

# COP26 Climate Action Workshops

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IET Savoy Place, London WC2R



A day of innovation and co-creation, the COP26 Climate Action Workshops is the flagship event of the year for the Sustainability Leaders Club. Hosted as part of edie's Countdown to COP26 Festival of content and events, this full-day event creates the time and space for sustainable business changemakers to connect and collaborate around the key themes of the upcoming climate talks.

The primary purpose of the day is to spark new ideas and actions among the Club's membership base of corporate sustainability professionals. The unique event will include **keynote presentations** from an array of business and climate thought-leaders, a **networking lunch**, and **five collaborative roundtables** that will see Club members co-create solutions to key challenges and discuss exciting new opportunities with like-minded peers.

Workshop themes are aligned with the five main campaigns of COP26: **Clean Energy**, **Clean Transport**, **Nature-Based Solutions**, **Climate Adaptation & Resilience**, and **Climate Finance**. Club members will have an opportunity to choose to take part in two workshop discussions from these five themes.

## Agenda:

- 09:30** Registration, coffee and networking
- 10:00** **Welcome and introduction:**  
Luke Nicholls, Content Director, edie
- 10:05** **Keynote address:**  
Speaker TBC – Representative High Level Champions Team
- 10:20** **Panel discussion:**  
"Unlocking the sustainable business opportunity of COP26"
- 11:05** Coffee break & networking
- 11:30** **COP26 Climate Action Workshops** (round 1)
- 13:00** Networking buffet lunch
- 14:00** **COP26 Climate Action Workshops** (round 2)
- 15:30** **Feedback panel discussion:**  
with Workshop chairs
- 16:00** Close of event

## Choose three preferred roundtables

(please note you will only be able to attend two):

**A.**  
TRANSITIONING TO  
CLEAN ENERGY

**B.**  
ACCELERATING  
CLEAN TRANSPORT

**C.**  
SCALING UP  
NATURE-BASED  
SOLUTIONS

**D.**  
BUILDING CLIMATE  
ADAPTATION &  
RESILIENCE

**E.**  
MOBILISING  
CLIMATE FINANCE

Further details are overleaf

## SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS CLUB

The Sustainability Leaders Club connects, informs and inspires sustainable business changemakers to turn ideas into action through an annual programme of cross-sector events, bespoke insights and unrivalled collaborative opportunities. Established in 2015, the Sustainability Leaders Club is trusted by more than 500 UK-based professionals who are leading and/or implementing their organisation's sustainability and CSR strategy.

The Club helps members stay ahead of the curve and elevate their climate ambition through exclusive editorial and data-led insights, CPD-certified briefings and workshops, and regular networking sessions (live and virtual).

## Book now

To book your place and confirm the workshop sessions you wish to attend please contact:

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If you are not a member, please [click here](#) to find out more about options and to complete your application to gain access to this event. For further information or questions please contact Miles using the above details.

## Delegates book with confidence, join us with confidence!

We will be operating our own Covid-19 safety procedures, working carefully to create safe live events in line with Government guidance and regulations. [Full details are here.](#)

# Choose three preferred roundtables

(please note you will only be able to attend two):

## A. Transitioning to Clean Energy

A rapid and just transition to clean power is business-critical if we are to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement and avoid catastrophic impacts of climate change. The clean energy transition also offers the potential for huge financial savings along with opportunities for jobs and growth, cleaner air, and improved public health.

This Workshop will see Sustainability Leaders Club members share current drivers, challenges and opportunities when it comes to accelerating the clean energy transition, and discuss how COP26 can be a lever for greater collaboration and action around business energy and net-zero carbon.

**Facilitator:** TBC

**Guest experts:** TBC

### Discussion points:

1. What are the current challenges you're faced with when it comes to accelerating the clean energy transition on the road to net-zero emissions?
2. What makes a successful clean energy business strategy; from planning to implementation?
3. What levels of policy and regulatory support are required to help businesses achieve a rapid and just transition to clean power?
4. How can we harness the opportunity of COP26 to drive greater clean energy collaboration and action among governments and businesses alike?

