

OUR SHARED STORY



Just Transition Communities Project

We are a partnership of experienced facilitators supporting communities to explore how we can improve our lives by moving away from oil and gas to more sustainable living.



Scotland held a national citizens assembly which considered the framework for a Just Transition.



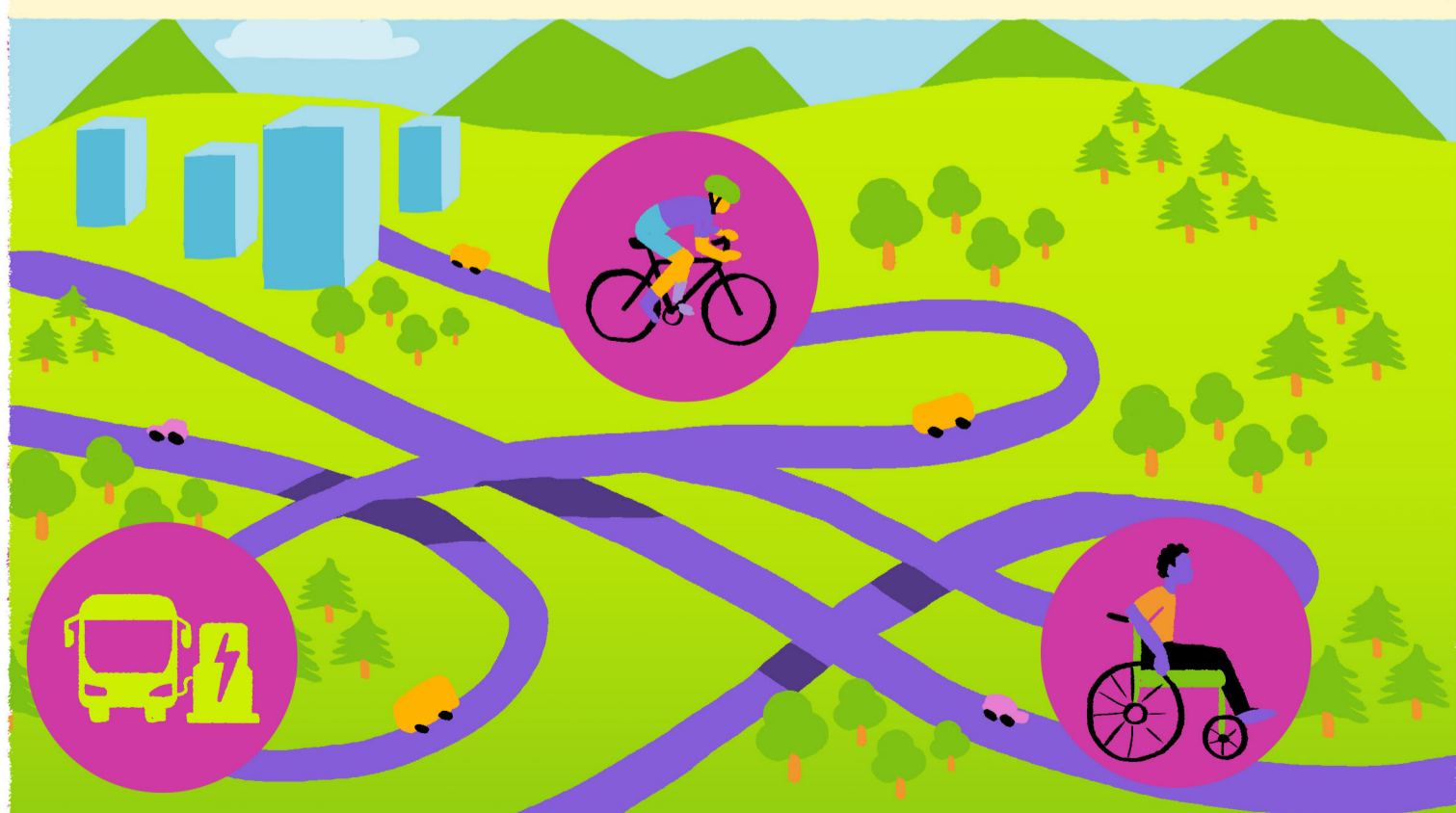
Our project is focusing on three local authority areas of North East Scotland: Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City and Moray.

