



Dear Angela,

Welcome to the autumn edition of our newsletter, packed with the latest updates from the Centre for Climate Engagement. We are excited to share key developments in climate-related research across policy, law, and governance. Although the summer months are traditionally quieter in Cambridge, our programmes have been as productive as ever, driving forward research and initiatives to support climate resilience and action.

In this issue, we spotlight some of our most exciting highlights, including:

- A long-read Leadership Insight with Tina Mavraki on the importance of corporate culture in transition planning, and practical tools to improve it.
- The summary of our final roundtable in a series at Clyde & Co, exploring the link between investors' legal duties and climate risks.
- Key findings from our workshops involving experts and local stakeholders in a partnership project to develop a framework for locally determined contributions.

We hope you enjoy reading about our recent projects. Stay informed, engaged, and inspired as we work together towards a sustainable future.

Emily Farnworth  
Director of the Centre for Climate Engagement



## Influencing climate policy in Cambridgeshire and beyond

At the Centre for Climate Engagement, we strive to make a lasting impact, from shaping local climate policy in Cambridgeshire to driving change on the global stage. Through active community engagement and strategic policy influence, we are committed to fostering meaningful progress towards net zero.

## Workshops to develop a Locally Determined Contribution for Cambridgeshire

In May and June 2024, the CCE hosted three workshops, bringing together experts and local stakeholders to gather insights for our partnership project aimed at developing a framework to help local authorities achieve net zero. Funded by Innovate UK's 'Net Zero Living Programme', the project has made considerable progress. This report highlights the key findings so far.



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## Policy briefing following UK General Election

As a knowledge partner for Chapter Zero in the UK, the Centre for Climate Engagement prepared a briefing for board directors on the new government's climate policies. The briefing examined key climate policy commitments from the Labour Party's 2024 Manifesto and their potential impact on corporate boards, particularly in relation to net zero transition planning.



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## Guiding climate governance

We accelerate corporate climate action in organisations by working with experts to provide information that empowers boards to embrace sustainability practices. Here are our most recent briefings and insights:

### Leadership Insight: corporate culture



Our latest Leadership Insight with Tina Mavraki provides an in-depth analysis of why corporate culture is a hot topic for banks, and why a positive culture is vital to the net zero transition. Mavraki outlines her extensive research in this area and proposes critical tools to help banks develop and implement effective culture strategies that will ensure their own lasting financial performance and build climate resilience.

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## Navigating the landscape of climate law and regulation



We published a report co-authored by CCE, Chapter Zero and Freshfields which mapped the landscape of legal risks and opportunities for companies as they navigate the net zero transition. Called 'Navigating the landscape of climate law and regulation: A briefing for boards,' the report followed an event series where non-executive directors heard key insights on pressing climate-related legal issues from legal experts, and discussed how these issues apply to their own businesses.

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## A new dawn for strategic planning in the boardroom



Technological advancements as well as changes in reporting requirements and legal expectations are pushing companies to incorporate more long-term thinking. In September 2024, Emily Farnworth wrote this article for the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) to appear on its Risk Intelligence content hub.

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## Law for Climate Action

Our law programme provides insight to lawyers, academics and students to increase understanding of the climate risks and opportunities associated with current regulations. We partner with UK law firms and international organisations to share knowledge of the legal aspects of the net zero transition.

### Summary report: Investors' fiduciary duties and systemic climate risks



This report summarises the final roundtable in a series organised by the Centre for Climate Engagement at Clyde & Co. It explores the link between investors' legal duties and climate risks, barriers they face in addressing these issues, and possible solutions. While focusing on asset owners with diversified portfolios, the discussion also applies to investment managers.

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## The Cambridge Seminar Series on Law and the Climate Crisis



We're delighted to launch the Cambridge Seminar Series on Law and the Climate Series in partnership with Cambridge Zero, the Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance (C-EENRG) at the Department of Land Economy, the Cambridge Climate Society, the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, and the Cambridge University Law Society. The series will offer unique insights from a wide range of experts into the role of law and legal systems in response to the urgent issue of climate change. It is open to all and free to register.

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## Q&A with Professor Harro van Asselt



Professor Harro van Asselt holds the Hatton Professorship in Climate Law at the University of Cambridge and is a Fellow at Hughes Hall. We asked him to share his research and his experiences in an online Q&A article.

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## Thanks to our 14 summer interns



We'd like to close this newsletter with special thanks to our wonderful interns for their contributions over the summer. They brought new ideas and exceptional skills to the team, and their work will have an ongoing impact across all our programmes.

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## Get Involved!

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