

Scotland's ALE

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Adaptation Scotland
supporting climate change resilience

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.

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.



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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
 - 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
- 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

