

6th International Conference on

# CARBON ACCOUNTING

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Carbon accounting is the process by which we calculate, attribute and report emissions, for everything from a packet of crisps to whole cities and countries. Yet how many of us actually understand how carbon footprints are calculated and how they are used (or misused) to establish how close we are to meeting Scotland's ambitious climate change targets? And how many of us know how to develop carbon footprints to demonstrate the impacts our projects are having?

The international 'gold standard' methods for carbon accounting are set by the GHG Protocols Group, a coalition that seeks to ensure all carbon footprints are relevant, complete, consistent, transparent and accurate. Until now communities have not generally been required to meet these standards – **but this is changing.**

In response to this the theme for ICARB's 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference is **Carbon Accounting for Cities and Communities**. It will bring together experts from across Scotland and the globe to demystify the world of carbon accounting, explain how you can use it to calculate the benefits of your projects, and discuss the challenges that still lie ahead in this rapidly evolving field.

The conference is open to all, from experts to novices, and we are offering a special discount rate of **£25 for members of community groups**, as well as space for stalls to promote your projects.

**You can find out more about the conference and register at [www.icarbconference.org](http://www.icarbconference.org) , find out more about ICARB at [www.icarb.org/about/](http://www.icarb.org/about/) and contact us at [enquiries@icarb.org](mailto:enquiries@icarb.org)**

## Conference Highlights

- **Chang Deng-Beck** of **ICLEI** will present the GHG Protocols Group's **new Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventories (GPC)**, which sets out the 'gold standard' method for community-scale carbon accounting.
- **Amanda Howarth-Wicklund** of the internationally-renowned **Carbon Disclosure Project** will discuss the progress that has been made on achieving robust city-level carbon accounting, and the challenges that still lie ahead.
- **Morten Højer**, Special Advisor on Climate to the **City of Copenhagen** will present a world-leading example of how to get things right.
- **Graham Pinfield** of **Glasgow City Council's Step Up Project** will present his experiences of carbon accounting in Scotland's largest city.
- **Susan Carstairs** of **Edinburgh University** will discuss how she constructed her pioneering footprint of the community of **Lochaber**.
- Experts from **Community Energy Scotland, Keep Scotland Beautiful, Carbon Capture Ltd, Imperial College London, London Metropolitan University, the Chartered Institute of Building Service Engineers (CIBSE), the Crichton Carbon Centre, and leading Scottish universities** will address technicalities of carbon accounting relevant to cities and communities.
- A drinks reception sponsored by the **City of Edinburgh Council** will provide an opportunity for you to meet the speakers and the ICARB team and discuss how we can help you calculate the carbon savings from your projects.

## About Us

ICARB is an independent organisation originally established in 2005, and is recognised as a leading source of independent guidance on carbon accounting. We operate as a growing not-for-profit partnership of universities, professionals and individuals, who give their time and resources to enable us to offer a free service to anyone who needs our help. We endeavour to take a practical approach to our work – by promoting active engagement and discussion over hiding behind academic papers - and are always keen to hear from anyone who is interested in becoming involved and helping us do more to help others get to grips with this useful and important field. **Find out more at [www.icarb.org](http://www.icarb.org)**

**Please join us at Edinburgh City Chambers on September 5<sup>th</sup> for an interesting and provocative conference that we hope will help bring about a step change in the way cities and communities calculate their carbon emissions.**

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