



Stop Climate Chaos Northern Ireland (SCC NI) comprises a wide range of environment, development and social groups who all wish to see Northern Ireland play its full role in combating global climate change.

The goals of the Coalition are to raise awareness of climate change and to change behaviour and public policies to deliver local and global benefits. The coalition recognises that the behaviour of people in Northern Ireland is, through climate change, having disproportionate negative impacts on those living in many parts of the developing world. By working together we hope that we can help people here recognise that individual and political action in Northern Ireland can make a difference both here and internationally.

Vision

A world in which human-induced climate change is contained at a level that will allow all of humanity to prosper, by means that enables social, environmental and economic justice for all.

Mission Statement

The Coalition will publicise the need for individual action to combat climate change and will promote policy changes that will encourage and facilitate individual, governmental and corporate action to stop human-induced climate change having terrifying consequences.

Manifesto

Without urgent action, climate change is very likely to devastate life on earth as we know it. Hundreds of millions of people, particularly the world's poorest and most vulnerable, will be put at severe risk of drought, floods, starvation and disease. Species and habitats are also at risk with scientists warning that by the middle of the century significant numbers of species could face extinction.

High emitting countries, with their responsibility for historic emissions, must reduce their greenhouse gas output as well as helping poorer countries adapt to existing climate change. But because all countries share the obligation to ensure that damaging global warming is permanently avoided, each must commit to policies to guarantee that global greenhouse gas emissions decline beyond 2015.

The Coalition believes that there are strong moral, economic, social and environmental imperatives for Northern Ireland to contribute its fair share of global emissions cuts in order to combat global climate change.

The Northern Ireland Assembly's priority should be to:

- 1. Introduce a Northern Ireland Climate Change Act** with a legally binding regional target to reduce our carbon dioxide emissions by 80% from 1990 levels by 2050. This is the minimum requirement that will be necessary to play our part in the global attempt to avoid dangerous climate change. An annual Northern Ireland Carbon Budget should be set to ensure we achieve an immediate and sustained decline in Northern Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions by an average of at least 3% per annum.

The Assembly should also:

- 2. Support the International Negotiation Process** for global warming to peak at no more than 2° Celsius above pre-industrial levels – there is international consensus that this is the threshold beyond which we risk catastrophic climatic change. This will mean global greenhouse gas emissions must peak by 2015 and then decline thereafter.
- 3. Assist the Poorest Countries and Biodiversity (in Northern Ireland and around the world) to Adapt to the Unavoidable Effects of Climate Change** by urging the UK, Ireland and the EU to support and strengthen the UN's international adaptation fund helping developing countries to protect themselves against climate change happening now. They should also transfer low/zero carbon technology to developing economies to allow for sustainable growth and support programmes helping biodiversity locally and across the world adapt to climate change.

SCC NI will strive to generate public support for personal and political action pursuant to the above objectives. Within this shared framework members will promote their own approaches to aspects of the challenge ahead.