

SECTOR CLIMATE SURVEY



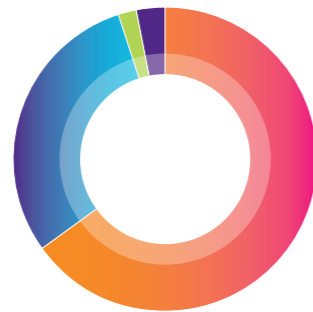
Museums Galleries Scotland conducted a sector-wide climate survey in March 2022 to understand the views of Scotland's museums and galleries, the actions currently being undertaken, the challenges faced and what more is needed to enable change. This data will play an essential part in how MGS will direct their services and support.

VIEWS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement/disagreement with the following statement:

"My organisation views climate change as an important issue to be addressed."

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| Strongly agree | 65% |
| Agree | 30% |
| Disagree | 2% |
| Strongly disagree | 3% |



This demonstrates strong agreement and desire to act on climate change within the sector.

"We aim to be a producer of clean energy. Being carbon neutral is currently an unrealistic objective, but our building runs solely on electricity, and we would like to produce as much of the energy that we consume as possible from renewables. We would also like to maximise the use of our space as a resource for our community to reduce the need for future construction projects in our national scenic area.

MEASUREMENT EFFORTS

Only **16%** of respondents said they are currently measuring their carbon footprint. Although the significance of climate change is widely understood, this highlights that few feel they have the knowledge or capacity to take action on measurement.



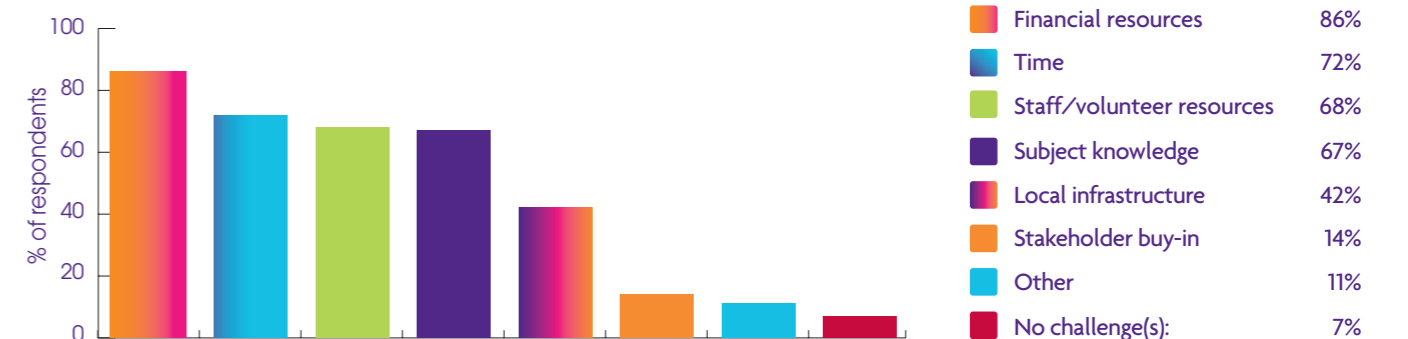
The top areas identified for measurement by respondents were **energy use, water use and general waste.**

More information on carbon management and measurement can be found on our blog post: [Measuring Your Museum's Carbon Footprint](#)

"Interest in 'climate work' is not just about reducing our own carbon footprint, but in using our collections and knowledge to offer our audience some historical context to present-day climate concerns.

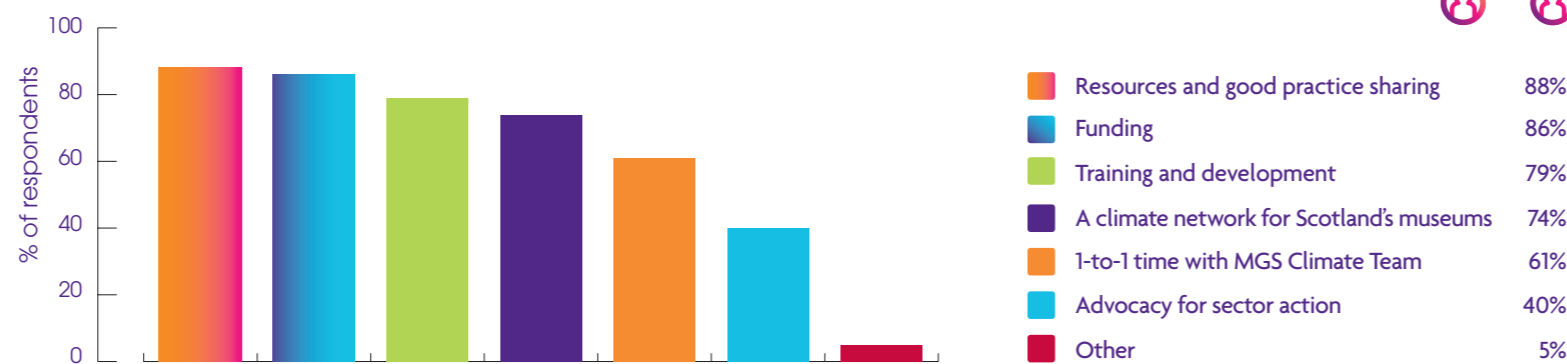
CHALLENGES FACED

Respondents were asked what challenges they have faced in their **efforts to become more environmentally sustainable**, and the results showed significant challenges across the sector.



SUPPORT NEEDED

Given these substantial challenges and **MGS's role and commitment to helping the sector reach its goals on climate change and sustainability**, respondents were asked what support would be the most useful to them.



"We have adopted an Aim of being carbon neutral. Our current priorities are to further enhance our energy consumption efficiency and to embed a measurement system through which we can understand our current footprint and then measure against that as we identify and implement changes.

REDUCTION EFFORTS

71% of respondents are taking steps to reduce the carbon footprint of their museum with efforts being concentrated on the following actions, the most popular being:

- Energy use**
- General waste**
- Exhibition waste**
- Café operations**
- Water use**
- Retail operations**