

A RESOURCE JUSTICE PLAN FOR SCOTLAND: SUMMARY

A people powered plan for fair and sustainable use of materials

Our world today: Resource injustice

In Scotland, the way materials and products, like clothes and phones, are used is causing harm. It drives resource extraction, pollution and exploits people here and in other countries, whilst only benefiting the wealthy few.

People are locked in a throwaway society where poor-quality and wasteful products are sold to make profits for big businesses but everyone else pays. We can't opt out of a system that exploits the poorest and destroys natural systems which are already being pushed past safe limits. Without change, these problems will worsen.

A fairer future is possible

A better future is possible, where resources are used responsibly, products are designed to last and people and nature are protected. Using materials fairly and sustainably is known as resource justice. It means everyone has equal access to the things they need to live well. It means the government and our economy serve the needs of people, nature is restored and extraction and pollution are reduced.

Focusing on changing people's behaviour won't fix the system. Instead, big businesses must be held to account, and the Government must take meaningful actions to benefit people and nature. We can do this by developing a powerful movement that calls for change.

Growing the movement for change

To grow the movement, we need to show that resource justice means a better quality of life for people in Scotland. It means the products we buy last longer and better access to public services, less pollution and litter and more green job opportunities.

Change is possible and we can achieve it through steps that grow our collective power so that it cannot be ignored. **Our path to resource justice will have three phases:**

1. **Change is possible:** we must show that resource justice is possible and that it meets the needs of the many, rather than the wealthy few.
2. **Grow the movement:** A movement is made up of people, connections and ways to communicate and work together, all focused on a shared goal. The stronger all of these are, the more powerful the movement will become.
3. **Restore power:** to people and communities by enabling greater involvement in the decisions that affect how people use resources.

You can learn more about Scotland's resource justice plan here: **[LINK to main report.](#)**



Leaders from the Autonomous Territorial Government of the Wampís Nation visit Scotland to call for an end to illegal logging links to Scotland's largest floating offshore wind farm. Photo: Forest People Programme