

On **Saturday the 24th of April**, we are asking all of our Pedal on Parliament supporters around Scotland to join us (safely distanced, of course) in shining the light on active travel - one of the key answers to our climate crisis.

Because we can't run a mass ride this year, we are instead asking that people around Scotland use projections and light, at home or as a local action, to add to our big, surprise, light-themed action in Edinburgh. We would like to send a message to our policymakers ahead of the Scottish Parliamentary elections that Scotland believes that cycling is a part of the solution to climate disaster.

This year we are focusing on climate, and the messages we want to send collectively are that:



THIS MACHINE FIGHTS CLIMATE CHANGE

and

THE TIME IS NOW

Photographs and video of your action will be key to spreading the word of our collective action so be sure to record it and share it far and wide.

Here are a few suggestions for how you can join in:

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TIPS

- A practice run on a previous dark night might be worth it to get it just right.
- If the Saturday evening doesn't suit you feel free to go for the Friday evening or Saturday (early!) morning and we can still use the images or video you capture.
- Consider the timing of your action according to light levels. Many projections will work at dusk, although in April the sun won't be fully down until around 7.30/8pm.
- Beg, borrow, gather, share and collaborate with what you need!
- Buy second hand - marketplaces often have lights for sale from events that have passed.
- Keep yourself and others safe. If it's raining keep anything electrical safely under cover.
- Ensure you're not shining the light into oncoming traffic!
- A home projector won't cover a massive area - choose your location wisely!

Please remember that we are trying to avoid crowds this year - so rather than advertising your action, let it be a happening and record it in images or video.

Photograph and film your action! Send it to local press with our press release! Tweet it with these hashtags #PedalOnParliament #LightTheWay #TheTimesNow Share it all over social media.

WINDOW INSTALLATIONS

Create a message in your windows that will shine out when the sun goes down.

[Window wanderland events](#) around the country have given us loads of great examples of what you can do with a simple roll of tissue paper. Add to it with fairy lights, balloons, lamps, the creative possibilities are endless. Plus this is a great thing to get your whole family involved in.

There's even a great how to [guide here](#).



Photos (l-r): [Window Wanderland](#) / [Gazette Community Magazines](#) / [Coventry Window Wanderland](#) / [Bisopton Society](#) / [Visual Arts South West](#) / [Karen Moir](#) / [Katherine Anne Rose](#) / [Campbeltown Courier](#) / [Frome Window Wanderland](#)

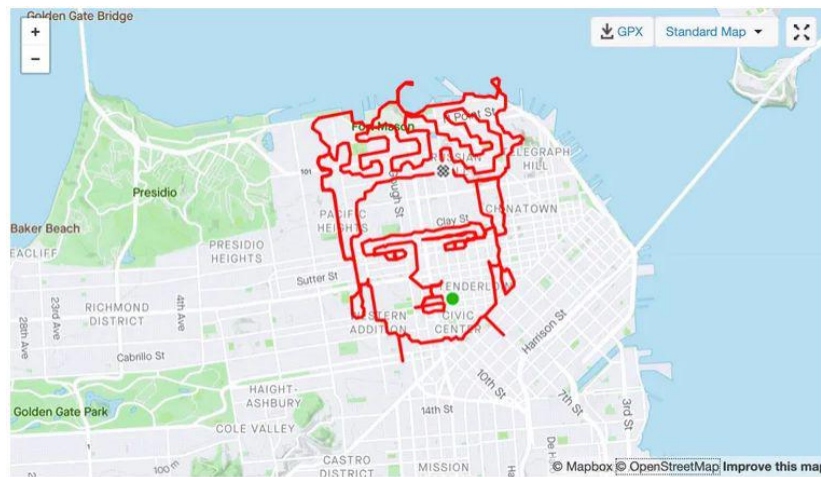
LIGHT DRAWINGS

Painting with light in a long exposure photograph can be so much fun and can make a really powerful image. All you need is a camera or smartphone, something to keep it steady like a tripod or a cradle, a night setting or long exposure, and a light to paint with. [This fairly in depth how-to guide](#) is useful, but experimenting is also a good way to go. Use our message to create something beautiful like this:



Photos (l-r): [Cassie Boca](#) / [PaintingValley.com](#) / [2020pv](#) / [Petapixel](#) / [Techie Crypto](#) / [Brian Hart](#)

Alternatively, if you're feeling a bit pent up from a winter of lockdown, you can trace your message in another way with a bit of [Strava art](#) (other ride-recording apps are available).