For centuries, the Story of the North East was about fishing, farming and granite, but 50 years ago, we were rebranded as "the Energy Capital of Europe".



the story of Aberdeen in particular has been of an affluent city, but this has not been the story for all of our communities

Now we must consider a new transition, away from dependency on fossil fuels, learning how to make changes that protect our environment, resources and climate.



Through communities working in partnership we can share creative better solutions to the climate crisis and increase skills needed in our communities.

Our project aims to help communities write a new story of the North East.



Together we are exploring ways that communities can be a part of planning and decision making for the future

OUR STARTING POINT

The Scottish and UK Governments have both introduced "Net Zero" Policies.

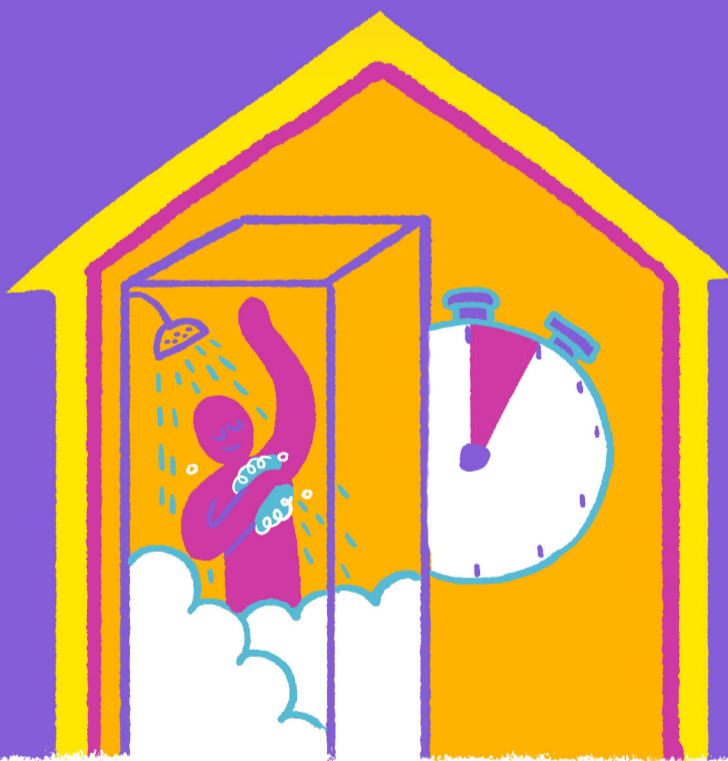
What does this mean for you and me?

Primarily we need to move away from our reliance on Oil and Gas. This means reducing energy consumption as well as developing renewable sources of energy.



As individuals and households, if we all adapt our lifestyle choices, we can achieve over 30% of the necessary carbon reductions. *

However, we are relying on government and big business to invest and lead the way on policy to support behaviour change and alternative solutions and technologies.



There are lots of ways to reduce the amount of carbon we produce

As well as reducing waste, we can adopt low-carbon technologies, projects and services.

