

Adaptation Learning Exchange Terms of reference

This document provides an overview of the purpose and role of the Adaptation Learning Exchange and describes the benefits and expectations of membership.

Purpose

The Adaptation Learning Exchange (ALE) was set up through the Adaptation Scotland programme in 2013 to increase understanding, buy in and support for adaptation across the public sector. Participants are policy makers and practitioners drawn from a wide range of organisations and professions and seek to influence and lead adaptation progress across their organisations, sectors and spheres of influence. ALE will allow members to access and share best practice, facilitate peer support and find opportunities to collaborate.

Scope

The ALE focusses on supporting members to develop skills, share good practice, collaborate and innovate. It provides a unique opportunity to work collaboratively across sectors, organisations and professions.

Activities

The ALE includes four main activities described below:

| Activity | Description |
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| Exchange Events | In person events to share the latest examples of adaptation progress and challenges, exchange ideas and identify training and collaboration priorities. |
| Training | In person and online training opportunities covering a wide range of adaptation topics – from benchmarking adaptation progress to assessing climate risks. |
| Online forum | Online platform to exchange ideas, ask questions, access case studies and guidance materials and keep up to date with adaptation progress in Scotland and beyond. |
| Enquiry response service | Ongoing support and advice to organisations and individuals |

Membership

Membership of the ALE is open to professionals who are committed to collaborating with others and progressing adaptation work within their organisations and sectors. The ALE is primarily for professionals within the public sector and those working collaboratively with public sector organisations.

The ALE is a dynamic, active group. In joining the ALE members are invited to access a wide range of support and activities. It is hoped that as a minimum all members will:

- Contribute to Knowledge Hub – exchanging news, views and progress updates
- Attend at least one in person or online ALE event or training event per year

Members are encouraged to actively participate in discussions, share experience and knowledge, and provide feedback on their experience of participating in ALE to help improve and shape further activities.

In order to ensure that the ALE remains an active and engaged group members will be asked to review their participation in the ALE on an annual basis. Members will be asked to confirm that they wish to remain part of the ALE and provide feedback on past activities and plans for the year ahead.

Join the Adaptation Learning Exchange

Join the Adaptation Learning Exchange by contacting adaptationscotland@sniffer.org.uk. We will add you to our contact list and connect you to the ALE online form.