</p>
 <p>SHARE & REPAIR</p>	<p>We are working to bring share & repair skills and services to everyone across the Highlands, to help break wasteful cycles of throwing things away and buying things new.</p>
 <p>PACKAGING & SINGLE-USE</p>	<p>We're working with businesses and communities around the Highlands to trial and promote alternatives to single-use packaging and other items.</p>

The HCWP is coordinated by Keep Scotland Beautiful and led and implemented by eight community groups across the Highlands:

- 1  BROADFORD & STRATH COMMUNITY COMPANY
- 2  HIGHLAND GOOD FOOD PARTNERSHIP
- 3  LAIRG & DISTRICT learning centre
- 4  LOCHABER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP
- 5  Thurso Community Development Trust
- 6  Transition Black Isle
- 7  L U C T
- 8  BICYCLE WORKSHOP VELOCITY CAFE



Each partner has different areas of interest, experience and expertise. By joining forces, we are sharing ideas and learning, and working to expand our reach and impact to the wider Highland community.

Partnership development

At its heart, the HCWP is about fostering collaboration and, by joining forces, to build a movement for more sustainable consumption across the Highlands. This means bringing together partners with different approaches and ways of working to cover a wide array of complex topics and over a vast geographical area.

In order to ensure success and maximise impact, we've undertaken important development work in year one, to establish the necessary infrastructure for partnership working, coordination and communications and ensure effective and efficient governance and delivery:

- We've established a Partnership Management Group, which helps set our course, as well as our Delivery Team of Officers from each partner organisation, who lead on implementation.
- We've built relationships, learned how we each work and how to work together and established internal processes to support this.
- We've had two in-person meet-ups, with all partners coming together from across the Highlands, to discuss ideas and progress.
- We've also created a visual identity and built a website and social media platforms, so that we can deliver more coordinated communications and other outputs.



Delivery and impact

Whilst laying the groundwork for our Partnership to flourish, we have also been progressing delivery of a number of initiatives, including the following:

Workshops and events

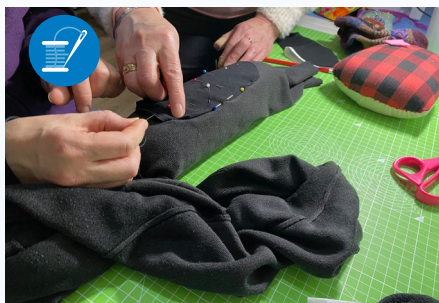
147 workshops and events delivered, engaging **1,581** people across the Highlands

Our [programme of workshops and events](#) aims to provide people in the Highlands with the opportunity to develop their understanding of issues relating to waste and consumption, build learning and skills around how they can start to change their habits and reduce waste in their day to day lives.



5 film nights
13 climate conversations

Our film nights and climate cafés are an opportunity to bring communities together in exploring the topics of consumption and waste.



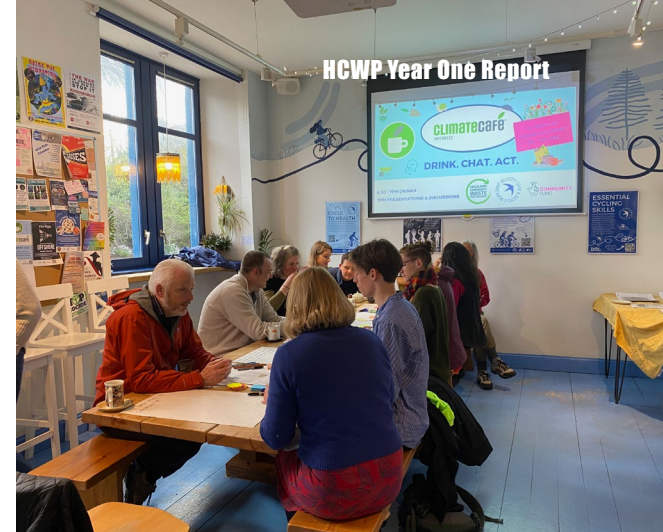
Over **1,267** items saved from landfill, through over **80** sharing, repairing or upcycling events and workshops.