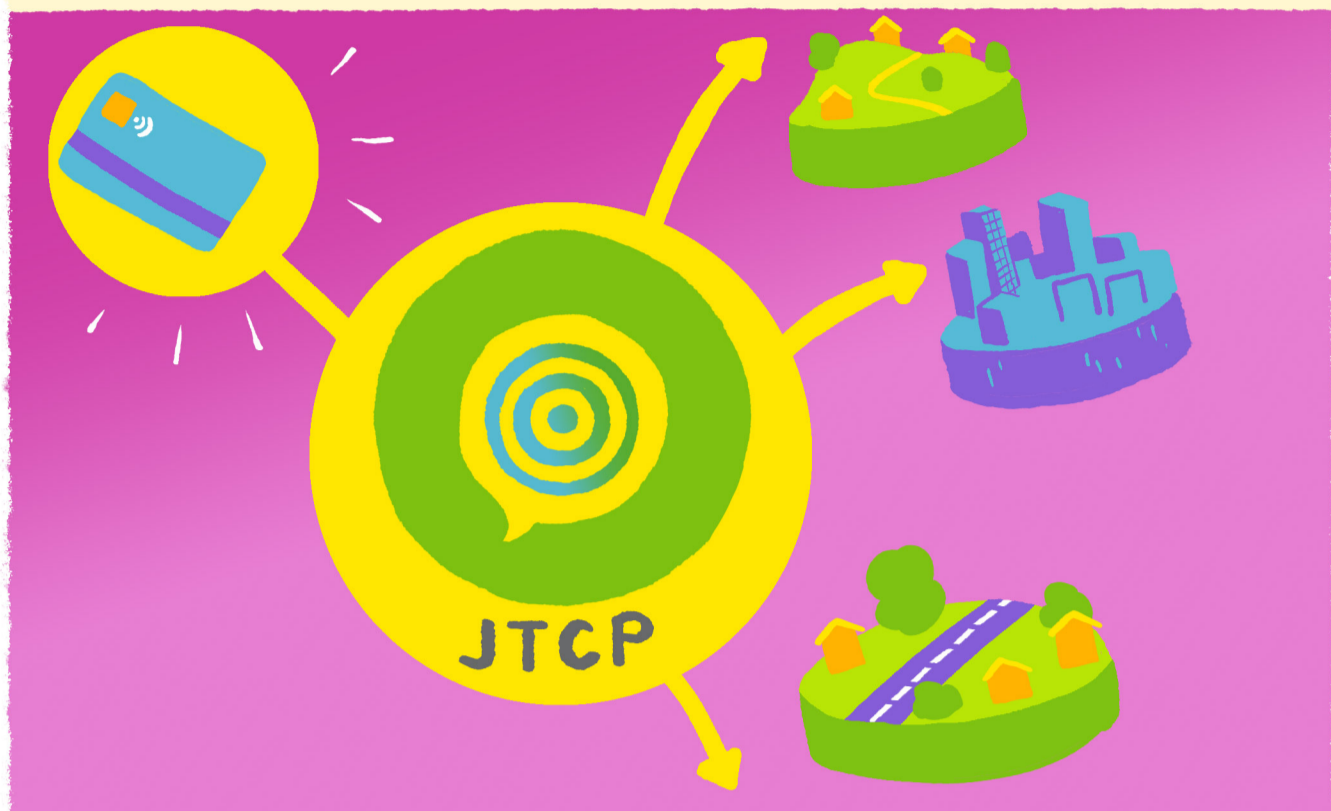
All of Society needs to change to Low-Carbon activities, including businesses, households and individuals.



* Figures taken from - Committee on Climate Change: The Sixth Carbon Budget

OUR PROJECT DEVELOPS

In November 2022, the Scottish Government funded a program of community sessions across the North East to explore a Just Transition.



