



## The Just Transition Commission in Scotland releases its Annual Report 2023.

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The Just Transition Commission is an independent advisory body that provides scrutiny and advice on how to deliver a just transition to a low carbon economy in Scotland. On December 13th, the body released its Annual Report for 2023, providing the Commission's latest assessment of Scotland's progress toward achieving a Just Transition to a low-carbon economy, as mandated by our remit.

The Commission has published advice related to Just Transition Plans for four key sectors: energy, transport, the built environment and construction, and land use and agriculture. Among the main ideas that the Commission aims to emphasize is the necessity to place the principle of fairness at the centre of all climate policies. The report includes an innovative briefing on investment models to distinguish between finance for achieving net-zero and investment for a Just Transition. Additionally, it underscores the need to activate coordination across public bodies, local authorities, and the private sector.

Among the current key messages that the Just Transition Commission of Scotland wants to highlight:

- 1. The current path will not deliver a Just Transition.** It has been reported that there will be a significant increase in the number of households experiencing fuel poverty, an enduring cost-of-living crisis, and the abrupt closure of the Oil Refinery at Grangemouth in 2025.
- 2. JT in Scotland requires a whole Government approach to be effective.** Political leadership training on this topic is needed at all levels of government.
- 3. Conditionalities.** Public investment should be successfully aligned with just transition principles.
- 4. Communication and engagement.** Misinformation and a lack of social and civil dialogue pose potential threats to the successful implementation of a Just Transition. Social acceptance is a fundamental factor that must be considered.