Our share and repair events and workshops help extend the life of existing items, saving them from landfill as well as preventing the consumption of new items.



13 Food waste workshops
6 Composting workshops

Our food waste reduction and composting workshops help individuals and households to save money as well as reducing their waste and carbon footprints.



Increasing home composting

116 composters given out in Lochaber and an estimated **12,064** kg of food waste is estimated to be diverted from landfill each year, as a result of our composting workshops.



[Lochaber Environment Group](#) are leading the partnership with their work to promote home composting, through a combination of composting workshops and guidance and the provision of free composters across the Lochaber area.

Case study:



Read more about how this work has helped a member of their community to reduce the impact of their food waste.

[Read more](#)



Reducing hospitality food waste

The Highland Good Food Partnership, supported by Lochaber Environment Group, have been working with Zero Waste Scotland (ZWS) [to engage businesses across the Highland hospitality sector](#) with the ZWS Business Food Waste One Month Challenge.

This tool helps businesses understand their current food waste levels and make an action plan to reduce them.

Over **100** hospitality businesses encouraged to reduce their food waste, in collaboration with Zero Waste Scotland.



Single-use packaging

In year one we've worked on developing a number of initiatives to address packaging waste, both locally and across the region. This includes solutions for single-use food and drink packaging, including reusable cup schemes and single-use cup recycling. These are due to roll out in year two.

Case study:



Read about the work of Velocity Café & Bicycle Workshop to promote reuse by encouraging customers to use reusable cups and lunchboxes and implementing a charge on single-use cups.

[Read more](#)



Youth Climate Advocates

10 Youth Climate Advocates provided with free Climate Emergency Training in the Highlands.

Led by Keep Scotland Beautiful, our [Youth Climate Advocates programme](#) was developed to provide free accredited Climate Emergency Training to young people in the Highlands. Advocates then have the opportunity to take action on waste and consumption in their communities.



Communications and engagement

All our work is underpinned by communications and engagement activity, which is crucial to building a movement for more sustainable consumption.

This includes raising awareness around our work, as well as campaigning on key issues and what can be done about them. We do this through our website and social media channels, regional and local publicity, as well as direct engagement on the ground, in local communities.

Over **150,000** people reached through communications activity on our social media channels and through local press.

1,194 people engaged through outreach at local events.



Website:

www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/highland-community-waste



Facebook:

[@HighlandCommunityWaste](https://www.facebook.com/HighlandCommunityWaste)



Instagram:

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Partner spotlights

Have a closer look at what individual partners have been up to as part of the Highland Community Waste Partnership.



Bradford & Strath Community Company



Highland Good Food Partnership



Lairg & District Learning Centre



Lochaber Environmental Group



Lochbroom & Ullapool Community Trust



Transition Black Isle



Thurso Community Development Trust



Velocity Café & Bicycle Workshop



Broadford & Strath Community Company



Broadford and Strath Community Company aims to create a strong, self-sufficient, inclusive and eco-friendly community. We are involved in many projects to improve local amenities, support health and well-being, enhance our environment, and more.

Year one highlights

- We've collaborated with Skye Climate Action to host a series of climate conversations about our current food system and how to improve it. This has led to the creation a weekly Sunday Lunch Hub in the Broadford village hall, which uses only local ingredients and doubles as a warm hub in the winter.
- We have set up a bi-monthly waste film club with ClubFilm, showing waste and consumption related films such as Landfill Harmonic.
- We have set up a pool of 500 reusable cups for use at local events instead of disposables. We are supporting a series of monthly 'Make-do and mend' workshops at RagTag & Textile in Broadford.
- We started delivering composting workshops in Portree including working with schools and UHI to make compost bins and raised beds from waste materials.
- We have regular features in the West Highland Free Press, as well as a weekly Tuesday morning [segment on Radio Skye](#), talking about waste and consumption.
- We are looking into options for cardboard reuse on the island and have also been investigating a reusable pizza box scheme at a local campsite.

