

Land Use for Net Zero Hub

One Year of an Innovative Research Initiative

December 2024



780 Subscribers to our quarterly newsletter and social media channels



267 Attendees at the six Hub workshops and events held so far



3 Blogs From Hub members, partners and other stakeholders sharing their own research and perspectives – Please add your own!

Regular Early Careers meetings have been held, and a mentoring scheme established.
EDI strategy has been developed, and two ombuds have been appointed.

“How do the 4 UK Nations Monitor their Soil?” *(Soil TAG workshop)*

5 separately funded LUNZ Research Projects

Comprised of **82** researchers from **32** organisations, integrating with Hub work

“What are the obstacles to private investment in UK Land Use?” *(Green Finance workshop)*



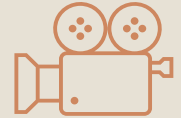
Agile Policy Centre



‘Drawdown’
18 requests received from government departments
2 Completed
5 Underway



Report: **The role of Major Landowners in the net zero land use transition**



Two films produced by the **PLACE Collective**, asking land managers about their perspectives on net zero

About the Hub

34 Consortium Members from farming, advisory organisations, arm's length agencies, academics, green finance, NGOs and arts collectives

62 Project Partners From the wider land use sector



3 Work Packages

(Agile Policy Center, Creative Methods Lab and Net Zero Futures Platform)

7 Topic Advisory Groups

4 National Teams

UK government and devolved administrations' policy needs

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Work Package Highlights

The **Net Zero Futures Platform**: Is developing the main components and principles of a **common scenario framework**, building consensus on the desired environmental, societal and economic outcomes of different pathways

The **Transdisciplinary Work Package**: Hosted the first **LUNZ Big Tent event**, and showed two films created by the PLACE collective highlighting perspectives of seven land managers on the land use and net zero challenge

“What land use interventions bring about quick wins or more transformative changes?” (Enabling on the Ground Transition Workshop)

“When you're trying to get to net zero, you can't do it in little silos.”

(PLACE Collective Interview)

Topic Advisory Groups



Soil Health and Carbon Dynamics

Analysis of **51 pieces of research** commissioned to inform development of soil policy
5 Expert interviews on key aspects of soils' role in national targets on net zero and nature recovery.



Agricultural Systems

First iteration of the **viability indicator** which will enable comparison of management options for progressing towards net zero.



Land Use Change

Workshop on **Critical Research gaps** launched a **monthly reading club** to discuss relevant academic papers.



Workshops

7 workshops held, including an Overview of National Soil Monitoring Schemes and Resonance project launch

Meetings

- 3 x Hub meetings
- 2 x Consortia meetings
- 1 x Big Tent (Edinburgh)