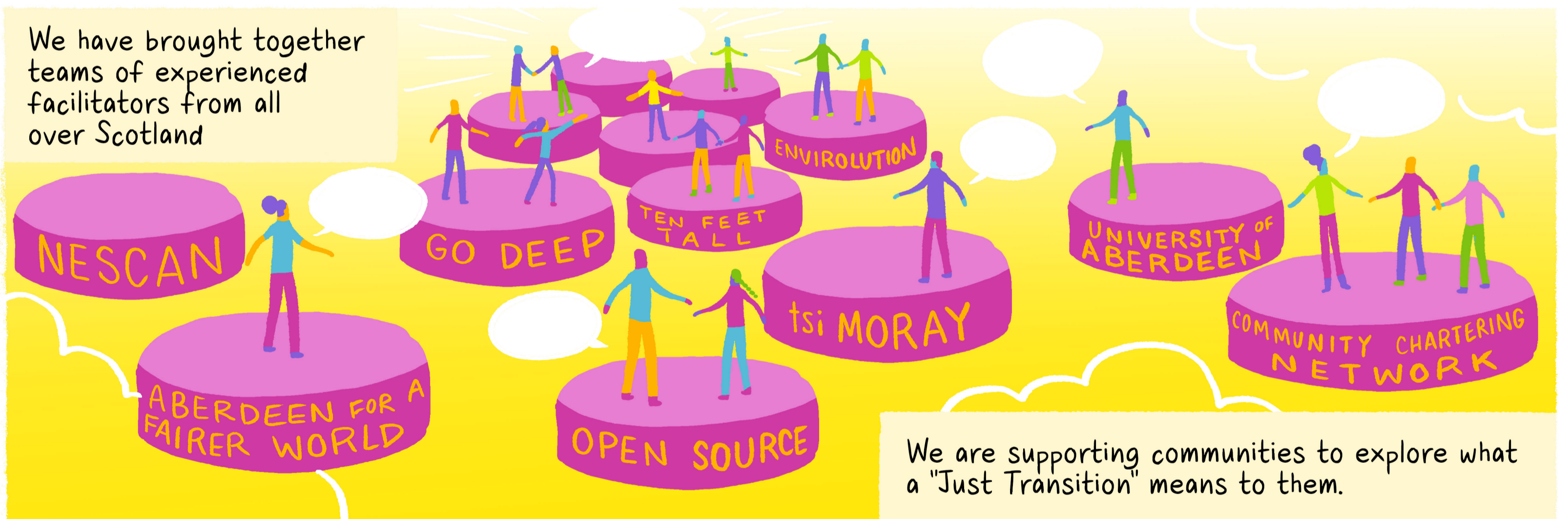
This became our communities project.

Our project explores how communities can be part of a deliberative process of designing, creating and delivering a "Just Transition"



