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Thank you for your letter of 22 November asking how Extinction Rebellion can help the Welsh Government tackle climate change.

It is very encouraging to see you and others responding so passionately to the climate emergency. The response to climate change cannot be handled by Government action alone and it is crucial all society plays their part. The Welsh Government declared a climate emergency acknowledging the urgency needed to tackle climate change and to strengthen and galvanise action at home and internationally, from our own communities, businesses and organisations, to Parliaments and Governments around the world.

Early actions for Wales to transition to a low carbon future in a fair and just way are set out in Prosperity for All: A Low Carbon Wales<sup>1</sup> which was published in March. The Plan contains one hundred policies and proposals on how we will meet our first statutory carbon budget (2018-2020) and 2020 interim target and how we will stimulate the transition to a low carbon future. Further information on the challenges can be found in a consultation document we published in 2018, 'Achieving our Low Carbon Pathway to 2030'<sup>2</sup> and the Committee on Climate Change (UKCCC) advice<sup>3</sup> to Welsh Government in December 2017 which informed the development of the Plan.

<sup>1</sup> <https://gov.wales/low-carbon-delivery-plan>

<sup>2</sup> <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2018-07/low-carbon-pathway-to-2030-consultation.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/building-low-carbon-economy-wales-setting-welsh-carbon-targets/>

Since the publication of the Plan we accepted the advice from the UKCCC to increase Wales's 2050 emissions reduction target from at least 80% to at least 95% and will ask the National Assembly to put this into law next year. We have also announced our ambition to work with the UKCCC, and other stakeholders to develop a more ambitious net zero target, going further than UK Government or any other UK administration.

The involvement of society is central pillar of our Plan and we have made a commitment to hold an annual Climate Change Conference, with the aim of bringing together academia, business, public and third sectors from across Wales, to start developing the actions for Wales' collective response to the climate emergency and the publication of the All Wales Plan in 2021.

The first Climate Change Conference was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at City Hall, Cardiff. In attendance was in excess of 250 stakeholders, from over 120 different organisations, all ready to play their part and transition to a low carbon journey. Extinction Rebellion held their own workshop as part of the Conference.

Extinction Rebellion discussed Citizen's Assemblies at the Conference as a means to involve society. Welsh Labour has agreed to participate in any cross-party talks held by the National Assembly for Wales. It is important to ensure any Citizens' Assembly is independent of Government to ensure a collaborative and cross-party approach.

One of the main aims of the Conference was to involve organisations in the Climate Pledge Campaign. The Climate Pledge campaign aims to galvanise action from government, business and communities in order to work together to tackle the climate emergency. The Pledges aim to show commitment to action in a variety of ways to ensure participation from across society. The Pledges will turn into action and be included as part of the All Wales Low Carbon Plan to be published in 2021. You can make your own Pledge here:

English: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/RX0PO/>

Welsh: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/RX0PO/?lang=434121>

You may also want to contact your Local Authority or Public Service Board to ask what plans they have on involving communities in the response to the climate emergency. Their contact details are:

Ceredigion:  
<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/>

Ceredigion Public Service Board  
<https://www.wrexhampsb.org/>

I and the First Minister have met with representatives of Extinction Rebellion and I am due to meet again on the 19<sup>th</sup> December.

I hope you find this information useful. If you would like to receive regular updates on our response to climate change you can subscribe to our newsletter by e-mailing the Decarbonisation Mailbox at [decarbonisationmailbox@gov.wales](mailto:decarbonisationmailbox@gov.wales).

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