## **BASE BOTTOM-UP CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGIES TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE EUROPE**

# **Scotland's ALE** by Sophie Turner

The Adaptation Learning Exchange (ALE) is a programme to support organisations with adaptation planning through the sharing of knowledge, and increasing learning and networking opportunities.





*"invaluable for anyone who has responsibility for climate change in the public sector"* 

"it has given me the confidence and knowledge to continue working on adaptation by myself"



Adaptation Scotland provides advice and support to help organisations, businesses and communities in Scotland prepare for, and build resilience to, the impacts of climate change.



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"great to be able to discuss adaptation with like-minded people"

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### **Building Scotland's Adaptive Capacity**

#### The ALE introductory programme

- Six month support programme
- Organisations apply to join
- Three workshops on different adaptation themes
- Enhances learning and networking opportunities
- $\circ$   $\,$  Members can join the ALE network on completion  $\,$
- The ALE network
  - Continuous support
  - Task groups formed to collaboratively deliver outcomes and outputs.
  - One workshop members choice of topic

### **Case study profile: St Andrews University**

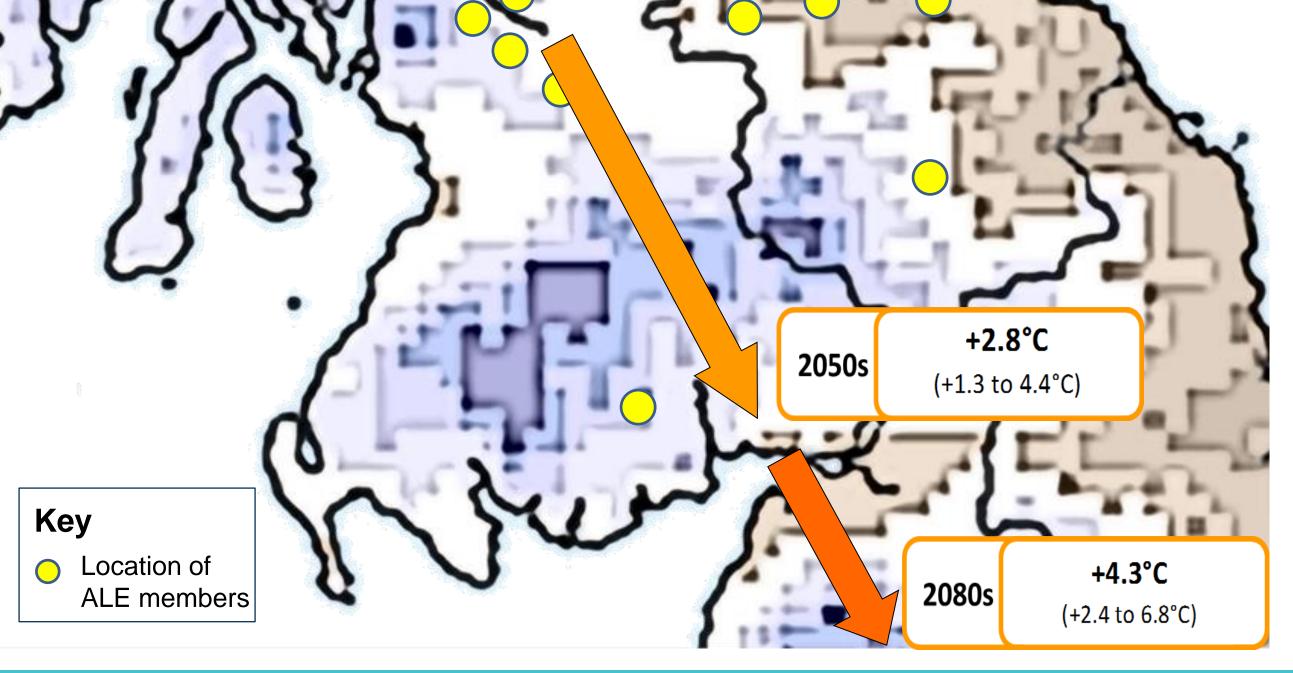
- Joined May 2015 new to adaptation
- Undertook a baseline assessment of adaptation
- Set aims and objectives in first workshop

Average precipitation similar to Rome or Barcelona

Wettest and windiest

> Average summer temperatures of 19°C

- Wrote an adaptation briefing paper as homework
- Learnt about values-based climate change communications in second workshop
- Now engaging with managers to embed adaptation in their risk register.
- 2008 UK Climate Change Act
  2009 Climate Change (Scotland) Act
  2012 UK Climate Change Risk Assessment
  2014 Scotland's Climate Change Adaptation Programme
  2016 142 public bodies required to report on compliance with climate change duties





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