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About the Climate Change Adaptation Manual for Heritage Tourism



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What the manual is for



This booklet is about a bigger guide called the Climate Change Adaptation Manual for Heritage Tourism.

In this booklet we will call it **the manual**.

The manual gives advice to **heritage tourism** businesses and organisations in Scotland.



Heritage tourism means places you can visit to learn about history and **culture**.



Culture means traditions and customs like:

- the language people use
- the clothes they wear
- the songs they sing

This includes things like:

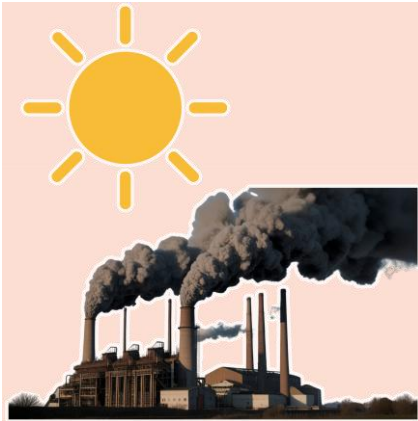


- museums
- old buildings
- historic sites
- music
- art
- cultural traditions

Climate change



The manual was written to help businesses and organisations understand **climate change**.



Climate change means changes in weather and climate that last for many years because of **pollution**.

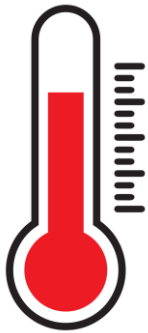
Pollution means things like:

- smoke from factories making the air dirty
- plastic rubbish floating in the ocean

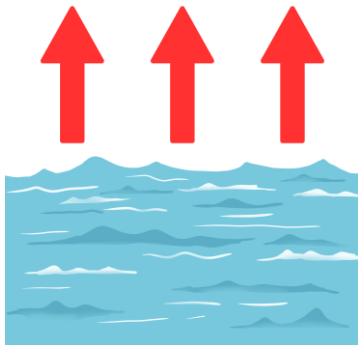


We learned from experts who have studied the weather and climate in Scotland.

What climate change means for weather in Scotland



The air is getting warmer.

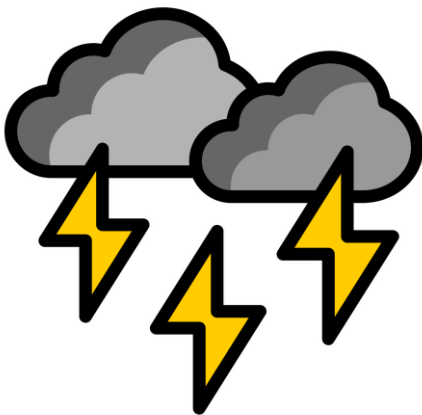


The sea is getting higher.



Winters may be warmer and wetter.

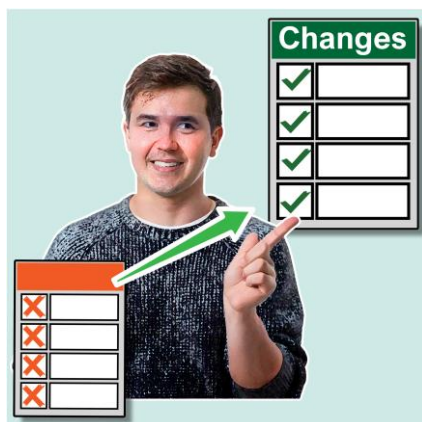
Summers may be hotter and drier.



We may also see:

- more storms and extreme weather
- more changeable weather
- less frost and snow

Adapting to climate change in Scotland



Adapting to climate change means that we need to make changes in our lives to cope with the new weather.

In this booklet **adapt** means things that businesses and organisations can change.



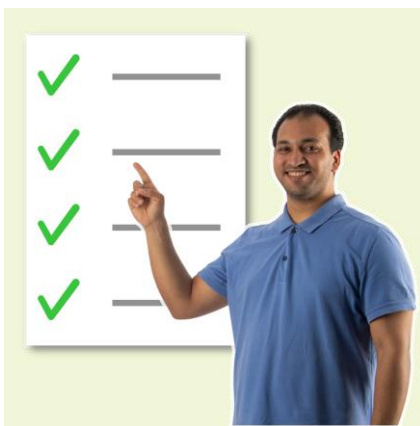
The manual shows some difficulties heritage tourism may have because of changing weather.



