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Dear Angela,

Over the last few months, our team has had the opportunity to attend events across the UK and Europe, where we've connected with a wide range of people and added many new contacts to our mailing list. So let me begin by warmly welcoming all our new subscribers to the CCE newsletter.



Our mission continues to evolve, but at its heart is a commitment to building broad-based, lasting support for climate action. We do this by convening people to create and then communicate evidence-based insights. We believe that tackling climate challenges requires bringing together diverse voices and perspectives — which is why we're so pleased to be expanding our connections and reach across law, policy, governance, and local communities.

As we look ahead, I'm excited to be refreshing our strategy and strengthening our partnerships, both internationally and here in Cambridge, where the support of Hughes Hall and our vibrant local climate community continues to energise and inspire our work.

These first few months as Director have been a whirlwind of discovery. I've been deeply impressed by the quality and breadth of the resources CCE offers. Our website hosts a wealth of peer-reviewed insights and accessible reports — I encourage you to explore them by topic or by content type. This newsletter shares the highlights of our work in the last quarter. There are far too many for these bullet points, but here's a start:

- Participating in and running high-profile events before, during and after London Climate Action Week.
- Receiving many high-quality abstracts for the new online journal, *Cambridge Forum on Corporate Climate Governance*, published by Cambridge University Press (CUP).
- Spreading news of our policy work on locally determined contributions at the Daring Cities 2025 conference in Bonn.
- Announcing a new partnership with Social Value International to support the True & Fair project for fairer accounts.
- Receiving almost 4,000 responses to our poll on "Who should be responsible for leading climate action—government, businesses, or local communities?"
- Publishing two Deep Dive reports and a Blog summarising what Labour's first year means for climate policy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dr Paul Jefferiss

Director, Centre for Climate Engagement

Spreading the word through events

All our programmes enjoyed a busy events schedule, convening ongoing and potential partners and communicating our impact. This includes our involvement in three events at London Climate Action Week (LCAW). We also participated in several events to discuss corporate climate governance. Details of all these events follow:

CCE at LCAW - From Baku to Belem



Dr Herrington took part in a roundtable about the role of international cooperation and the multilateral system in driving real-economy climate action. The event was co-organised by COP29 Climate High-Level Champions and the Nizami Ganjavi International Centre (NGIC). Read our summary:

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CCE at LCAW - Rapid Evidence Synthesis



Dr Herrington moderated a discussion with Science Europe and other partners on how Rapid Evidence Synthesis can improve environmental decision-making. This report summarises the webinar's key takeaways – focussing on how this powerful tool can inform policies to address the climate and nature crises:

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CCE at LCAW - Law and Climate Atlas



London Climate Action Week also gave our Law for Climate Action team an opportunity to promote our Law and Climate Atlas through several events with our partners, the Net Zero Lawyers Alliance. This free online resource maps how climate change connects to over 40 areas of law and supports practical legal solutions.

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Long problems: Governing in an era of existential risk



CCE co-hosted a lecture by Professor Thomas Hale on why existential risks defy institutions designed for short-term crises and how reframing our politics around long-term cooperation can make these problems manageable. This was the first in a series marking the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN) and was co-convened by Dr Kennedy Mbava and CCE's Professor Harro van Asselt and Dr Eldrid Herrington

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Corporate governance discussion



CCE held a small group discussion over lunch exploring corporate governance and climate action with Professor Dan Puchniak (Singapore Management University), Dr Eldrid Herrington, and Rebecca O'Rourke (Cambridge University Press). The event celebrated the upcoming launch of the [Cambridge Forum on Corporate Climate Governance](#), the new academic journal on which we are partnering with CUP. Look out for our next calls for abstracts!

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Strengthening leadership dinner



We hosted a small dinner to discuss 'Strengthening Leadership and Decision-Making in Climate Strategy Reviews within Banks'. This event gathered expert perspectives on how banks are managing internal tensions as they reassess climate strategies amid political pressure and escalating climate risks. The discussion was led by Tina Mavraki, who authored our 2024 publication, [Leadership Insight: corporate culture](#) and continues to research the subject.

Sharing evidence to guide policy

Our work informs and encourages the development of local and national policies and initiatives to accelerate climate action, with a particular focus on climate governance and

law for climate action.

Daring Cities 2025 Conference in Bonn



The deadline is approaching to publish our LDC framework for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, funded by Innovate UK's Net Zero Living Programme. Dr Karen Barrass represented CCE at the Daring Cities 2025 conference in Bonn as Head of the University of Cambridge delegation. She shared insights from the project, which supports local authorities in delivering net zero, aligned with national goals.

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Labour's first year in government: Where does climate policy stand?



Last week marks one year since Labour's election victory — a key moment to assess how far the Government has come in delivering on its climate and environmental commitments. In our latest blog, lead author Sofie Surraco reflects on the progress to date and highlights where further, more strategic action is urgently needed to tackle the 'stickier' challenges in climate policy.

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Deep Dive: The UK's NDC and 7th carbon budget



Our researchers wrote two Deep Dive reports as content partners for Chapter Zero, to enable their network of non-executive directors to develop plans and assess impact on climate strategy. The first explored two key developments shaping the UK's climate policy landscape in early 2025: the updated 2035 Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and the Climate Change Committee's (CCC) advice on the Seventh Carbon Budget (CB7).

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Deep Dive: CCC's report on climate adaptation progress



In April 2025, the Climate Change Committee issued its latest assessment on the UK's progress on climate adaptation. Researchers at CCE wrote a Deep Dive report on the assessment for Chapter Zero UK, highlighting why adaptation should be on the corporate board agenda and offering key insights into how non-executive directors can better equip themselves to oversee their businesses' adaptation responses.

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Law for climate action

This programme continues to use law as a vital tool for tackling climate change, providing the frameworks that enable public and private sectors to drive the net-zero transition and be held to account through climate litigation.

Partnership with Social Value International (SVI)



In May, we announced a partnership with Social Value International (SVI) to support its [True & Fair Project](#). This collaboration will bring academic insights to help directors and investors integrate sustainability into financial reporting.

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Q&A with Social Value International (SVI)



In this Q&A, we discussed the True & Fair Project, the new partnership, and campaign plans with Jo Fackler, Director of Global Affairs at SVI and with CCE's Nick Scott

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Global fossil fuel phasedown and its implications for Australia



Nick Scott attended and wrote a report on the discussions from a high level roundtable, co-hosted by the Melbourne Climate Futures and the University of Cambridge, to examine how a global fossil fuel phasedown could shape Australia's policy landscape. The Centre for Climate Engagement was represented by Advisory Group Co-Chair Professor Harro van Asselt.

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Growing our climate community

CCE at Cambridge Zero Community Day



CCE participated for the first time in the annual Cambridge Zero Community Day. At our stand, we asked the question, "Who should be responsible for leading climate action—government, business, or local communities?" In the lead-up to the event, we posed the same question on social media. We hosted a Citizens' Jury to explore the question with attendees, including representatives from local government, business, and community groups.

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Over 3,900 vote in CCE poll



Our poll attracted over 3,900 votes in total and showed that more than 60% of respondents believe the Government should take the lead on climate action.

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Welcoming our interns



Once again, the number of applications for our summer internship scheme grew significantly this year. We received 126 applications from more than 30 different institutions, for positions in the areas of law, policy, academic engagement and communications. We look forward to welcoming our interns and seeing

the huge impact they make in only four weeks. Keep an eye on social media for introductions!

Get Involved!

Excited to be a part of our mission? Come to an [event](#) or follow us on [Linked In](#) or [Bluesky](#) to find out how you can contribute to our initiatives.



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