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Northern Ireland

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Attitudes to climate change in Northern Ireland:

- **Complacency vs. Urgency:** Despite widespread acknowledgment of the problem, Northern Ireland shows lower levels of worry and responsibility compared to other UK regions.
- **Political Will:** Public desire for **action from elected officials** remains strong.
- **Call to Action:** To overcome **climate scepticism**, increase trust in **scientific institutions**.



About Us

Climate NI Programme Vision

“ *Climate Northern Ireland is a cross-sectoral partnership devoted to understanding and enabling adaptation and mitigation actions in Northern Ireland that can address the climate emergency.* ”

Climate NI Programme Aims

- **Support development and implementation of climate policy** by enabling the exchange of expertise and advice between Government Departments, public bodies, and civil society.
- **Engage the research community** to help define and address evidence needs for climate policy and action.
- **Increase co-ordination and awareness on climate change** through partnership and clear communication.
- **Enable delivery of climate action in NI** by addressing barriers and building capacity at local, regional and national levels.

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Climate Northern Ireland is funded by DAERA to raise awareness of and support climate change policy development through stakeholder engagement.

Central Government

Climate NI Steering Group
20+ organisations

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Policy & Research Panel

Sector Leads

Agriculture

Business

Built Environment

Infrastructure

Health

Local Government

Nature

**Rural Resilience
Network**

**Infrastructure and Built
Environment Sector Group**

LGCAN

Business Sector Group

**Health &
Wellbeing Group**

The Climate
NI
programme
is supported
by a **diverse**
network.

Steering Group Member Organisations



Business in the Community Northern Ireland



Construction Employers Federation NI



Dale Farm



Department for the Economy



Department for Infrastructure



Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs



Department of Health



Institution of Civil Engineers Northern Ireland



Invest Northern Ireland/ NIBusinessInfo



Met Office



Place-Based Climate Action Network



Northern Ireland Local Government Association



Northern Ireland Electricity Networks (NIE)



Northern Ireland Environment Link



Northern Ireland Water



Royal Society of Ulster Architects (RSUA)