It gives suggestions for how they can adapt to the changing weather.



It also shows ways for them to work together with local communities.



The manual uses a checklist to help plan for climate change.

The checklist looks at:



- people
- products and services
- buildings
- how things are done
- the local area

Who made the manual



The manual was made by Historic Environment Scotland and VisitScotland.



They spoke with other heritage tourism businesses and organisations to understand how they adapt to climate change.

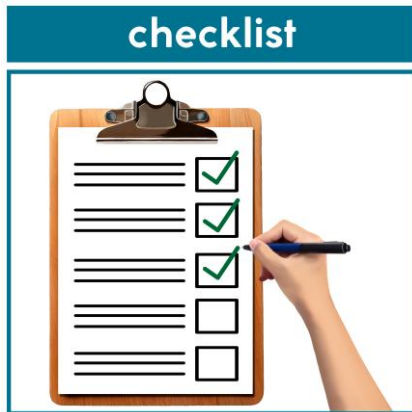


The manual helps you look at all parts of your business or organisation.

It helps you think about:

- how climate change might affect you
- what you can do to cope with it

The chapters

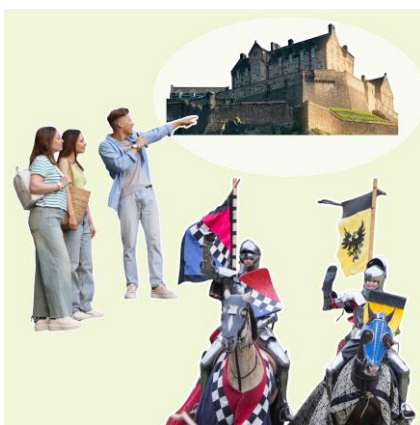


Chapter 1 is about how to use the manual.

It includes a checklist with things heritage tourism businesses and organisations can do to prepare for climate change.



Chapter 2 explains the language and words used in the manual.



Chapter 3 explains what a heritage tourism business is.



Chapter 4 explains what climate change adaptation is.

The chapter looks at how Scotland's weather is changing.



Chapter 5 is about how climate change may affect heritage tourism businesses and organisations.

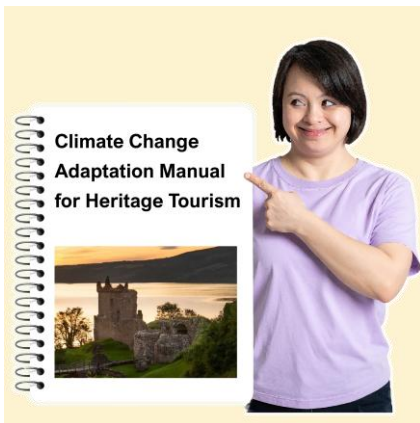


Chapter 6 helps you work out what problems you might have because of climate change.

It helps you decide what to change first.



Chapter 7 gives ideas and examples to help organisations get ready for climate change.



Chapter 8 is about how to use the manual to make a plan that works for the user.

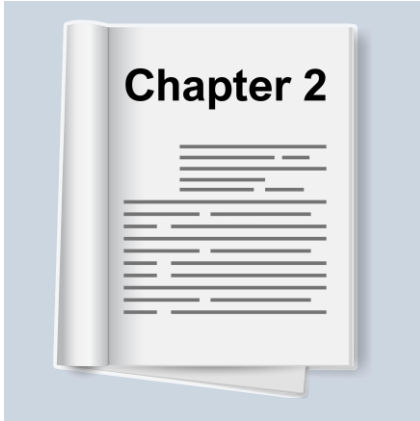
How to use the manual



The manual gives good advice.

You can read the parts that are helpful to you.

If you have just started thinking about how to adapt:



- start with Chapter 2 and 3
- then move to Chapter 4

If you have started planning for how to adapt or already started to make changes:

- start with Chapter 2 and 3
- then move to Chapters 5, 6 and 7

You can ask for Easy Read versions of each chapter.



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