

# NESCAN HUB NEWSLETTER

Updates and events from

North East Scotland's Climate Action Network



**APRIL 2024**



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**Welcome to our NESCAN Hub  
April 2024 Newsletter.**

I hope everyone is doing well! We trust that you found our previous issue helpful.

All links in this newsletter are clickable!

They will be **bold and underlined**



If you have any questions, please email  
[communications@nescan.org](mailto:communications@nescan.org)

*Enjoy!*

# CLIMATE WEEK NORTH EAST

**15 - 24 March**  
2024

## CLIMATE WEEK NORTH EAST 2024 HAS OFFICIALLY BEGUN!

A week filled with engaging conversations, workshops, nature walks, beach cleans, expert talks, tours, and more!

Join us in advocating for a more sustainable and healthier planet under this year's theme: TAKE ACTION.

Various events in and around Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and online are still ongoing, brimming with excitement and enjoyment! Explore the brochure and website links provided below to secure your spot at the events now!

Know about CWNE24  
and events

**CWNE 2024**

Check out the events  
happening during this week!

**BROCHURE**



# CLIMATE WEEK NORTH EAST

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## WHAT WILL YOU PLEDGE?

To take more steps on your journey of climate action, delve into the Do Actions below and explore by clicking on the 'pledge' button. Feel free to undertake multiple actions!

While some are straightforward, others may demand more effort, yet each contributes positively to our environment, well-being, and overall satisfaction. Moreover, here's the catch – give it a try for just two months!

Let's seize the moment, TAKE ACTION, and make a difference!

**pledge here**

CWNE24 FB Page:

**CWNE 2024**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CLIMATE CAFE AT THE VINERY

27 March 2024

Come and be part of the Climate Café featuring Clothes Repair on Wednesday, 27th March, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at The Vinery in Banff. It's a free event, just drop in!



## CLIMATE CAFE - REDUCE, REUSE, REPAIR

TUE, 2nd April 2023

[register here](#)

Aberdeen Climate Action invites you to their upcoming free hybrid café on April 2nd at Anatomy Rooms, AB10 1AN, both in-person and online. Book your free tickets!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## POTATO PLANTING WORKSHOP AND GIVEAWAY

**7 April 2024**



Attend The Allotment Market Stall's (TAMS) Potato Planting Workshop and Giveaway on April 7, 2024, at 1 pm at Grove Nursery. This event is open to all ages and free of charge.

[register here](#)

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## ABERDEEN PEOPLE PLANET PASTRY

**12 April 2024**



Aberdeen People Planet Pastry on 12th April 2024 at Duthie Park Café from 10 am to 11:30 pm.

Join to meet like-minded people, share local stories and ideas and accelerate local climate action.

[register here](#)



# FUNDING & CONSULTATIONS

- **Trades Widows' Fund Charity** The objective of Trades Widows' Fund Charity is to contribute to the betterment of the greater community of Aberdeen. Know more here:

[about charity](#)

## Aberdeen Trades Charity

The Trades Widows' Fund Charity Trustees wish to invite grant applications from Charities, local community groups, and organisations offering support to individuals, communities and children experiencing hardship arising from food poverty, illness, need for clothing, and the need for general daily support. The Trustees will prioritise local community groups and organisations seeking grants of up to £2,500 and if successful the Fund's preference would be to provide grants via the direct purchase of goods, services, or materials. Charity grants will be limited to a maximum of £5,000 per application unless exceptional circumstances are demonstrated.

Please note that the closing date for applications will be Friday, 17th of May 2024.

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- **Local Voices Well-Being Fund** This funding focuses on supporting community groups to improve the health & wellbeing of children, young people and their families through delivering a range of activities at a local level. The closing date is Sunday, 21st April 2024. For more information about the funding and funding application request, please email [agnese.carter@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:agnese.carter@aberdeenshire.gov.uk).





# FUNDING & CONSULTATIONS

- **The Fore**      The Fore funds small charities that make a big impact. The Summer 2024 funding will open from 12 pm on Thursday, 28th March to 12 pm, Thursday 4th April. [about fund](#)

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- **People's Postcode Trust Grant**      The People's Postcode Trust has opened its funding round dates for 2024. Round 1 ends on Monday, 1st April 2024. Know more here: [apply for grant](#)

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- **Start It - Firstport**      This funding programme received from the Scottish Government's Social Entrepreneurs Fund helps budding social entrepreneurs in Scotland to get their businesses up and running. Know more: [about fund](#)

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- **Food Growing and Green Spaces Initiative Fund - Aberdeenshire Council**      This is funded by Banff and Buchan Area Food Growing and Green Spaces Initiative Fund to use the area committee budget to create good growing spaces, address communities' needs and encourage interest and development of these spaces. Know more here: [about fund](#)



**HAVE YOUR SAY** SCOTLAND'S  
FIRST NATIONAL  
GOOD FOOD  
NATION PLAN  
CONSULTATION NOW OPEN



- **National Good Food Nation Plan: Consultation**

Scottish Government is consulting on the first national Good Food Nation Plan. They are seeking views on the national Good Food Nation Outcomes, ways of measuring progress and how different groups envision life in a Good Food Nation. It also seeks views on specified functions.

