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Green Map System at COP26 - mapping your local environment for social benefit

Going to COP26? There's a wonderful Glasgow Green Map co-created by people across the city that will guide you to everything from community gardens, bike shops and sustainable shopping, to hidden gems - see the map at GlasgowEcoTrust.org.uk/glasgow-green-map.

Made by Stop Climate Chaos Scotland and Glasgow Eco Trust, this map and its engaging site collection 'campaigns' are a feature of OGM2, the second Open Green Map platform. This remarkable resource makes mapping the full range of local natural, cultural, social justice and green living resources accessible to everyone. Moreover, OGM2 links all the sites via the globally designed Green Map Icons, and makes the data exportable and useful beyond the map.

The newest of Green Map System's adaptable resources for urgent and inclusive participation in sustainable community development, OGM2 is designed to suit a diversity of local project leaders' objectives, and it's free for most users. Powered by the GISCollective, this new open source platform is custom built for collecting, publishing and sharing geographic data and already has more than 50 locally-created Open Green Maps, as seen at new.opengreenmap.org.

Invited to Scotland by the TED Countdown conference, Green Map System's Director, Wendy Brawer, will be in the UK for a month. With 65 countries already involved in the Green Map movement, she will be meeting with local project leaders and offering a variety of climate-centric programs during the run up to the COP and the first week of the main event. Check GreenMap.org/cop26 for the evolving schedule and recordings.

Our programs in Glasgow include:

- A 'green drinks with Green Map' from 4 to 6PM on Tuesday 26 October at Mono (12 Kings Court, Glasgow G1 5RB)
- An online Video Shorts screening on Wednesday November 3rd at 3PM in Glasgow (11AM in NYC, [check your timezone](#)), featuring locally made videos by Green Mapmakers in Cuba, Japan, Israel, and the US. [RSVP here for the Zoom link](#) and details of this one hour online event.

- Want to talk about creating a Green Map for your community? We'll be in the Dream Room from 4:30 to 6:30 pm on Wednesday November 3 to talk about your ideas. Find us in person at the Dream Machine's Dream Room, 257 London Rd, Glasgow G40 1PE.

"On the way to Glasgow, we'll be testing the new Open Green Map App in Dunoon, together with the developers and local Green Mapmakers," said Wendy. "Thanks to our local partner, Tacit Tacit, Dunoon is the site of workshops in the rainforest and on the beach that bring the unique climate and ecological heritage of the Argyll and Bute region to light." The App (iOS) makes data collection available offline, ideal for rural and underserved areas.

MSP Ariane Burgess will participate in a series of Green Mapping events and activities on the Cowal peninsula. On Friday 29th Ariane, the GIS Collective, Green Map System, Tacit Tacit and members of the Dunoon Area Alliance will be making a research trip to Tighnabruaich from Dunoon to find out more about native rain forests and visit the Ark, a new piece of work created to draw attention to climate change.

- Saturday 30th October at 11AM: Help install a sea level marker workshop on West Bay with MSP Burgess. We will be using this exercise to understand how climate change could affect the area. To take part, meet at the POP Shop (28 Hillfoot St in Dunoon). The traveling sea level marker is part of a national project coordinated by the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland to raise awareness about the impacts of climate change on the built environment. Find these events and more at tacit-tacit.co.uk/tacitevents

"Put simply, Green Mapping is about giving power to communities through the provision of open source mapping tools and the support of a global network of community-based map makers," added Dunoon Green Mapmaker, Hannah Clinch.

With nearly two decades of collaboration between the people behind the Green Maps in Glasgow and Dunoon, there's already a Climate Fringe presentation at GreenMap.org/cop26 featuring the ways these two Scottish projects, along with global examples, are using the open source Green Map tools, [icons](#) and local networks to counter climate change, link initiatives, support well being and help people discover reduced impact resources and the wonders of home from a new perspective.

Find more local event details at GreenMap.org/cop26 or twitter.com/GreenMap.

Reach out to this pioneering organization and the global network with your questions about bringing Green Map to your community via info@greenmap.org! ###