What does it mean to your organisation to be part of the HCWP?



"We are thrilled to be part of such an exciting initiative across the Highlands. We are a year into the project and can already see how the connections we have established between different community groups are contributing to Skye and Raasay's sustainable consumption journey." Fiona Gallie (Project Officer).





Highland Good Food Partnership



The Highland Good Food Partnership is an ambitious organisation that brings people together from across the region and from all parts of the food sector, from farmers to dieticians and from ecologists to consumers. We are passionately collaborative and strongly believe that taking a systems approach to food is imperative. Our vision is a Highland food system that is a resilient, regenerative and supportive ecosystem of communities, farmers, crofters, food businesses, public bodies and consumers built on diversity, interconnectedness and fairness to enable health and well-being for all of life.

Year one highlights

- Our focus in year one has been on promoting food waste reduction within the hospitality sector, highlighting both the cost savings as well as the positive impact on the climate.
- We've been working with Zero Waste Scotland to engage hospitality businesses with their Food Waste Challenge toolkit.
- Over 100 businesses have engaged with our Food Waste Challenge events and workshops, which we've adapted as needed to range from in-person one-to-one sessions to online workshops.

What does it mean to your organisation to be part of the HCWP?

“Working in partnership is essential as we work towards being a good food region. The HCWP is a diverse, energised collaboration that we are very proud to be part of and we believe it is a wonderful platform to strengthen relationships, knowledge and sustainable food waste practices across the region. Only through working together and supporting each other can we create the change that is required.”

Lairg & District Learning Centre

Lairg & District Learning Centre are an independent learning centre based in Sutherland with the aim of making community learning accessible for all. We work with diverse rural communities across Sutherland and beyond delivering a wide range of learning opportunities including employability skills, arts, languages, IT & Digital skills, woodworking, outdoor learning and more.

Year one highlights

- We've developed and delivered a series of workshops focused on reusing and recycling – thrift flip, woodwork, foraging and composting - working with locally available tutors to provide learning experiences that lead to a more sustainable future.
- We've created a regular Maker Space drop-in session focused on bringing people together in a safe space to tackle loneliness & social isolation as well as reducing textile waste by nurturing skills and talent of local people to pass on skills in sewing, mending, crafting etc.
- Developing confidence and connections.
- Developing a programme of ECO Classes – interacting with people and showing them how to do something with the resources you have to reduce single use items – face pads, kitchen roll, food coverings, tote bags, felted soap.
- Tackling Rural Plastics through bunting making workshops using old Feed Sacks
- Forming connections in the communities around us – exploring ways of working with them on behaviour change. Making connections and using local skills.
- Attending the local community market on a monthly basis to promote the work of the HCWP and different workshops focused on behaviour change.
- Bringing creative recycling solutions to local initiatives and events e.g. making a Poppy Cascade for the War Memorial Centenary out of second hand wool and deer netting off cuts in partnership with Lairg & District Community Initiatives.

What does it mean to your organisation to be part of the HCWP?

“Through being part of the HCWP we've been able to build on the work we began with Climate Challenge Fund projects developing a regular programme of learning opportunities focused on reusing, recycling and working towards a net zero future. This includes continuing to build relationships with tutors and communities as well as developing new relationships both locally and Highland wide. Being part of the partnership has enabled skills sharing and networking as well as being able to work together with likeminded organisations (and individuals) on global issues relating to behaviour change.”