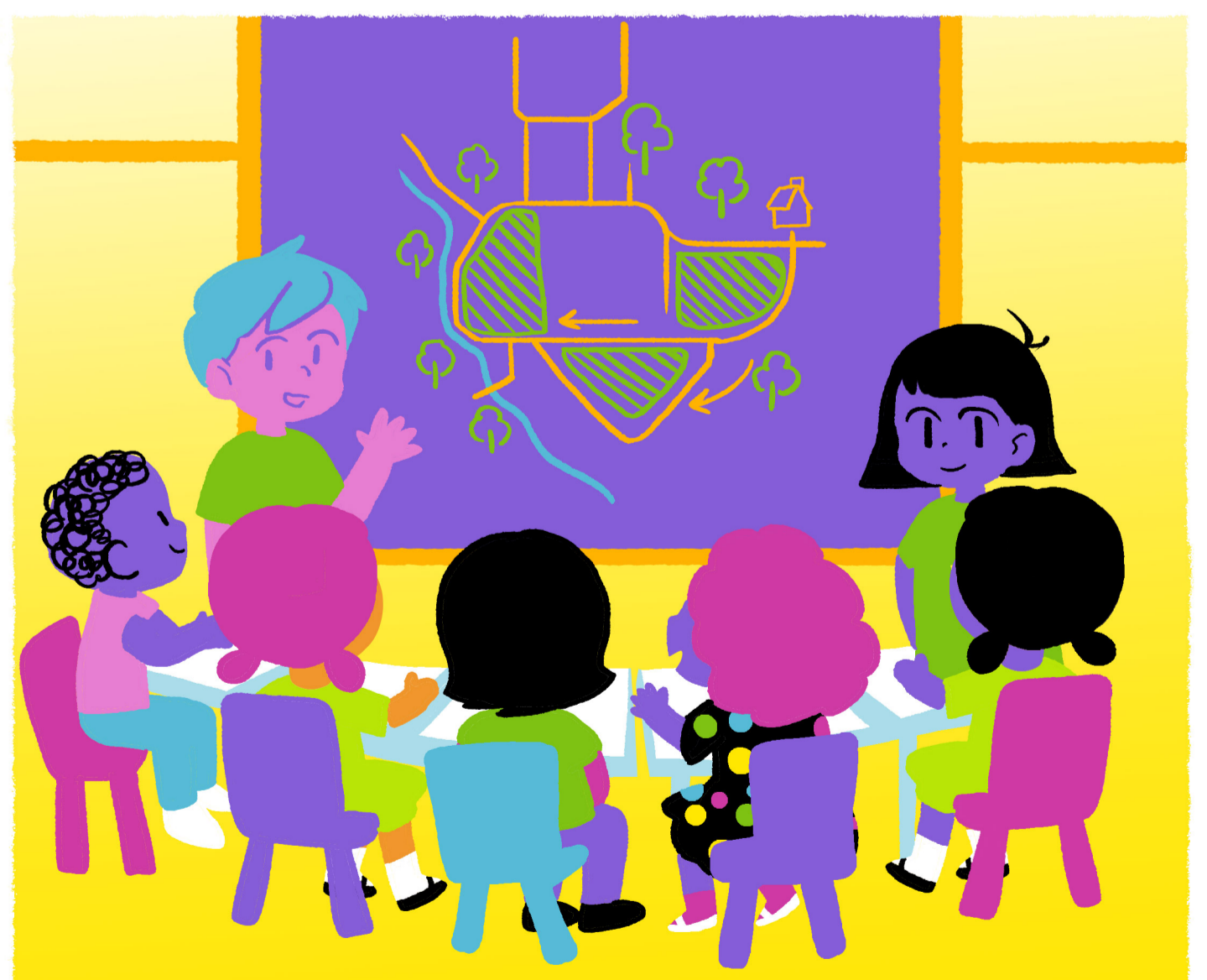
Through building belief and strength in community voice and action, lasting beneficial changes can take place.

We have brought together teams of experienced facilitators from all over Scotland



We are supporting communities to explore what a "Just Transition" means to them.

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Together we can build fairer, healthier, greener, sustainable communities.

OUR PRINCIPLES

We work with schools, community members and groups across the North East to achieve the project principles.



The local council authorities help us too.