## B. Accelerating Clean Transport

With road transport now accounting for 10% of global emissions, the transition to zero-emission vehicles needs to happen much more quickly, and it must include not only cars but vans, buses, trucks and lorries.

This Workshop will see Sustainability Leaders Club members share current drivers, challenges and opportunities when it comes to transitioning to zero-emission vehicles, and discuss how COP26 can be a lever for greater collaboration and action around fleet electrification and charging infrastructure.

**Facilitator:** TBC

**Guest experts:** TBC

### Discussion points:

1. What are the current organisational/infrastructural/technological challenges you're faced with when it comes to accelerating the transition to zero-emission vehicles?
2. How can fleet electrification fit into your organisation's broader clean energy and net-zero emissions strategy? And what tools/technologies/systems could accelerate the process?
3. What levels of policy and regulatory support are required to help businesses achieve a rapid and just transition to zero-emission vehicles?
4. How can we harness the opportunity of COP26 to drive greater clean transport collaboration and action among governments and businesses alike?

## C. Scaling up Nature-based Solutions

Nature-based solutions can, if well designed and robustly implemented, deliver multiple business benefits when it comes to climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity enhancement, staff wellbeing and the economic recovery from Covid-19.

This Workshop will see Sustainability Leaders Club members share current drivers, challenges and opportunities when it comes to implementing and scaling up nature-based solutions as well as discussing how COP26 can promote the global adoption of best practice principles for nature-based solutions in the UK.

**Facilitator:** TBC

**Guest experts:** TBC

### Discussion points:

1. Where are the opportunities for UK businesses and the Government to work with nature in ways which benefit people and the planet?
2. What are the current challenges you're faced with when it comes to incorporating such nature-based solutions and biodiversity principles into your organisation's sustainability strategy?
3. What levels of support are required to help businesses champion nature-based solutions (e.g. policy support, robust metrics, financing mechanisms)?
4. How can we harness the opportunity of COP26 to drive greater collaboration and action around nature-based solutions and biodiversity?

## D. Building Climate Adaptation & Resilience

As we've witnessed with the recent floods and wildfires, people across the world are already living with devastating extreme weather heightened by the changing climate. Action to address and adapt to such changes and build resilience is needed now, before more people lose their lives or livelihoods.

This Workshop will see Sustainability Leaders Club members share current drivers, challenges and opportunities when it comes to averting, minimising and addressing the loss and damage that is already occurring from climate change, and discuss how COP26 can promote and support better climate adaptation and resilience in the UK.

**Facilitator:** TBC

**Guest experts:** TBC

### Discussion points:

1. What are the current challenges you're faced with when it comes to factoring in climate adaptation and resilience into your organisation's sustainability strategy?
2. What makes a successful climate adaptation and resilience strategy; from planning to implementation?
3. What levels of support are required to adapt to the impacts of climate change (e.g. policy support, finance mechanisms, national strategies)?
4. How can we harness the opportunity of COP26 to drive greater collaboration and action around climate adaptation and resilience?

## E. Mobilising Climate Finance

The scale and speed of the changes we need to achieve our climate goals will require all forms of public and private finance – from the development of infrastructure to build a green economy, to the funding of new technologies and innovations which accelerate the net-zero transition.

This Workshop will see Sustainability Leaders Club members discuss how businesses can work with investors, banks, insurers and governments to align their investments with net-zero, and explore how COP26 can be a lever for every financial decision to take climate into account.

**Facilitator:** TBC

**Guest experts:** TBC

### Discussion points:

1. What are the current challenges you're faced with when it comes to mobilising climate finance – both internally (funding from the board) and externally (banks and investors)?
2. What must happen to mobilise more climate finance, and more broadly to assist developing countries in implementing climate objectives?
3. How can we build a private finance system for net-zero? What steps can be taken by government and businesses to ensure every financial decision takes climate change into account?
4. How can we harness the opportunity of COP26 to drive greater collaboration and action around climate finance?

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