

# Jubilee Scotland

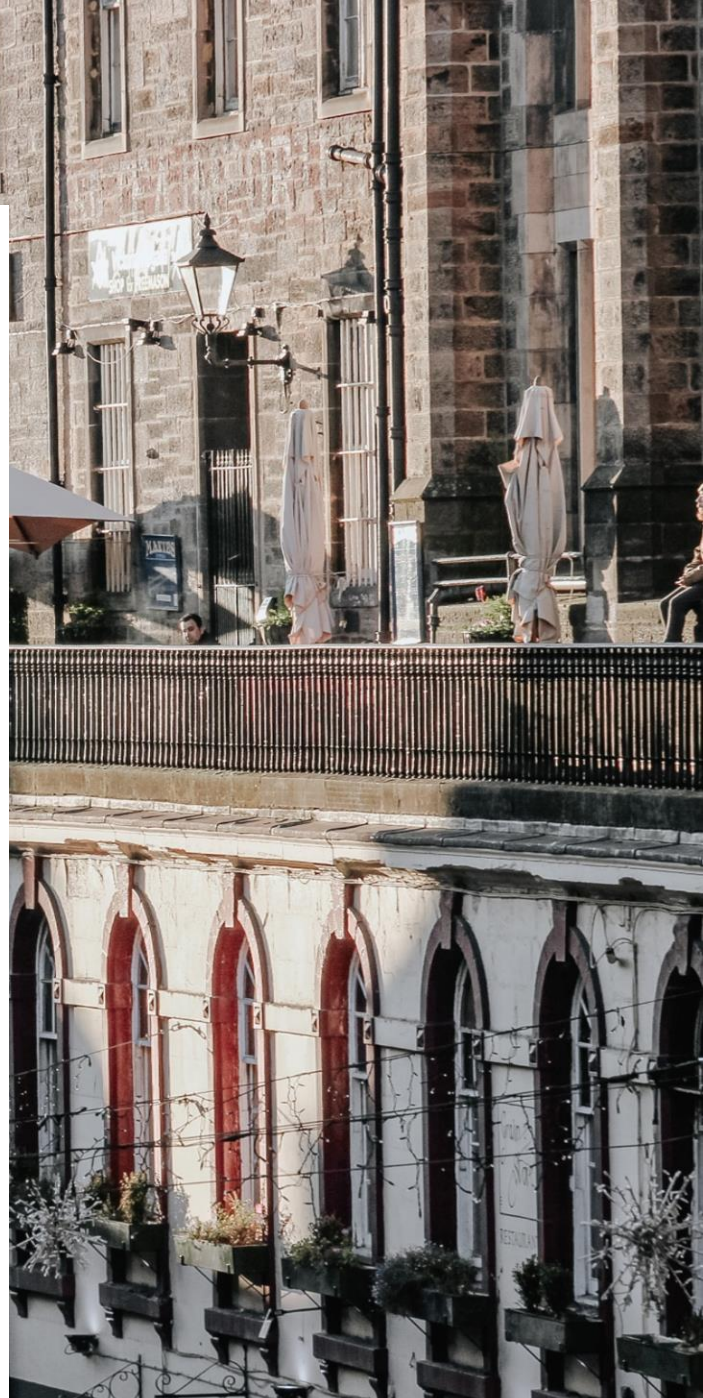
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## Annual Report



2021 - 2022

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# Our Main Campaigns

## CLIMATE DEBT AT COP26

In November 2021 the much-awaited COP26 finally came to Glasgow. This meant that we focused much of our attention on the intersections between climate and debt in 2021. We launched our Climate Debt Campaign, which aimed to raise awareness of the injustice of climate debt and encourage the Scottish Government and Members of the Scottish Parliament to table alternative innovative solutions to Climate Debt as a matter of social justice. As part of our campaign, we initiated and took part in a variety of actions:

- We published a briefing on climate debt to MSPs – which included concrete actions that we called on all MSPs to take ahead of COP and at COP itself. Read it [here](#)
- We hosted a Debt Justice webinar with speakers Iolanda Fresnillo (Debt Justice Policy & Advocacy Manager, EURODAD), Eugene Kabilika (Director of Caritas Zambia), and Marilyn Croser (Campaign Co-ordinator of Jubilee Scotland). It was chaired by Gail Hurley (Jubilee Scotland board member and debt & development finance expert). Watch the webinar [here](#)
- We joined 190 other organisations in a statement calling on world leaders to tackle the interrelated climate and debt crises. Read the statement [here](#)
- We helped coordinate the Glasgow Climate Dialogues, four online sessions hosted 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> of September, which focused on hearing from Global South activists and experts about what progress they wanted to see at COP26 on the key topics of Participation, Loss & Damage, Just Transition and Adaptation. Read more about it [here](#) and on the [SCCS website](#)
- We joined the Fridays for Future march in Glasgow on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November alongside 30,000 other protesters', and joined the 100,000 people who gathered for a Global Day of Action for Climate Justice march in Glasgow on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. Read about it [here](#)





- We reported directly from COP26, where our Executive Director Line K. Christensen had access to the Blue Zone. Read about her experience at COP and watch a highlight video [here](#)



- We created an informational video on the links between debt and climate change with clips from the Jubilee Scotland webinar that was posted on website and shared on social media. Watch it [here](#)
- We published a joint briefing with Jubilee Debt Campaign, Afrodad, APMDD, CAFOD, Christian Aid, Global Justice Now, and Latindadd, outlining the steps global decision-makers must take on debt if we are to address the climate crisis. Read it [here](#)
- We invited our supporters to write Jenny Gilruth MSP Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development about climate debt
- We sent Christmas E-Cards to all MSPs to encourage them to keep Climate Justice at the forefront of their mind and not let it slip by the way-side post-COP.

***“The connections between the debt crisis and the climate crisis are clear; debt repayments are making it difficult for global south countries to invest in urgent and lifesaving climate adaptation. Debt repayments are also a hindrance when countries need to rebuild after climate disasters hit them.”***

Line K. Christensen, Executive Director at Jubilee Scotland

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## DROP ZAMBIA'S DEBT

On top of all our Climate Debt activities, we also joined a campaign calling for cancelation of Zambia's debt. We asked Scottish government to speak out about the injustice of debt bondage and the impact it is having on its international development partner country Zambia. This includes publicly calling on banks with strong roots in Scotland – particularly Blackrock, JP Morgan, HSBC and Aberdeen Standard Investments – to drop Zambia's debt.

- We published a brief on Zambia's debt with Global Justice Now, read it [here](#)
- We protested outside banks in Edinburgh calling for them to take responsibility for their reckless lending to Zambia, read more about it [here](#)
- We sent a letter about the Zambian debt situation to Jenny Gilruth MSP Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development, with Global Justice Now. Which turned into a meeting with the minister to discuss how Scotland could push for a just resolution to Zambia's debt crisis. The Minister agreed to take the issue up with her UK level colleagues, the Zambian Government and civil society in Zambia

We will continue work on this campaign in 2022!



## SCOTLAND AGAINST PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

In January 2022 we returned to campaigning against the use of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Scotland. We completed Stage 1 of the 'Scotland against PPPs' campaign in 2019. Back then we worked with stakeholders and politicians to expose the extent of the PPP problem in Scotland and published the report "Rethinking Private Financing of Scottish Public Projects". See our short movie from 2019 [here](#) and read the report [here](#).



*Launch of our PPP report at the Scottish Parliament, January 2019*

In stage 2 of our campaign, we will:

- build a broad coalition of experts on the PPP issue
- develop a detailed policy paper which outlines an innovative alternative to PPPs
- secure cross-party support for ending PPPs at the Scottish Parliament
- build public support for our messages and policy ideas
- introduce a Members' Bill which targets PPPs in the most relevant way

We are very excited to be working with PPPs again, and believe that this is a great time to abolish a scheme which have saddled the Scottish public sector with debt, poor service, lack of accountability, and unsafe buildings.

Read more about why we want to target PPPs [here](#) and read our [article](#) about how the Scottish Government paid £5,595,690 to private companies to provide free parking at three PPP hospitals for a year during the height of the COVID pandemic. This is an example of how PPPs line the pockets of private companies with public funds, and illustrates perfectly why we are campaigning against PPPs.

The Scotland Against Public Private Partnerships campaign will run January 2022 – June 2023.



