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Ymateb gan Climate Action Newtown / Evidence from Climate Action Newtown

Response to the Welsh Government's priorities in relation to climate change.

Net Zero: the Ministers' letter of 30 July says "we need to make sure that the approach to tackling climate change is Wales-wide and that **we engage every person, community, business and public servant.**"

We are responding as Directors of Climate Action Newtown*, a registered Community Interest Company based in Powys, to say that the engagement process referred to above has not got very far and needs to be substantially ramped up. Voluntary organisations such as Climate Action Newtown can do their bit, typically with the 5-10% of the population who are engaged. But there needs to be an official, Government-led information campaign at the UK and Wales level which makes clear to people what lifestyle and behavioural changes they need to make as a matter of urgency. This is an international emergency and the response needs to be commensurate in terms of scale and pace.

We would like to know how the Welsh Government is going to provide leadership for this engagement process and what resources it intends to deploy to carry it out. In our opinion this should be the number one priority for the Minister for Climate Change.

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