INCLUSION

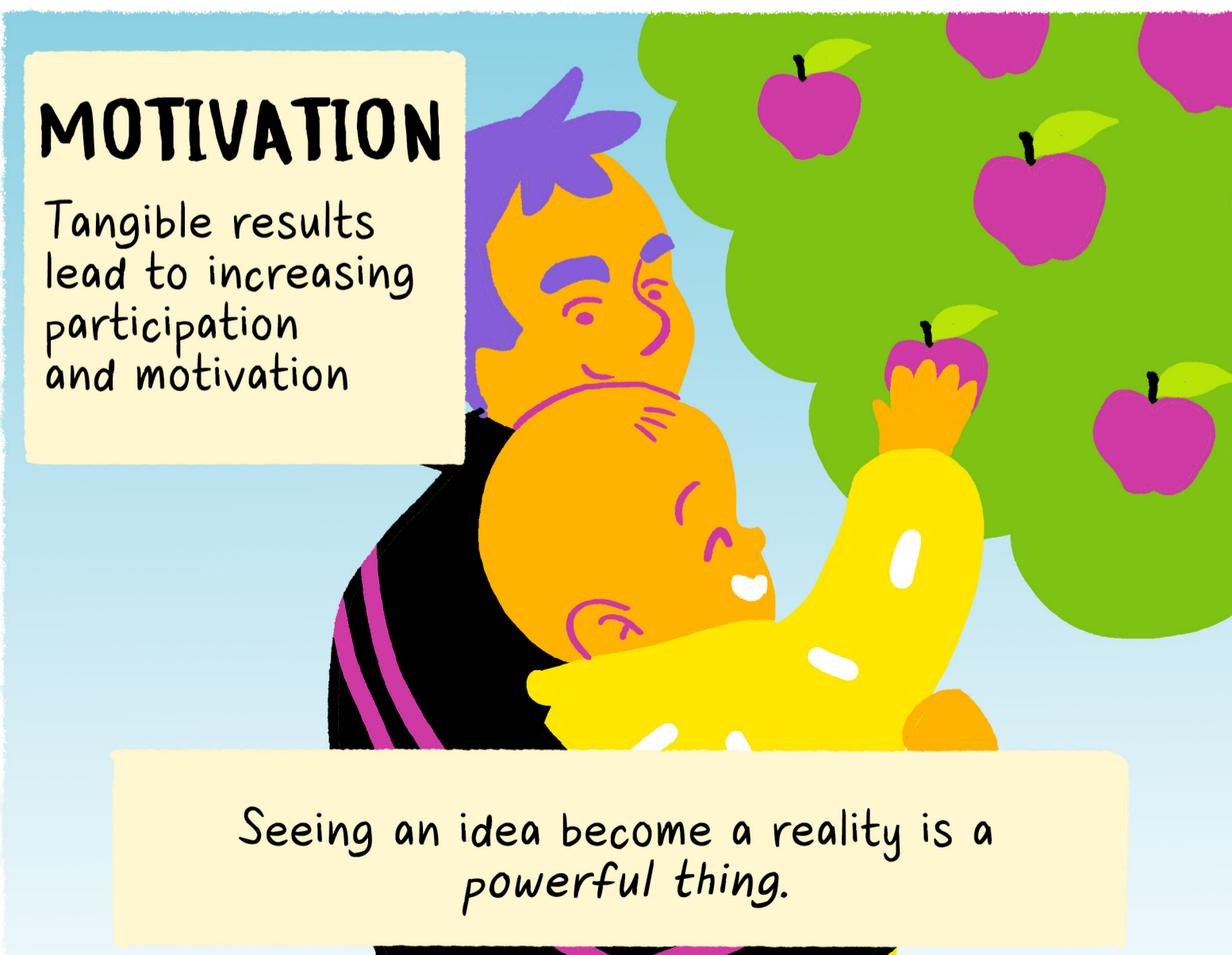
All parts of the community are involved in the process



CONFIDENCE

Communities and other groups and organisations have confidence that the processes are effective.

giving people hope and providing satisfaction in the process



MOTIVATION

Tangible results lead to increasing participation and motivation

Seeing an idea become a reality is a powerful thing.



CONTINUITY

Implementation of action plans leading to long term changes.

Helping to motivate commitment to a better sustainable North East Scotland, with connected, empowered, active communities at its heart.

OUR VISION: CLIMATE JUSTICE

The North East can set an example of what a Just Transition can achieve.



We can show the world how community and nature-based solutions can help to address the key challenges of our times.

The Scottish Government has stated: "We are committed to ending our contribution to climate change in a way that is fair."