Lochaber Environmental Group



[Lochaber Environmental Group](#) is working to reduce carbon emissions and foster a sustainable future for the environment and communities of Lochaber, focusing on active travel, local food production, waste reduction, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Year one highlights

- We're promoting home composting by providing free compost bins (made by volunteers at The Workshop Studios) across Lochaber, running composting workshops, and sharing good practice. In year one we distributed 116 compost bins in the Lochaber region.
- We've re-issued The Spirit of the Soil, a Highland-specific soil fertility and composting guide, to help people in the Highlands reduce the carbon footprint of their food.
- We're working towards setting up a Repair Café and extending our tool library, by learning from others, thanks to the Circular Communities Scotland Learning Exchange programme.
- We've provided community engagement and events on a variety of topics, including food waste, upcycling and sharing/swapping pre-loved items.
- We're making connections across the region with other community groups and local businesses, to help raise awareness and engage stakeholders with our work.
- We've also helped make consumption and waste a priority in the Fort William Community Action Group Action Plans: "People are able to identify the links between consumption, waste, cost of living and Net Zero".

What does it mean to your organisation to be part of the HCWP?



Being part of the Highland Community Waste Partnership enables Lochaber Environmental Group to share activity and learning across a number of similar, like-minded groups. By creating a movement that links consumption and waste to climate change, that is shared across the Highlands lends greater dissemination, authority and gravitas to the work we are doing. We are able to work with our partners to increase knowledge, provide additional opportunities and engage on much larger projects and pilots.





Lochbroom & Ullapool Community Trust



Lochbroom & Ullapool Community Trust's (LUCT) goal is to support the community to be healthy, inclusive and environmentally and economically sustainable. We deliver projects of our own and act as a development agency to nurture other groups, initiatives and kick start projects.

Year one highlights

- Empowering the community with knowledge and practical skills through well-received workshops & events, including film nights, repair and upcycling workshops, swishing events and food waste reduction and composting workshops.
- Overall, we've raised our profile in the local community, which is allowing us to increase our reach and impact:
 - Our social media page reach is up 177% from last year and page likes are up 85% giving us the opportunity to engage with more of the community about reducing consumption and promoting a more circular economy.
 - Our second hand store, the New Broom, has also seen a 20% increase in donations and a 37% increase in revenue. We're seeing more younger customers buying pre-loved clothing, asking about repairs and buying garments to upcycle. We've diverted 15 tonnes from landfill in the past year, including 185 items of upcycled furniture and bric-a-brac and 365 electrical items, thanks to more PAT testing.
- Connecting to other organisations and businesses working in the same space, including a visit to Moray Waste Busters and Green Hive, which have provided us with new ideas, inspiration and motivation.
- Progress on larger projects including a Highland wide Repair/Reuse/Recycle map and a car sharing project.

What does it mean to your organisation to be part of the HCWP?

“ We love being part of the HCWP! We get fabulous ideas from other partners on what we can do to reduce waste, and, most importantly, we can employ someone with the skills, time (and passion!) to put some of these ideas into practice in our own area. Working together means we can make a real difference. ”

Transition Black Isle

[Transition Black Isle](#) is part of the worldwide Transition movement, and we see our role as helping Black Isle communities thrive in the face of climate change and disruption to global resources. Our activities include encouraging non-car travel, promoting energy saving measures, running community markets, supporting local food producers as well as helping people to grow more of their own food and to make their own compost.

Year one highlights

- We've established the Black Isle Repair Café, which occurs monthly at different venues around the Black Isle area. In year one we processed a total of 155 items, with 97 of them successfully repaired.
- We've delivered a wide range of community engagement with waste and consumption topics, including through door knocking, communications activity and events.
- We held the first Black Isle Climate Festival / Gathering in July 2022. 90 people attended this event which included the launch of the Black Isle Repair Café and the Highland Community Waste Partnership. The event included various other activities to encourage engagement across all ages as well as other stalls centred around reducing waste including advice and info on reduce, reuse and recycling, reusable nappies and composting.
- We were part of the Fringe Climate Festival activities with the Black Isle Repair Café which took part in Cromarty and included printing activities to encourage families with children to take part.
- We've fed waste and consumption engagement into Opportunity Black Isle - Place Plan community consultations, including through an information stall and engagement with attendees on how we can support individuals and communities to tackle waste and consumption.