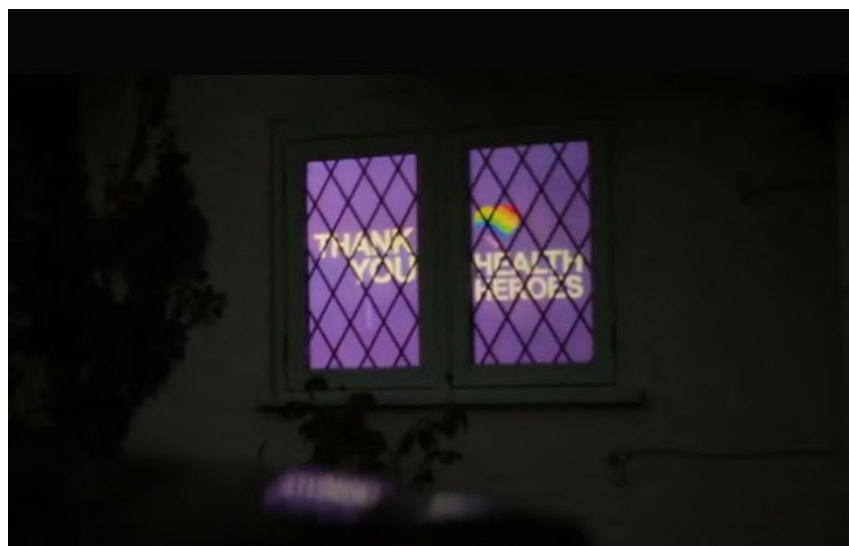
Strava art by: [Lenny Maughan](#)

PROJECTORS

You might have a projector in the home that could be fun to use, or you might want to try to enlist the help of a local arts group who may have access to one.

Indoors:

Project out your window or onto white printer paper, tissue paper or half open blinds. It doesn't need to be as technical as this, but [this guide](#) gives some useful pointers



Still: [Luma Box](#)

Go as lo-fi as you like!



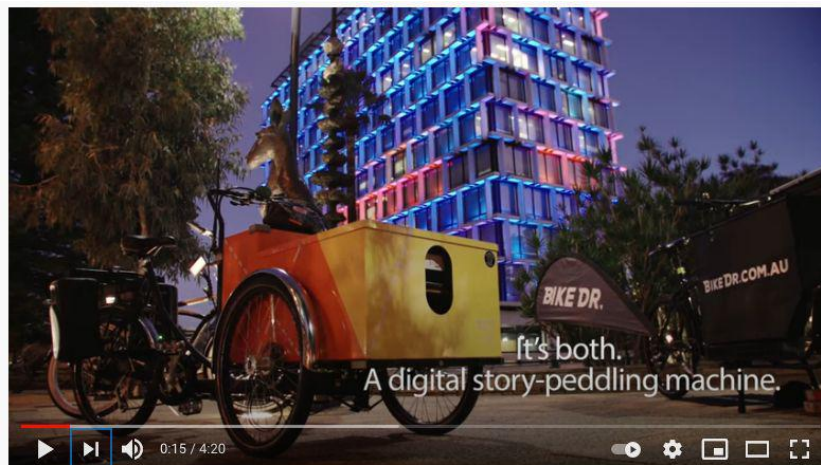
Photo: [BEEF Bristol](#)

Outdoors:

Projecting our key messages onto a landmark that easily identifies your local areas can be a strong action to take. You'll need your project, a power source, and a laptop with your message to project. To transport it, why not hire a cargo bike and be sure to include that in your photos!

This could be something you could collaborate with local artists on. Here are a couple of examples of how you might try to do this - although you probably wouldn't need them quite as high-tech!

[The Projector Bike:](#)



Projector Bike 2016

The Light Cycle:



Photo: [Urban Projections](#)



Light Artist: [Jack Wrigley](#)

THEATRE LIGHTS

If you have access to powerful theatre lights you can send batman light signals out to the world with a cut out inserted. [This video](#) explains how.



Photo: Save Leith Walk

[Here is how](#) to make an easy home DIY version:



Still: [Greenpeace International](#)

LED / FAIRY LIGHTS



Photo: [In Style LED](#)

Bendable LED tape and strings of fairy lights could spell out a pretty big message. Battery operated would work for outside too. [Here's a quick example](#) of how you might do this.



Photos (l-r): [Overpass Light Brigade](#) / [Overpass Light Brigade](#) / [Backbone Campaign](#) / [Joe Brusky](#)

Or you could make it DIY and simply use fairy lights to make a sign with our message.



LIGHT BOXES

Cinema style light boxes come with all the letters you need to spell out our messages.



Photo: [Erick Tang](#)

REFLECTIVE TAPE

Make a banner using reflective tape and light it up, or position it so that car headlights will reveal it's message. Foil or silver paper would also work!



Photo: [Reflective Tape](#)

MOBILE PHONE APPS

Phones are a good source of light! If you and your family all have phones, there are loads of scrolling text apps that could send out our message.



Photo: [Hey Now](#)

BICYCLE LIGHTS

We all have them! Use them to make a light installation with our message.



Photo: [Bless This Stuff](#)