

Mountaineering Scotland

CLIMATE RESPONSE ACTION GROUP (CRAG)

Background

There is a climate emergency. Mountaineering Scotland must put in place good corporate governance to comply with best practice on sustainability, and use its influence to reduce carbon emissions and to protect wild land to maximise natural restoration of sustainable ecosystems.

Brief

The Board of Mountaineering Scotland has approved the establishment of a Climate Response Action Group (CRAG). CRAG will identify and oversee the implementation of an appropriate accreditation process to make the organisation compliant with good corporate governance on sustainability, and inform regular communication to members and beyond in response to climate crisis. CRAG will provide input to the next Strategic Plan to embed response to climate crisis at the heart of a 'Mountain Manifesto' for Scotland.

Membership

A small group of around eight members will form a core group with expert input from a wider panel of members of Mountaineering Scotland and other interested parties. The CEO will convene the group which will initially be chaired by the Director of Access and Conservation. Individuals who have already expressed an interest in working with Mountaineering Scotland to effect action on climate emergency will be invited, along with core staff and two directors from Mountaineering Scotland. Most of the work of the group will be completed by remote communication, but with face to face meetings to establish the group and to discuss or sign off on key decisions. Once response to climate emergency is at the heart of Mountaineering Scotland policy and action, the group will be wound up.

Outcome

To ensure that action and intent to address the climate crisis is integrated as a core activity into the review of Respecting Scotland's Mountains and also the next Mountaineering Scotland Strategic plan from 2021.