What does it mean to your organisation to be part of the HCWP?

“It is enormously useful having a member of staff to take forward a project which promotes our core beliefs, but we get much more benefit from working with the other partner organisations in HCWP – and those relationships will continue after the 3 years of HCWP.”





Thurso Community Development Trust



Thurso Community Development Trust aims to make Thurso on the North Coast of Scotland a better place to live, work and visit through sustainable community led development. For the community, by the community.

Year one highlights

- Thurso Community Development Trust initiated monthly-run swaps that have become very popular with the Thurso community. In year one we ran swaps of high-fashion garments, Halloween costumes, Christmas decorations, warm items, books and gardening equipment attended by over 150 participants, and we managed to rescue 450+ items from landfill.
- We ran film screenings, held climate conversations, enjoyed refreshing foraging walks and even had a dip at Thurso Midnight Swim as part of Climate Festival 2022.
- We hold monthly Repair Cafés where people can obtain valuable skills of repairing their bikes, clocks, small electricals, clothing and textiles. They can sharpen their gardening tools and knives too. We make short tutorials about most common and basic faults of household items and ways to diagnose and fix them independently.
- We deliver exciting upcycling workshops where participants learn how to reuse what they already have. During year one, we made draught excluders from old blankets and coats, beautiful waste-free Christmas gift wrapping using scarves and tea towels, easter wreaths from garden waste, and lovely home decorations by folding old, unwanted books..
- Our sewing classes for beginners are always booked out and have a waiting list, which is a sign of a heartwarming tendency for our community stepping away from fast fashion and becoming more sustainable and local.
- Zero Waste cooking workshops are always a hit and we enjoyed learning together how to make nut milk, cook one-pot dishes from various world cuisines, and do tray baking and batch cooking.

What does it mean to your organisation to be part of the HCWP?



"It is extremely positive that we are becoming established as a go-to organisation when it comes to issues relating to waste and consumption in the Caithness community. This is testament to the difference we're making!"



Velocity Café & Bicycle Workshop

[Velocity Café and Bicycle Workshop](#) is a social enterprise based in Inverness. Velocity runs a vegetarian café, bicycle workshop and offers a range of projects to promote health, wellbeing and sustainability.

Year one highlights

- Started Inverness' first climate café which now run monthly with great attendance and different themes and guest speakers
- Hosted the Highlands first ever art materials swap event in partnership with the Circular Arts Network (CAN) with over 70 people attending and over 300 items swapped. News of this event was heard across Scotland and has now inspired venues in Glasgow to now run art swaps!
- We hosted a Jumble Trail in partnership with Crown Connects to encourage sharing, reduce what the community is needing to spend to get new items, promote a more circular economy and a passion for pre-loved items. Our first one had over 100 people attend and we are hosting our second this June.
- Our monthly mending circles at Velocity Café are a great success with people bringing along a variety of garments to mend and work on each time.
- Our vegetable fermentation workshops are a great way to prevent food waste and have sold out multiple times.
- Working in partnership with the Highland Council to encourage the uptake of household food waste recycling through community engagement, surveys and door knocking.
- Filming with BBC Alba to talk with a family about ways they can reduce food waste.
- Velocity Café introduced [40p charges for single-use](#) cups and containers as a way to reduce waste and change consumer behaviour which has inspired other Highland businesses to do the same. The charges in combination with branded reusable items has been a good talking point for customers to help raise awareness.

What does it mean to your organisation to be part of the HCWP?

“It has been great for Velocity Café & Bicycle Workshop to be part of the Highland Community Waste Partnership as it has enabled us to collaborate with organisations across the Highlands, share ideas and explore different kinds of events and workshops. The project has helped us to initiate more climate action in Inverness and bring people together after the pandemic.”





Keep Scotland Beautiful

[Keep Scotland Beautiful](#) is Scotland's charity for the environment. Our vision is for a clean, green, sustainable Scotland. Our mission is to inspire changes in behaviour to improve our environment, the quality of people's lives, their wellbeing and the places that they care for.