Queen's University Belfast



UK Climate Impacts Programme



Ulster Farmers' Union



Ulster University



MACC Hub

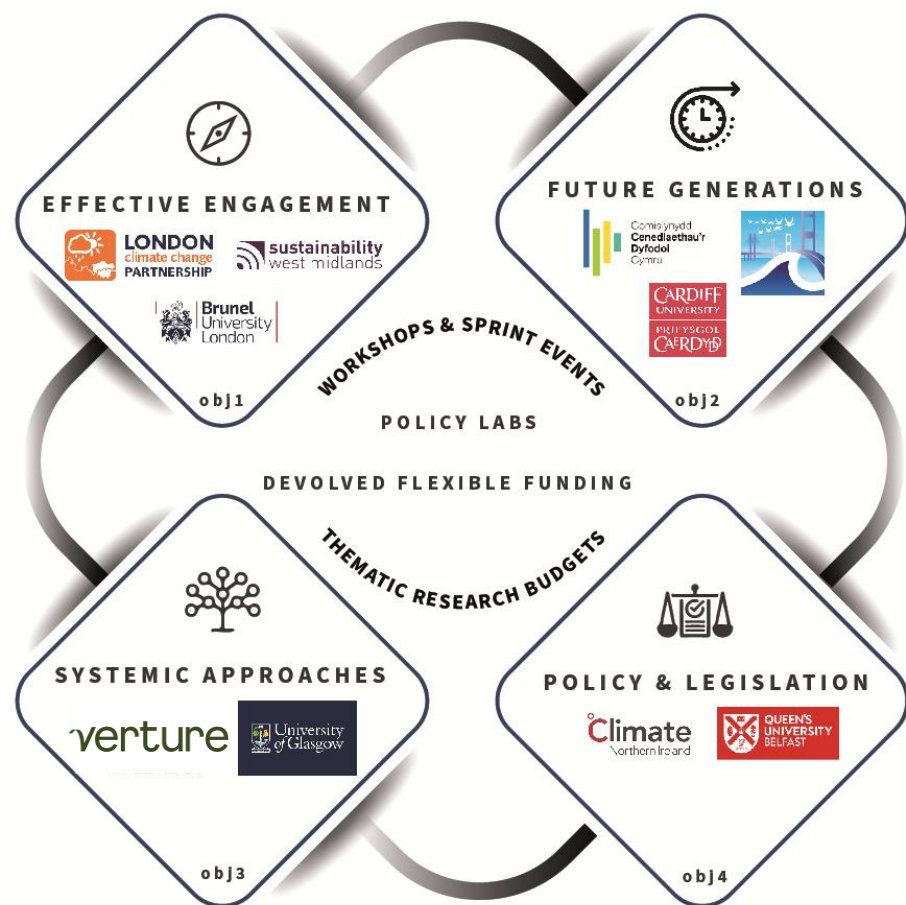
Together for Transformative Action

Introducing Maximising UK Adaptation to Climate Change (MACC) Hub

MACC Hub Partners



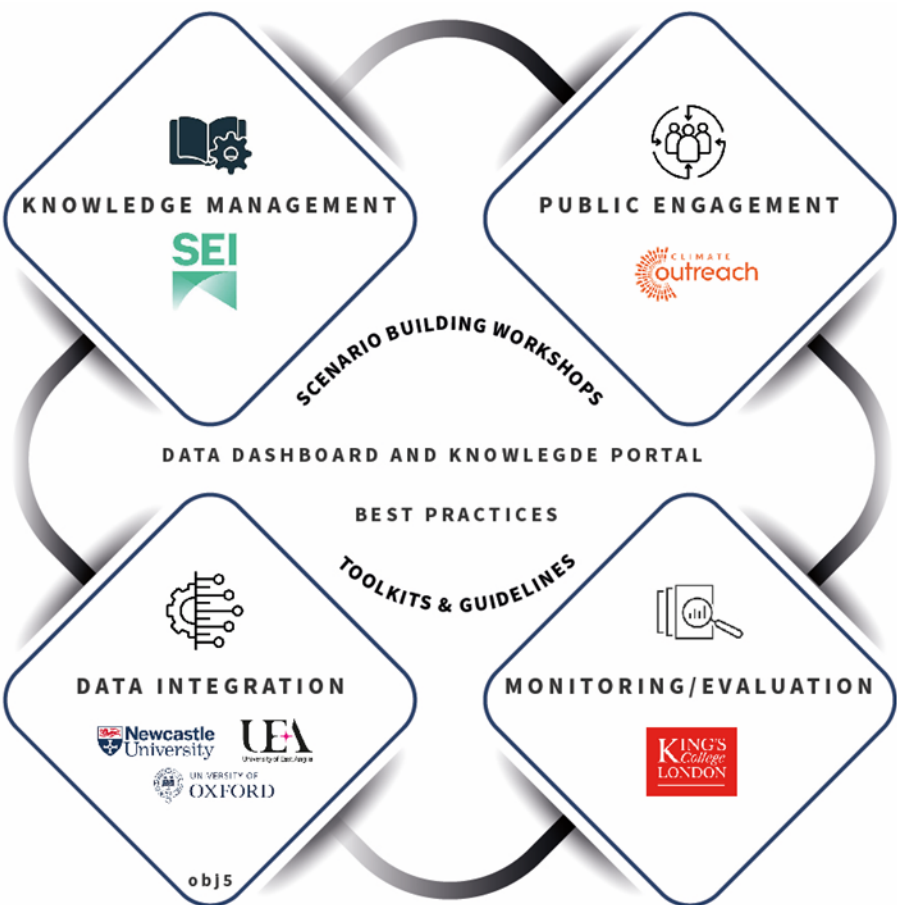
Partners within the 4 nations



Hub Lead



UK-wide support partnerships



Unlocking transformative change for a well-adapted UK

Objectives

1. Assess barriers to **awareness and engagement** with adaptation by diverse publics
2. Increase understanding of **system complexity**
3. Identify and address aspects of **policy, legislation and regulation** that hold back the adaptation vision
4. Enhance the accessibility and understanding of **climate model results for decision-makers**



Community members using the Connswater Community Greenway

Innovating Through Targeted Funding



Action Based projects



Policy Response Units

Duration: up to 12 months

to support small, place-based projects that contribute to transformational climate adaptation across the UK

learning by doing, engaging vulnerable communities, and scaling practical adaptation actions.

