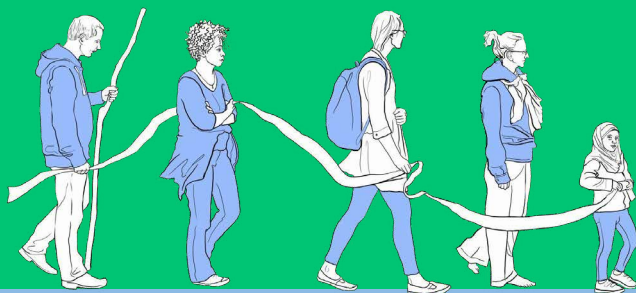


Pilgrimage for COP26

17-31 OCTOBER 2021



PROGRAMME



17th

Dunbar launch event

2–4pm Children's workshops and performance by [Rowanbank Theatre](#) at Lauderdale park, readings from the 2021 IPCC report outside St Anne's Church with silent contemplation inside

4pm Meet at [John Muir's Birthplace](#) for a mindful walk to the harbour—led by [Karen Gabbitas](#)

4.45–5.30pm Poetry, music, readings and an [exhibition](#) in the Battery Includes Keeper of the Soils ceremony devised by [Natalie Taylor](#)

5.30pm Lighting a warning signal at Dunbar Castle

5.30–6pm Informal walk to Belhaven Church Hall in the company of pilgrims

6–6.50pm Pilgrims' Supper. [Book here](#) (pending update)

7pm Pilgrims on the Storm: The Soil and Soul of Walking in to COP26 – a talk by [Alastair MacIntosh](#). [Book here](#) (pending update)



Image: East Lothian Museums

18th

Dunbar to North Berwick

 Approx. 15 miles (24km)

Start: 9am, John Muir's Birthplace, Dunbar

Themes: Getting to know one another and the bioregion we're walking through; finding the rhythm of our walk; considering the legacy of John Muir, a Dunbar-born naturalist, environmental philosopher, and early advocate for the preservation of wilderness in America

Finish: St Baldred's Church, North Berwick (approx. 6pm)

Evening event: N/A

Accommodation: St Baldred's Church, North Berwick

19th

North Berwick to Aberlady Bay

 Approx. 9 miles (14km)

Start: 9am, St Baldred's Church, North Berwick

Themes: Coastal walk; the ecology of place; deep immersion through a range of experiential and embodied practices; encountering the birdlife and other creatures who inhabit this Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Finish: Aberlady Bay (approx. 4–5pm)

Evening event: N/A

Accommodation: Wild camping, close to Aberlady Bay



Image: nz_wildlife

20th

Aberlady Bay to Portobello/Edinburgh

 Approx. 9 miles (14km)

Start: 9am, Aberlady Bay (pending update)

Themes: Scotland's industrial heritage (including a tour of [Prestongrange Museum](#)); ecological regeneration and its social impact; food sustainability (including a film screening of [Local Food Roots](#) and a Pilgrims' Supper in Musselburgh)

Finish: St Mark's Church, Portobello (approx. 6–7pm)

Evening event: N/A

Accommodation: St Mark's Church, Portobello



21-24 OCTOBER | EDINBURGH WAY STATION

Accommodation for 25 pilgrims will be provided by St Mark's Church, Portobello (20th and 21st), St James, Leith (22nd and 23rd) and homestays (24th)

21st

Daily programme | 9am-8.30pm

(with the option to join and leave at different points in the programme)

9-10am Community action

Kinetika, Beach of Dreams – installation of 500 pennant flags. Location: Portobello beach, Groyne no. 3, opposite Portobello Swimming Baths, foot of Bellfield Street

10.30am-12pm Morning workshop

Labyrinth walking for climate justice and Capacitar self care practices for empowering strength and resilience – with Ali Newell and David Todd. Capacitar is a global organisation for self care addressing anxiety and trauma. Capacitar has recently published a self care manual to sustain climate activists. These will be made freely available at the workshop. Location: St Mark's Church, Portobello

3-4.30pm Reworlding with Justin Kenrick

When John Muir was inspired to create the first national park in America, he was not only cherishing nature but also beginning a conservation movement that has inspired nature protection in some places and the eviction of indigenous peoples in others. Perhaps we are all John Muir now, in that we care deeply about nature, but can embody that care in ways that can cause harm. If so, how can we learn from this legacy?

