



## Ten Reasons to Sus it Out

1. Real people live 'joined up' lives; sustainable development is joined up thinking and acting.
2. You may already be 'sustainable developers' - take credit where credit is due.
3. The values that lead to community action are similar to the values of sustainable development.
4. Your group's activities affect your community's sustainability - be more aware of your impact, today and in the future.
5. Power misused can damage community as much as poison in the air, water or land. Understand how decision making in your community could be more sustainable.
6. Learn how planning in your community could be more sustainable - Community Planning should lead to sustainable development.
7. Sustainable development is the Scottish Executive's No. 1 priority for Scotland - understand what they are trying to achieve.
8. Funders increasingly use 'sustainability' in deciding how to allocate their money; your group's future might depend on your understanding of sustainable development and how you contribute to it.
9. Sustainable development is a vision for communities around the world. Be part of a global movement of communities seeking social, economic and environmental justice.
10. Community groups are Scotland's greatest reservoir of energy for change and sustainable development. Sus out how you can be the change you want to see.

## SUS IT OUT

### A Project of the Future Scotland Partnership

In 'Choosing Our Future' – Scotland's Sustainable Development Strategy, (para.14.30), the Scottish Executive commits itself to support the Future Scotland Partnership to deliver and develop the Sus it Out programme over the next three years (2006-2009).

The aim of the Sus It Out programme is to increase awareness in civic society organisations, particularly those at the grassroots level, of the contribution they already make to sustainable development and of their potential for increasing this contribution. The programme will offer:

- A facilitated awareness raising tool for community groups
- Regional and national events
- Web based resources and support, currently being developed at [www.susitout.org.uk](http://www.susitout.org.uk)

The Future Scotland Partnership consists of national civic society networking organisations that have agreed to work together on the production of common awareness raising materials and activities. Each network takes responsibility for encouraging and facilitating participation in the Sus it Out programme by groups within their membership. The partners will also work together to support civic society organisations to implement an annual 'pledging' programme and to monitor and to evaluate the national impacts of Sus it Out.

The organisations in membership of the Future Scotland Partnership are:

*Scottish Civic Forum*  
*Community Health Exchange – CDF Scotland*  
*SCVO*  
*Church of Scotland Society, Religion and Technology Project*  
*Scottish Environment Link*  
*Forward Scotland*  
*Voluntary Arts Scotland*  
*Sustainable Scotland Network*  
*Forum on Discrimination Project of SCF*  
*Poverty Alliance*

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