Single competitive call
Call to be out in June 2025
Sandpits on June 18 and July 8

£600,000 across approx. 10 projects

Duration: up to 3-4 months

designed to provide timely, targeted research that directly informs UK government climate adaptation policy

address policy, legislative, and regulatory barriers to transformational adaptation

Multiple competitive calls
Call to be out in June 2025



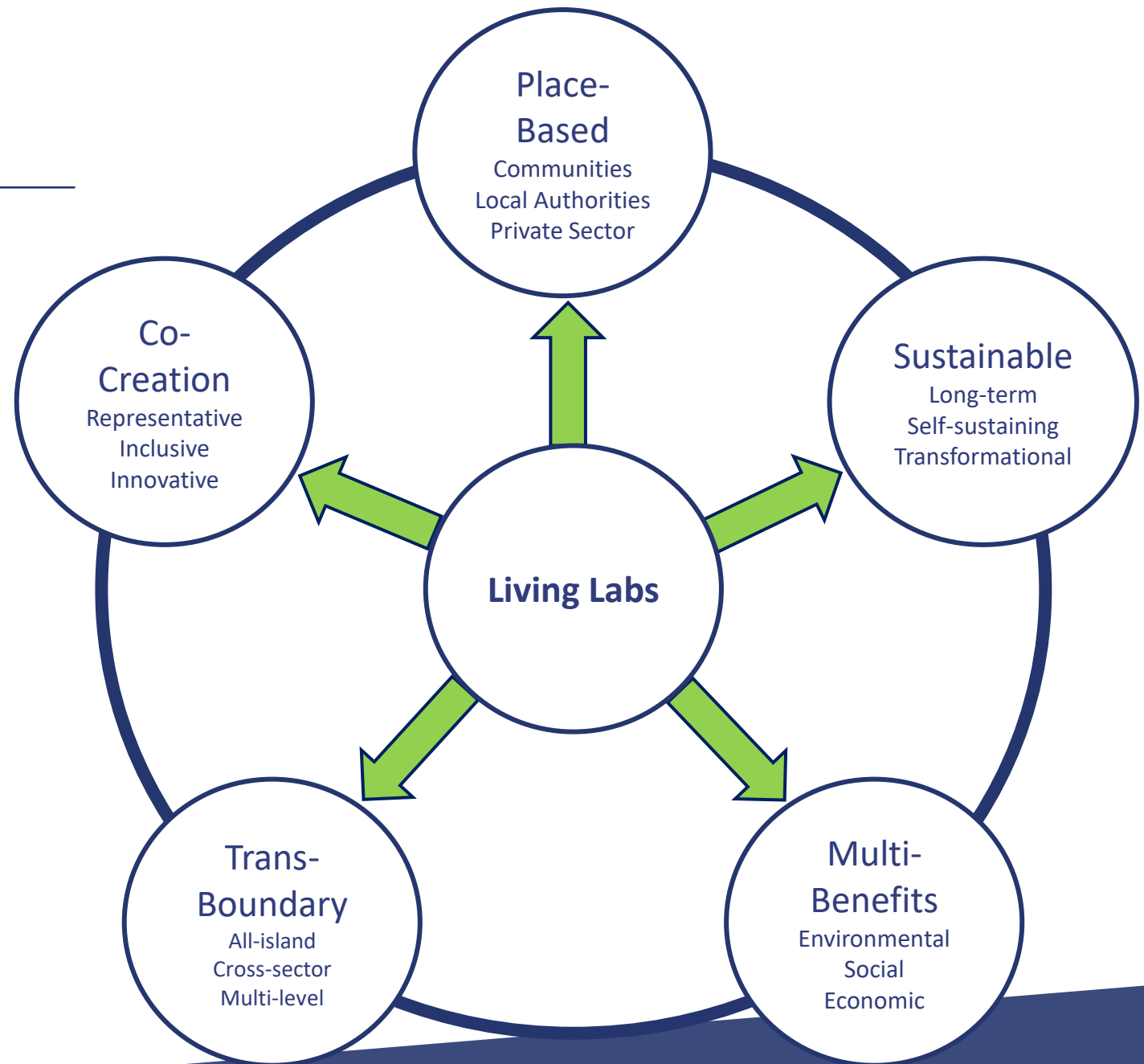
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Place-Based Climate
Action Partnerships



Living Labs

- ▶ Engaging communities and stakeholders as equal partners
- ▶ Working alongside government agencies
- ▶ Widening the solution space



Living Labs

- ▶ Belfast -
 - ▶ Urban Food Production
 - ▶ Retrofitting
 - ▶ Climate Literacy
- ▶ Dublin -
 - ▶ Children's engagement on active travel
 - ▶ Sherriff Street community greening
- ▶ Mayo -
 - ▶ Focusing on Clew Bay & the development of a Coastal Management Plan



TalX2 Next Steps



Fully establish the living labs and host workshops with the relevant communities & other stakeholders



Identify cross-border areas where transboundary dialogue facilitation would enhance partnership working and provide a programme of activities to help to exploit potential opportunities.



Evaluate and reflect on how the living labs and the cross-border programme of activities have developed over the course of the project and the wider benefits of participatory practices.



Promote the initial learnings from the project through widespread communication and dissemination.



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