

## Jersey Citizens' Assembly on Climate Change

### Block 3 – Sessions 9, 10, 11 and 12

17th, 18th and 21st April 2021

Present: Citizens' Assembly Members	17 <sup>th</sup> April – Session 9 43 Members
	17 <sup>th</sup> April – Session 10 42 Members
	18 <sup>th</sup> April – Session 11 43 Members
	21 <sup>st</sup> April – Session 12 41 Members
Chair-Convenor	Emelita Robbins
Speakers / Q&A Panellists	17 <sup>th</sup> April – Sessions 9 and 10 Kate King, Company Director, Aether Alison Horton, President, Association of Jersey Architects Ian Adler, Senior Associate, Riva Architects Dr. Louise Magris, Head of Sustainability and Foresight, Government of Jersey Nigel Blandin, Managing Director, 4Group Chris Ambler, Chief Executive, Jersey Electricity David Cruddace, Chief Executive, Islands Energy Group Matt Shephard, Principal Economist, Oxera Consulting
	18 <sup>th</sup> April – Session 11 No speakers
	21 <sup>st</sup> April – Session 12 Dr. Emiko Caerlewy-Smith, Founder and CEO, KIT Consulting Amy King, Senior Manager, KIT Consulting Fod Barnes, member of the Advisory Panel
Lead Facilitators	Dr. Diane Beddoes, Involve Polly Keane, New Citizenship Project  <i>Supported by 7 Break-out room facilitators</i>
Observers	17 <sup>th</sup> April – Sessions 9 Jodie Le Marquand, Sustainability and Foresight Team, Government of Jersey Lisette Jones, Sustainability and Foresight Team, Government of Jersey
	17 <sup>th</sup> April – Session 10 Lisette Jones, Sustainability and Foresight Team, Government of Jersey

18<sup>th</sup> April – Session 11  
No observers

21<sup>st</sup> April – Session 12  
Deputy Steve Luce, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel  
Monique Magalahaes, States Greffe  
Dr. Louise Magris, Head of Sustainability and Foresight, Government of Jersey  
Lisette Jones, Sustainability and Foresight Team, Government of Jersey

1. Block 3, Sessions 9 and 10, 17<sup>th</sup> April – Welcome

The Members of the Citizens' Assembly were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair-Convenor and the Lead Facilitators.

Chair-Convenor, Ms. Robbins, reiterated to Assembly Members that there is no obligation to read the material in advance of the meetings.

Lead Facilitator, Dr. Beddoes, informed Members that over lunch they would receive a poll asking them to vote on whether the Block 4 session on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May should be extended by half an hour so that the same amount of time is dedicated to finalising the recommendations on heating, cooling and cooking and the recommendations on transport.

2. Presentations

The following speakers made [presentations](#) to the Assembly:

- Katie King, Company Director at Aether, spoke on the data of emissions that come from heating, cooling and cooking in the business and residential sector;
- Alison Horton and Ian Adler from the Association of Jersey Architects, described the principles of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from heating, cooling and cooking in homes and business, presented case studies and discussed potential recommendations;
- Dr. Louise Magris, Head of Sustainability and Foresight at the Government of Jersey, detailed the current heating and cooling situation in Jersey homes and businesses and outlined the challenges;
- Nigel Blandin, from the Jersey Construction Council, gave a presentation on achieving carbon neutrality from the perspective of the oil supply sector in Jersey;
- Chris Ambler, from Jersey Electricity, gave a presentation on achieving carbon neutrality from the perspective of the electricity sector in Jersey;
- David Cruddace, Chief Executive of Jersey Gas, gave a presentation on achieving carbon neutrality from the perspective of the gas sector in Jersey; and
- Matt Shephard, Principal Economist, Oxera Consulting, discussed the policy options to reduce emissions from heating and the costs of these policy options.

3. Questions Carousel:

Assembly Members were given the opportunity to put questions to each speaker in a series of revolving break-out sessions, enabling small group discussions to take place on topics of particular interest to participants.

4. Conclusions

Dr. Beddoes asked Members of the Citizens Assembly to send their unanswered questions from the day in the chat or by email and reminded Members to vote on whether they want to extend Session 14 by half an hour.