**about consultation**

**Events:**

**Mon, 8th April | 18:00**

National Good Food Nation Plan: Consultation Workshop 4  
By Scottish Government & Nourish Scotland

**[Book for 8th April](#)**

**Thu, 18th April | 15:00**

National Good Food Nation Plan: Consultation Workshop 5  
By Scottish Government & Nourish Scotland

**[Book for 18th April](#)**

## WEBSITE LAUNCH

# FAIR FOOD ABERDEENSHIRE



Fair Food Aberdeenshire (FFA) is a partnership focused on a sustainable food plan for across the region. NESCAN is one of the partners, alongside The James Hutton Institute, Aberdeenshire Council, The Rowett Institute, One Seed Forward, CFINE, Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership, NHS Grampian, Aberdeenshire North Foodbank and The Haven.

Their new website has been live. Check it out to know about Fair Food Aberdeenshire and stay tuned for more updates on their website.

**[Fair Food Aberdeenshire](#)**

# LEARNING AND RESEARCH COURSES

**FREE**  
GROWING & LEARNING COURSE

Learn all about how to design the space, how to get started and gain practical skills as we grow veg.

We'll be hands on, outdoors, at the beautiful Aller Croft, Huntly. Learning in a small group with plenty time for a cuppa after.

8 week course  
Thursdays 10am - 1pm  
Starting 18th of April  
To book call or message Katrina on 07825887770

Free 8-week Growing & Learning Course by One Seed Forward & Huntly Greenspace Collective at Huntly Starts 18th April 2024

Free 6-week Learning & Growing Together Course by One Seed Forward at Fraserburgh Starts 15th April 2024

Interested in learning to grow your own food?  
Want to connect with other new gardeners?

**Learning and Growing Together**

Join Joshua for our FREE 6 week course:  
Mondays 15 April-27 May\*, 10 AM-12:30 PM  
held at:  
Fraserburgh Family Resource Centre  
Argyll Road, Fraserburgh, AB43 9BL  
To book a place or find out more please contact Joshua at:  
[ecological-gardens@outlook.com](mailto:ecological-gardens@outlook.com)  
\*No session Monday 6 May due to bank holiday

Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund For Adults Round 3

# LEARNING AND RESEARCH

## COURSES

**Learning and Growing Together**



Our FREE Learning and Growing Together courses are aimed at those interested in learning more about the process of growing their own food!

Four week course, Mondays from 1 PM - 4 PM  
Starting 29 April



The Vinery  
Duff House Gardens  
Airlie Gardens, Banff  
AB45 1AS



The sessions will cover topics like garden design, soil and compost, planting and tending, and harvesting!

To book a place or find out more, please contact Francesca at [francesca.onesf@gmail.com](mailto:francesca.onesf@gmail.com)





Free 4-week Learning & Growing Together Course by One Seed Forward at The Vinery Banff Starts 29th April 2024

Free 8-week Growing & Learning Training Course in Peterhead by One Seed Forward Starts from 1st May 2024



### Growing & Learning Training Course



This small group, hands-on programme has been designed for people who would like to learn the basics of how to grow their own food

The weekly course will begin on Wednesday, 1st May 2024 from 10.00 to 13.00 for 8 weeks at the Community Garden, Stellas Voice, Inverurie, Peterhead

The course is FREE to attendees and the topics covered include:

- How plants grow
- Garden Design
- Soil and compost
- Germinating and propagating
- Planting and tending
- Harvesting and eating



Places are limited, you must be over 16 years of age and resident in Aberdeenshire to apply. Please register your interest by emailing [gwelsh@anfb.org.uk](mailto:gwelsh@anfb.org.uk)

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Garden Volunteers needed for Peterhead Community Market Garden Project. Register your interest.  
[community.garden@anfb.org.uk](mailto:community.garden@anfb.org.uk)

Discover the benefits of gardening and growing your own fruit and veg!

## GARDEN VOLUNTEERS



### PETERHEAD COMMUNITY MARKET GARDEN PROJECT

THIS IS COLLABORATION BETWEEN ABERDEENSHIRE NORTH  
FOODBANK AND STELLA'S VOICE TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY  
FOOD GROWING SPACE. WE AIM TO TURN A MUDDY FIELD INTO A  
PRODUCTIVE GARDEN AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT OPEN FOR  
ALL TO ENJOY!

Please register your interest  
[community.garden@anfb.org.uk](mailto:community.garden@anfb.org.uk)





## 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.*

## Spotlight on – The North East Scotland Just Transition Communities Project!

NESCAN Hub is proud to be co-creating and delivering the Just Transition Communities Project (JTCP) with some brilliant delivery partners and we are really excited to let you all know that you can now find out more about it here on our brand new project webpage.