Year one highlights

- As the coordinating partner of the HCWP, we've led on all aspects of partnership development and coordination in year one, including establishing a governance structure, collaboration infrastructure and processes, a brand identity, engagement strategy and communications channels.
- We've created a bespoke, accredited Climate Emergency Training programme, focusing on waste and consumption in the context of the Scottish Highlands. We've delivered this training free, to 10 young people aged 11-24 in the Highlands, as part of our [Youth Climate Advocates](#) programme.
- We've been engaging with the packaging-free retail sector in the Highlands in order to understand how to best work in this space, as part of our wider ambitions to reduce packaging use and waste.
- We've also made significant progress with developing a cup recycling pilot for the region, in collaboration with the National Cup Recycling Scheme.

What does it mean to your organisation to be part of the HCWP?

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Being part of the HCWP has been an amazing opportunity to work with, learn from and support Highland communities in delivering environmental solutions from the ground up. We see this project as a unique opportunity to generate valuable insights and learning around what works best in the real world.

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Looking forward to year two



Broadford and Strath Community Company



In year two, we will continue to deliver events and workshops, building on the great community links we've established so far, as well as a number of new initiatives, including:

- A cardboard re-use project, working with local businesses and communities to explore various solutions for reusing cardboard packaging.
- A reusable pizza box pilot, in the closed-loop system of our campsite.
- Expanding the use of our reusable cup pool for events, mostly aimed at weddings, as well as joining the Party Kit network, to help further reduce waste from events.



The Highland Good Food Partnership



We will continue to engage both hospitality and other businesses in the Highlands to reduce their food waste, and work to produce case studies with businesses that have used the toolkit.

In addition, we're excited to be doing more to promote community composting. We believe that, if communities can take more responsibility for processing their waste, they will be more inclined to reduce the amount of it. Composting is a practical way to do this, if certain challenges can be overcome, and doing it locally also reduces the GHG emissions associated with transporting waste to municipal facilities – a particular issue in the Highlands. Our aim is to identify communities which are interested in exploring this and supporting them to design a process for doing so.



Lairg & District Learning Centre



We're looking forward to continuing to develop new creative workshops and projects with our communities, both in person and online, including:

- Working with TYKES (Sutherland Young Carers Project) to reduce textile waste.
- Exploring local food growing through our Let's Get Growing project.
- Working with Sutherland Girls on Boards to deliver 2 wellbeing days with workshops on recycling wetsuit materials.
- Contributing to the HCWP programme of online events with a range of workshops.



Lochaber Environmental Group

Going forward we are most excited about the continued opportunities to encourage more people to do much more about waste reduction. We are looking forward to more Highland-wide inclusive delivery with more online and shared events. We are also excited to be getting out and about within Lochaber to deliver activities and events in conjunction with other communities and groups. By collaborating with local groups, and learning from our HCWP partners, we believe the HCWP reach will be much greater than a sum of the individual parts.

Some highlights to look out for include:

- Our work to promote in-vessel composters, including rehoming a 1700 Rocket composter within the Lochaber area and setting up a user group for in vessel composters in the Highlands.
- Setting up a new repair café in conjunction with other local organisations and learning from the Community Learning Exchange visit.
- Continuing to promote composting at home, through workshops and other learning support and our composter give-away scheme.



Lochbroom & Ullapool Community Trust

- Working on larger projects that will have a lasting impact on the community including a Highland-wide Repair/Reuse/Recycle map and promoting opportunities for car sharing locally.
- Bringing opportunities for reuse and repair to the community that normally aren't available through events and workshops including pre-loved clothing sales.
- Creating awareness around single use packaging and working with local businesses to promote options for refill and reuse.



