

# THE CLIMATE CONNECTION

The Climate Connection is a partnership for public-health action and learning on climate change. Climate change is recognised as a critical issue for public health, through the impact of climate on food production, disease and weather events, but also because of the potential for climate policies to drive health improvement (“health co-benefits”).

This has led to the founding of The Climate Connection partnership, initiated by the UK Public Health Association but funded by DH and supported by the other major public-health organisations. Following the launch by the CMO Sir Liam Donaldson in December 2008, each region has been invited to join in searching out and supporting the “climate connections” in all areas of public health.

The Climate Connection is supported by the Faculty of Public Health, the UK Public Health Association, the Health Protection Agency, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, the NHS Sustainable Development Unit and the Department of Health.

## RESOURCES

<http://www.theclimateconnection.org/> contains:

- events, news, opinion, discussion and references – resources for action and learning, contributed by participants on the site
- a casebook of public-health actions on climate change
- slide sets from public-health experts (see <http://www.theclimateconnection.org/library/downloads>)
- “PH competences for climate change mitigation and adaptation”
- The celebrated Carbon Addict – guide to medical management of addiction to carbon-based fuels

The Climate Connection is only as effective as the partners and contributors who use it. Please register on the site, share your questions and ideas, upload an “action” (however simple) and look for the climate connections in your day-to-day work.

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