Ms. Robbins informed Members that they would have the opportunity to chat with her about any issues, experiences or questions at the end of the next session.

5. Block 3, Session 11, 18<sup>th</sup> April - Welcome

The Members of the Jersey Citizens' Assembly on Climate Change were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair Convenor and Lead Facilitators.

6. Draft recommendations

Members of the Citizens' Assembly were given the opportunity to reflect and deliberate in break-out groups on the previous sessions to develop recommendations on emissions from heating, cooling and cooking.

Following these discussions, each break-out group's draft recommendations were shared with the other groups and each group was able to review and feedback on the draft recommendations of the other groups.

7. Conclusions

Citizens' Assembly Members were told that the next session, on Wednesday 21st April, would include the opportunity for further deliberation and reflection on heating, cooling and cooking emissions, and would also consider the topic of sustainable finance. Rather than detailed recommendations, Members would be asked to develop a high-level statement on sustainable finance.

Members were asked to vote before Tuesday, if they hadn't done so already, on whether the Wednesday session in Block 4 should be extended.

Members were also reminded that at the end of the session Ms. Robbins, would be available to answer any questions. Ms. Robbins explained that this would enable participants to raise any issues with her directly.

8. Block 3, Session 12, 21<sup>st</sup> April – Welcome

The Citizens' Assembly Members were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair Convenor and the Lead Facilitators.

Members were given the voting results on whether the Assembly should stay for an additional half an hour on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: 33 votes yes and 6 votes no. Ms. Beddoes reassured Members that if they have to leave the meeting early, they will have the opportunity to catch up on anything they've missed.

Lead Facilitator, Ms. Keane, asked Members to keep in mind during the session that the big reductions in emissions relating to the financial system will happen when those customers who are currently large emitters change their behaviour.

#### 9. Presentation

Dr. Emiko Caerlewy-Smith and Amy King from KIT Consulting gave a [presentation](#) to the Assembly on sustainable finance: what it means and how it can help to solve climate change, the carbon impact of everyday financial products, the carbon impact of pensions and investments, how to make green financial choices, personal finance steps to help solve climate change and potential recommendations for Jersey.

Dr. Caerlewy-Smith began by describing the sustainable finance as the response of the global financial sector to invest in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), including the SDG 13 on climate change, then proceeded to explain to the Assembly how sustainable finance can help to solve climate change through a self-reinforcing cycle. The sustainable finance market chooses to lend to or invest in climate positive activities and removes funding from climate negative activities which subsequently results in businesses and individuals making climate positive actions.

Ms. King provided three personal finance steps everyone can do to help reduce climate change: firstly consider lower carbon choices of everyday financial products, secondly switch your pension and investments to lower carbon alternatives, and finally choose a financial services provider that is actively trying to reduce its overall carbon emissions.

Dr. Caerlewy-Smith finished the presentation by providing Assembly Members with recommendations for Jersey to solve climate change through sustainable finance. Recommendations included encouraging climate friendly products, make it mandatory for companies to measure and disclosure their carbon emissions and incentivise islanders to make greener financial choices.

#### 10. Break-out room discussions

Members of the Citizens' Assembly were given the opportunity to reflect and deliberate on the presentation in break-out groups and were asked to develop high-level statements on sustainable finance.

During the break-out room discussions, Dr. Caerlewy-Smith and Fod Barnes, member of the Advisory Panel, were on hand to answer any questions from Citizen Assembly Members.

#### 11. Conclusions

During Block 3, Members participated in a deep dive into heating, cooling and cooking emissions, and had begun to develop recommendations. Members had the opportunity to review and refine these recommendations. In the final session, the Assembly learned about sustainable finance and produced high-level statements, which will be shared and voted on in the final block.

It was noted that when the Assembly meet again on the 8<sup>th</sup> May for Block 4 the focus would be on polishing the recommendations on transport and heating, cooling and cooking.

The Citizens' Assembly Members were thanked again for their participation in Block 3 and were reminded that they would be sent a feedback form to understand their experiences and anything that need to be kept in mind for final sessions.