

# DEAR FIRST MINISTER

## The Aberdeen Maritime Museum Re-imagined: the year is 2074

- An exhibition celebrates the spirit of 'truth and reconciliation'. Scotland moved on from fossil fuels without guilt or blame. Everyone's voice was heard and the transition was peaceful and community-led.
- An acknowledgement of the benefits that oil and gas brought to Aberdeen, but the recognition that we had to move on.
- Stories told by communities – not corporations.
- An exhibition of voices: Oral histories tell of the concerns that arose ahead of the Just Transition. It wasn't as scary as people had once thought.
- A celebration of marine nature recovery after the oil fields were decommissioned.
- A look back at the 2024 narrative that is now universally recognised as petro-masculine, extractivist, colonial and individualist. These views are now seen as archaic as VHS.
- Petro-artifacts on show – like the first and last bottles of oil extracted from the North Sea.
- A walk through from the past to the present showing the transition to regenerative, nurturing communities led by participatory democracy.
- Many exhibits are housed in the community rather than in a central museum space. A giant sculpture in St Fittick's Park depicts the creative collaborations and collective community spirit that drove Aberdeen's Just Transition.
- An exhibition shows how communities benefited from the transition away from fossil fuels, rather than big corporations.
- Transparency of the truths behind the extinct corporations that were desperate to perpetuate an industry beyond its lifespan for the sake of profit.
- The museum now includes welcoming spaces for communities, discussions and active democracy.
- An exhibition celebrates the beautiful natural world in recovery from climate change.
- The large central oil rig model has been rewilded with plants as a living exhibit.
- An exhibition shows how our environmental debts were repaid as justice for those who did least to cause the climate crisis.
- Exhibitions show a positive view of the Just Transition; in the end, it wasn't as scary as people thought, but became an opportunity to create greenspaces, warmer homes and community-owned energy.
- Stories of transition previous to oil and gas: the transition from coal; the transition away from whale oil.
- Stories of climate migration: as climate change made parts of the world uninhabitable, Aberdeen welcomed migrants into its rich and diverse community.
- An exhibit shows how oceanic life is thriving in the extensive 'no-take' zones around Scotland's shores.

**First Minister - this is the future we want for our children.  
Please back the Fossil Fuel Treaty for Scotland.**

We are concerned citizens who participated in the event 'Hope is a Thing with Flippers' at Aberdeen Maritime Museum on the 6th November 2024, facilitated by *Creative Carbon Scotland*. The event brought together those working in Scotland for climate justice with creatives, broadcasters and communicators from across Scotland.



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