Drawing on learning from indigenous peoples struggles, the experience of colonisation in Scotland and abroad, and from Aboriginal Dreamtime, this talk and workshop will sketch pathways back into our ability to appreciate and transform our worlds. Location: St Mark's Church, Portobello

Book [here](#) (pending update)

5.30-6.30pm Pilgrims' Supper

A 'between events' opportunity to meet and eat. Location: St Mark's Church, Portobello. **Book [here](#)**

7.30-8.30pm Songs around the campfire

Join Jane Lewis, from Protest in Harmony, Edinburgh's radical street choir, to learn songs of hope and transformation for a sustainable future. Location: Portobello beach, Groyne no. 3, opposite Portobello Swimming Baths, foot of Bellfield Street



Image: Protest in Harmony

22nd

Daily programme | 9am-10.30pm

(with the option to join and leave at different points in the programme)

9-11.30am Hope's Walk

A walk from St Mark's church, Portobello to St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, West End Raising awareness of the climate and ecological crisis. Led by young climate activists carrying pennant flags created by Kinetika's Beach of Dreams project

12.30-5.15pm Sources of Hope

An afternoon of workshops and discussion at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral with a focus on young climate activists (open to all ages). Includes the following events below:

12.30pm Welcoming walkers from Portobello

Including Pilgrimage for COP26 and YCCN Relay and learning more about the Beach of Dreams flags

1.15pm Pilgrims' Lunch

2.15-5.15pm A selection of workshops for all faiths and none

- A short talk and film screening about Beach of Dreams
- A creative writing and art workshop to source ideas and designs for future pennant flags responding to the Pilgrimage for COP26
- Capacitar self care practices for empowering strength and resilience
- An introduction to the YCCN Relay
- Christian meditation with an environmental focus
- Just Scripture workshop with Christian Aid

5.30-6.15pm Evening prayer at the Cathedral with a Climate Justice theme

Drawing on the day's exploration (open to all faiths and none)

7-10.30pm Climate Pilgrims' Cabaret Ceilidh

An evening of food, music, song, poetry, and craftivism; includes a tour of Phoebe Anna Traquair's mural in the Song School (initial inspiration for Pilgrimage for COP26). Location: Walpole Hall, in the grounds of St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. **Book [here](#)**



Image: Wilke Johnston



23rd

Daily programme | 12-6pm

(with the option to join and leave at different points in the programme)

Interfaith Pilgrimage for Climate Justice in collaboration with Edinburgh Interfaith Association

“Pilgrims of different faiths and beliefs from across the UK and Europe are joining together to walk for climate justice. Join us as we welcome them in Edinburgh at our different places of worship united behind our belief in the sacredness of our planet and our commitment to climate justice.”

Part one

12–1.15pm Silent Rebellion with Earth Holders

Meditation/silent contemplation on our interconnectedness with all of creation; expressing love for the Earth and all life. Location: The Mound, outside the National Galleries.

Book [here](#) (pending update)

Part two

1.30–6pm Interfaith Pilgrimage for Climate Justice. Various locations (see below)

1.30pm Official launch of Interfaith Pilgrimage for Climate Justice (New College, Mound Pl)

2pm St Mary’s Catholic Cathedral (York Place)

2.20pm Edinburgh Baha’i Centre (44 Albany St)

2.40pm Annandale Street Mosque (43–45 Annandale St)

2.50pm Body-based meditation led by Ali Newell (Hopetoun Crescent Garden)

3.30pm St Paul’s, Church of Scotland (Pilrig St), with representation from Eco-Congregations Scotland

4pm Edinburgh Hindu Mandir and Cultural Centre (St Andrew Pl)

4.20pm St James, Scottish Episcopal Church (11A John’s Pl)

4.40pm Kagyu Samye Dzong Buddhist Temple (25 Bernard St)

5–6pm Guru Nanak Gurdwara (1 Sheriff Brae)

Includes a short service: ‘Sacred Earth: spiritual reflections on the importance of our planet and a call for climate justice’, followed by langar (a free community meal)

Book [here](#) for the meal (pending update)



Image: Edinburgh Gurdwara

24th

Deep Time, Grief and Wonder: A day to slow down and reflect

11am–1.15pm Interfaith Service for Climate Justice

Held at St James, Leith – followed by a meal for the pilgrims and other participants

2.30–5pm Deep Time Walk using the [Deep Time Walk App](#)

Meeting outside Parliament under the covered walkway

5–7pm Deep Time, Grief and Wonder workshop

Reflect on the Deep Time Walk. Location: Central Edinburgh Quaker Meeting House

7–9pm Pilgrims’ Supper

For Deep Time Walkers and Quaker hosts. Includes a Quaker Epilogue—a short period of reflection to draw the day to a close