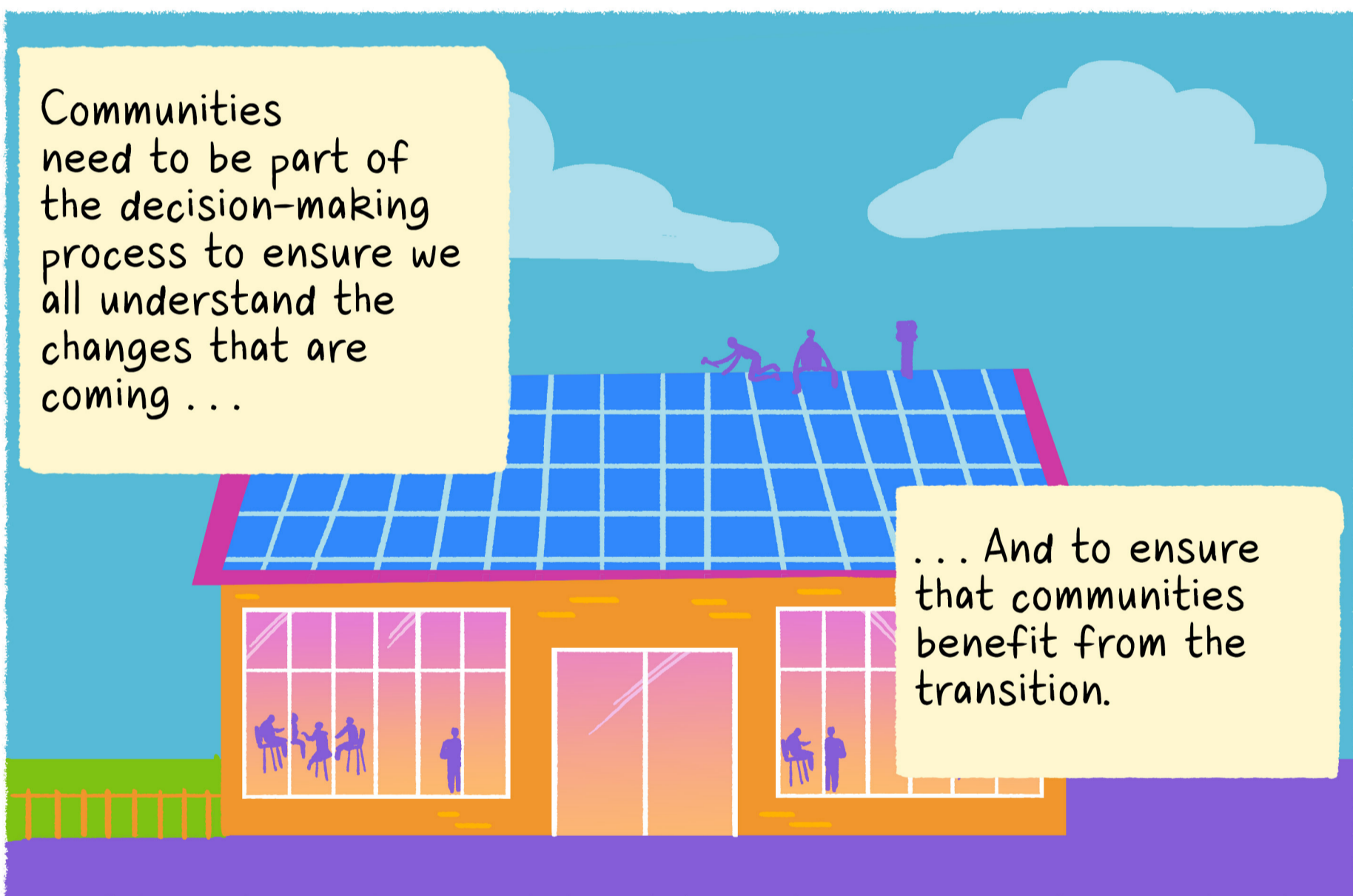


The current focus is on business, technological and economic solutions



But what does just transition mean for people, places and communities?

Communities need to be part of the decision-making process to ensure we all understand the changes that are coming ...



... And to ensure that communities benefit from the transition.

Communities should be at the heart of telling our own stories.



When united, communities can become sources of resilience and transformative change.

Communities can come together to challenge and counter unjust systems and inequalities.



The transition can only be just if the community is at the heart of the change.