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## Our other work

Throughout the year, we have been working with many other groups and allies on issues and campaigns:

- Organised call on debt and climate between different Jubilee organisations, EURODAD and Christian Aid (and more organisations)
- Participated in Global debt coordination calls
- Participated in bi-weekly UK Debt coalition meetings
- Joined calls to coordinate work at UK and European level on debt and climate finance
- Participated in Stop Climate Chaos Scotland International group meetings
- Joined the Share | Show | Shout for Climate Justice campaign
- Joined the Just & Green Recovery election campaign
- Joined Poverty Alliance's election campaign: 'Everyone Aboard'
- Helped SCCS host SNP COP26 Roundtable meeting
- Helped plan online event to encourage people to talk to MSPs about climate justice
- Signed on to Glasgow Action Plan
- Supported the #OorFootprint asking parties to take action on the climate crisis
- Took part in planning new MSP education session on climate justice
- Signed on to joint letter to PM on dropping patents on Covid vaccines
- Signed on to letter by CAFOD to the Chancellor asking for the UK to publicly back a substantial new allocation of the IMF's Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)
- Signed on to letter from Glasgow Calls Out Polluters (to the President of COP26), demanding that polluting companies are kept out of COP26
- Signed on to letter to World Bank Group President David Malpass and WBG leadership, calling on the WB to adopt a commitment to end support for fossil fuels
- Supported the Cancelthedebt campaign on social media
- Signed on to open letter to the World Bank Group calling to strengthen public health financing and refrain from promoting public-private partnerships in healthcare
- Signed on to GJN statement calling for a People's Vaccine
- Signed on to Open CSO Advocacy letter about the Petersberg Climate Dialogue
- Participated in civil society meeting with UK's World Bank Executive Director, R. Montgomery
- Signed on to letter for G7 Leaders regarding Fossil Fuels & Clean Energy Transition
- Attended meeting about debt with MP Chris Law, set up by JDC
- Attended meeting about debt with MP Deidre Brock, set up by JDC
- Assisted Jubilee Debt Campaign with a submission to IDC Inquiry "Extreme Poverty and the Sustainable Development Goals"

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# News within the organisation

- **Emily Macpherson** joined Jubilee Scotland in July 2021 as our Communications and Administration Assistant, creating social media material and aiding with administrative tasks in the organisation. Emily has continued on as our Campaign and Communication Coordinator.
- **Marilyn Croser** joined Jubilee Scotland as the Campaign Coordinator for our Climate Debt work, and delivered a fantastic campaign before her contract ended in December 2021.
- **Sanna Honkaniemi** joined Jubilee Scotland as our Autumn intern, and helped us with the Climate Debt campaign and initiated work on diversifying our Board.
- **Bob Fyffe** joined the Board of Directors in July 2021. He is a former General Secretary for Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.
- **Kevin Wilkinson** joined the Board of Directors of Jubilee Scotland in March 2022. He works in renewable energy.
- **Line K. Christensen** who has been our Campaign Director since 2019 changed job title to Executive Director, and continues to oversee the work of the organisation.



*From the left: Line K. Christensen, Marilyn Croser, Sanna Honkaniemi and Emily Macpherson*

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# Get Involved

There are many ways to get involved with Jubilee Scotland's work:

- **Donate:** We rely on committed and engaged supporters to keep our campaigns going. You can make a donation or set up a monthly standing order with the following information, Account no.: 65196409, Sort Code: 08-92-99
- **Join our mailing list:** Stay up to date on the latest developments and opportunities to take action. Sign up on our website, or email us about it.
- **Promote our campaigns via social media:** find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram under the handle @jubileescotland
- **Join our board as an individual:** We are always looking for individuals willing to donate their time and skills. Read more about this on our website (under About us → Jobs and Volunteering)
- **Take action:** Check out our website for the latest debt justice campaigns, or talk to us about if there are any volunteer opportunities in campaigns we are running.
- **Write for our website:** If there's a debt justice issue that you're particularly interested in then write about it and we shall feature your piece on our website
- **Become a member:** Organisations can join Jubilee Scotland as members. Contact us to hear more about membership fees and how we can collaborate. Member organisations can nominate a representative to our board and have a say in the running of the organisation and its campaigns.

If you have questions about any of these ways to get involved, email us at [mail@jubileescotland.org.uk](mailto:mail@jubileescotland.org.uk)

## THANK YOU

Our work this year has been made possible by the generous support from funders:

- Our Climate Debt campaign was funded by the Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation
- Our PPP campaign is funded by the Friends Provident Foundation

We are very thankful for the support given by both of these funders. We also owe a huge thank you to our membership organisations and all our individual donors who support the work of Jubilee Scotland.