

COP26 – Member Spotlights

Green Home Systems Ltd

Meet Steven Easton, Managing Director of Green Home Systems Ltd, based in Irvine, Ayrshire.

“At Green Home Systems, our vision is to create a zero-carbon fuel wealthy world - a world with no carbon emissions and an abundance of cheap energy that is freely available to all. We aim to achieve this by eradicating fuel poverty and ending climate change through improving the energy efficiency of our communities and creating warm, healthy and happy homes.

We are committed to these goals and believe they can be achieved sustainably while also producing further benefits to society. We prioritise the use of low carbon materials in client projects including, for example, installing thermal insulation that is made from 80% recycled waste glass.

We understand the jobs and skills opportunity that exists for Ayrshire, and recognise the importance of developing a long term, sustainable workforce that can deliver energy efficiency projects to the highest standards of excellence. That is why we created the Green Home Skills Academy to encourage the next generation of talent and provide them with opportunities to gain long term career prospects.

To date we have saved our 500,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions and lifted over 7,000 families out of fuel poverty, and recently won four awards at the 2021 Scottish Energy Efficiency Awards.

COP26 is a great opportunity for all businesses to become green, sustainable, and prosperous.”

Website: www.greenhomesystems.co.uk

Leanne Cairns Millinery

Meet Leanne Cairns, Owner of Leanne Cairns Millinery, based in Dundonald, Ayrshire.

“Leanne Cairns Millinery is disrupting the traditional by embracing technology, applying zero waste practice and utilising nature in their forthcoming new business model. A brand whose Hat Collections will be entirely made from fermented plant starch, biodegradable, compostable and utilising 3D printing technology in their production. These stunning hats can be printed and assembled from separate components that can be customised to create a unique bespoke design. Leanne Cairns Millinery have also recently set up a collaboration with Napier University, prototyping via Interface Innovation Voucher.

“Now is the time to be innovative and become sustainable in fashion, with ideas and practices that address the fast fashion issues by being more circular and preventing landfill accumulation. We all must make every effort to change our ways for the benefit of people and planet to give the earth a surviving chance. Let's make an impact for the greater good, encouraging a sense of assured confidence and affirming an expression of sustainable identity when wearing our brand by utilising nature within the materials and design aesthetic used.”

Website: www.leannecairnsmillinery.com