Book [here](#) for workshop and meal (pending update)



Image: Magnus Hagdorn



RECOMMENCE OUR JOURNEY TO GLASGOW

25th

Edinburgh to South Queensferry Approx. 15 miles (24km)

Start: 9am, Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop, Leith

Themes: The Five Elements—a walk in five stages responding to the five elements of East Asian medicine: Metal, Earth, Water, Wood, and Fire

Finish: Forth Bridge Memorial, opposite toilets, South Queensferry (approx. 5pm)

Evening event: N/A

Accommodation: Priory Church, South Queensferry



Image: Jess Parker

26th

South Queensferry to Bo'ness Approx. 9.5 miles (15km)

Start: 9am, Priory Church, South Queensferry

Themes: The complex layering of social and ecological landscapes and histories; includes “the best bird habitat on the Forth”

Finish: Foreshore (at the Yellow Buoy near the Union Street car park), Bo'ness (approx. 4.30pm)

Evening events: Film screening of *Anote's Ark* at The Hippodrome, Bo'ness (in collaboration with *Take One Action*). Meet at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start

Book [here](#) (pending update)

Accommodation: St Catharine's Church, Bo'ness

27th

Bo'ness to Falkirk (via Grangemouth Refinery)

Approx. 10 miles (16km)

Start: 9am, Foreshore (at the Yellow Buoy near the Union Street car park), Bo'ness

Themes: Industrial landscapes and ecological regeneration; mindful engagement with *Grangemouth Refinery*; interfaith gathering at the Peace Pole in Helix Park (3.30–4pm) – includes *Stitches for Survival* and *Freedom of Mind* community choir singing Karine Polwart's 'Enough is Enough'

Finish: Falkirk Trinity Church, Falkirk (approx. 5pm)

Evening events: Christ Church will offer a quiet place for reflection in the evening (7–9pm)

Accommodation: St Francis Xavier's Hall, Falkirk



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28th

Falkirk to Kirkintilloch Approx. 15 miles (24km)

Start: 9am, Bandstand, Callendar Square, Falkirk

Themes: Dividing and Connecting. Following the central Scotland canal system we walk under the Antonine wall, built about 140 AD by Roman colonisers to divide and subdue the people of the land. We then encounter the Falkirk wheel, built about 2000 years later to connect rather than divide

Finish: Townhead Bridge, Kirkintilloch (approx. 5–5.30pm)

Evening events: N/A

Accommodation: Pending update



Image: Neil Williamson



29th

Kirkintilloch to Glasgow Approx. 11 miles (17.7km)

Start: 9am, St Mary's Parish Church, Kirkintilloch

Themes: Thresholds and Arrivals; the value of bioregional perspectives and practices for responding to the climate and ecological crisis

Finish: Gurdwara Singh Sabha (pending update), Glasgow (approx. 4.30–5pm)

Evening events: N/A

Accommodation: Self-organised homestay, Glasgow ([book here](#))



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30-31 OCTOBER | GLASGOW ARRIVAL

30th

Pilgrims' Procession and International Gathering including Walker and Bromwich's Serpent of Capitalism

12.30pm Gather at the Briggait, 141 Bridgegate, Glasgow G1 5HZ

12.45pm Pilgrims' Lunch

1.45pm Walk to Glasgow Green

2pm Meet with other pilgrims from across the world who have walked and/or otherwise travelled to Glasgow to participate in COP26

2.30pm Start to assemble; brief speeches; flag installation

3pm Pilgrims' Procession starts—through the McLennan Arch, along Clyde Street, into Enoch Square, up Buchanan Street, turning right along Bath Street and into George Square

4–5pm Short statement by indigenous leaders from Columbia and other visiting pilgrims; final action to transform the Serpent of Capitalism



Image: Mark Pinder

31st

Reflection

1–3pm Meeting for Reflection

Open to all pilgrims who've walked with the Pilgrimage for COP26. Includes silent reflection, the opportunity to share our experience of walking with Pilgrimage for COP26 and a follow-up discussion to establish ongoing collaborations. Location: Glasgow Quaker Meeting House [Book here](#) (*pending update*)

4–5pm Public discussion: What is a pilgrimage, today?

An 'in-conversation' event with the artists Walker and Bromwich and Jonathan Baxter Part of the [Encampment of Eternal Hope](#) in collaboration with [Possible Dialogues](#) Location: Briggait, 141 Bridgegate, Glasgow G1 5HZ. [Book here](#) (*pending update*)

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