Transition Black Isle

We're excited to build on the great relationships we've built with residents and community groups and encourage more people to get involved. In year 2 we're working towards:

- Developing Climate Café Black Isle by supporting young people to get involved and embedding established groups into communities.
- Supporting the Black Isle Repair Café to flourish and thrive. Working with Circular Communities Scotland and the Share and Repair network to streamline reporting processes and contribute to national statistics.
- Releasing an updated 'Food Waste Challenge' which will be available Highland-wide.
- Exploring developing a Black Isle 'Library of things' to facilitate sharing of assets between community groups and residents.





Thurso Community Development Trust



- Thinking about waste in a greater context of climate change. Fusion with work on environmental sustainability and biodiversity, mental health and employability issues.
- Establishing strong connections with local community and environmental groups to join forces in delivering unique and useful events.
- Mapping local repair and recycling services and promoting circularity and sustainability to local businesses.
- Piloting reusable container schemes with the oldest and youngest members of our community – members of Senior Lunch Club and schoolchildren.
- Generating online content, tutorials on zero waste living and online events for our remote rural areas to be – and feel – included.



Velocity Café & Bicycle Workshop



We are really excited to continue running our range of events and trying new things out, including:

- Being part of the Highland Climate Festival in September where we will see a huge variety of organisations come together and get people more involved in taking action.
- Working in partnership with a PhD student from the University of the Highlands and Islands to run climate book groups throughout Autumn 2023.
- Planning to work with a local business to start a closed-loop reusable cup and container scheme.
- Continuing to run a variety of events and workshops in partnership with local groups and organisations.



Keep Scotland Beautiful



As the coordinating partner, a lot of our focus in year one has been one developing the partnership, so we are excited to be focusing more on delivery in year two. This includes both at partnership level, ensuring that the impact of the HCWP is joined up across the region, but also in terms of our lead projects, which includes:

- Looking to increase engagement with our Youth Climate Advocates programme and get more Advocates trained up.
- Launching our cup recycling pilot, aimed at both workplaces, hospitality and on-the-go food and drink businesses, as well as other suitable community hubs that can operate a cup recycling point to service their area.
- Launching an awareness-raising campaign around consumption and with an initial focus on packaging, and promoting reuse and refill practices among consumers and businesses.

What next?

In our first year, we have laid important groundwork for partnership working, built relationships internally and externally, as well as delivering on key objectives like our programme of events and workshops and our Hospitality Food Waste and YCA programmes.

As we move into year two, we are more focused on delivery and have a number of exciting priorities, including:

More coordinated action

Year one saw the HCWP partners drawing on the partnership to strengthen and expand their work. Going forward, we are looking to better consolidate this work into a unified programme of activity, with more partnership-wide campaigns and projects, that can have a wider impact across the Highlands.

Growing our networks

We will continue to grow our networks and build our reputation in the waste and consumption sector in the Highlands, working to link in with all possible audiences and stakeholders to find common ground and opportunities for collaboration and mutual support.

Expanding our reach

Breaking out of the 'echo chamber', to reach beyond those already engaged with the environment, has been a key objective for the partnership from the project's inception. In year two we are working to widen our audiences, by offering more online events and other highland-wide initiatives, as well as linking in with other community groups and other stakeholders.



Year two activity

In addition to existing initiatives developed in year one, we also have a range of new, targeted projects in development that we anticipate activating in year two. This includes:



- Working to promote **reuse and refill** with regards to packaging in the food and drink 'on-the-go' and retail sectors.
- Trialling a **recycling scheme** for single-use cups
- Delivering a **campaign around sustainable consumption** and our three key areas of waste - starting with packaging.



- Developing and promoting a **reuse, repair and recycling map** for the Highlands, in order to promote the share and repair economy, helping people to avoid wasting materials or buying things new.
- Investigating options to promote **car sharing** across the Highlands, as an alternative to individual car ownership.



- Developing a resource to **help households reduce their food waste**, from planning and shopping, to storing and cooking.
- Investigating options to support **local food waste recycling**, e.g. through the use of in-vessel composters and community recycling initiatives.

If you are interested in working with us or learning more, please get in touch at highlandcommunitywaste@keepsotlandbeautiful.org





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