### [Just Transition Communities Project \(JTCP\)](#)

Through a series of community assemblies, participatory activities and sessions across Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City and Moray – the project enables communities to explore what a Just Transition in the region means for them. It delves into how communities can take part in driving the process of designing, creating and delivering a “Just Transition”.

A just transition seeks to ensure that the substantial benefits of a green economy transition are shared widely and are fair and in support of social justice and climate justice. With a large focus on business, technological and economic solutions, there is a significant gap when it comes to including the voices and solutions of people, places and communities.

Meet the NESCAN Hub staff who are managing the JTCP.

**Nicola Twine, Project Manager**

*nicola@nescan.org*

Nicola loves learning new things, meeting people and interesting conversations. An experienced qualified Community Learning and Development Practitioner, she leads the project partnership collaborative on its vision, planning and development, resourcing and delivery.

**Karina Emslie, Project Officer**

*karina@nescan.org*

Karina is a whirlwind of enthusiasm and is passionate about diversity and inclusion, enabling and encouraging people to get involved and take action. She supports all of the partners with monitoring, evaluation and learning and our project reporting and accountability.





**Check out the Interactive JTCP Comics!**

**Just Transition Communities Project**  
**Comic – Our Shared Story**

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 conference in 2019 which considered the future of the North East. For centuries, the North East was about fishing and growing. 150 years ago, we were the 'breadbasket of Europe'.

Our project is focusing on the communities of North East Scotland, North East England, and South West Scotland. In particular, we have been focusing on the communities of Aberdeen City and Moray.

**SNEAK PEEK**

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.

## Just Transition Communities Project Events

### Climate Action Film Screening and Workshop



On February 29th, 57 enthusiastic students from six schools in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire came together at The Barn in Banchory for a movie session and a creative workshop. This collaborative event was organised in partnership with Aberdeen for a Fairer World MDEC, NESCAN Hub, and The Barn Arts as a part of the JTCP initiative.

The award-winning movie "Finite - The Climate of Change" was screened, stirring a variety of intense emotions. Following this, Caitlin, an artist, tasked them with expressing their feelings through artwork.

The talented students from Alford Academy, Aboyne Academy, Banchory Academy, St Machar Academy, Harlaw Academy, and Cults Academy showcased their creativity and understanding through impressive poster displays.

Each poster was unique in its own way.

Look at these masterpieces!



Moving forward, we will be sharing more narratives, events, and activities related to the Just Transition Communities Project. Stay tuned!



# NESCAN's Ethical Engagement and Communication Framework

Some of you may have noticed NESCAN's recent announcement on our social media platforms regarding the new Ethical Engagement and Communications Framework. The NESCAN Board, staff and members worked together to create this framework, which provides crucial guidelines for membership selection, fundraising activities, communication strategies, and other important aspects for the NESCAN Hub team.

The framework is currently available on NESCAN Hub's website and can be accessed through the About page.

Click [here](#) to explore the framework and learn about the principles, responsibilities, the NESCAN Onion, and additional details on communication that are undertaken by the NESCAN Staff.

## FRAMEWORK

# UPDATES FROM THE HUB

## **MEMBERS' MEETING & AGM ONLINE, 28TH FEBRUARY 2024**

Thank you to all who attended the Members' Meeting and AGM on 28th February 2024. It was great to hear updates on all the fantastic work our members are doing and be able to update you all on what we have achieved this financial year and aim to do next year.

The exciting news to come out of our AGM is that we are becoming a charitable company limited by guarantee. A resolution was passed by the Board and CIC members present which adopted new charitable articles of association for Nescan Hub and authorised a name change from Nescan Hub CIC to Nescan Hub Limited. The documentation has all been filed at Companies House so watch this space for an announcement of our charitable status very soon.

The Nescan Board has also been increased. Alison is stepping down as a director and Jorg, Bruce, Ainhoa, Daria and Kirsten were all confirmed as new directors at the AGM. You'll learn more about our Board members in our next newsletters as we shine the spotlight on them.

# UPDATES FROM THE HUB

## PEOPLE'S PANEL - 2ND MARCH 2024 SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT, EDINBURGH



Alison and Nicola from NESCAN Hub participated in the People's Panel as witnesses on Saturday, 2nd March at the Scottish Parliament. The panel was focused on assessing the approaches to engage and inform citizens in order to support Scotland's climate change objectives.

They were very interested and supportive of the work of the Hub and took on board our concerns about funding and resources for community climate action, among other considerations. They are making recommendations to the Parliamentary Committee for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, which scrutinises the Scottish Governments policies and progress towards Net Zero.



## NESCAN HUB

Are you looking for:

- help with your community climate action group or project?
- help with funding?
- Information about how to take action on climate change?
- inspiration about the range of ways that you can help your community incorporate positive steps for the climate into their everyday activities.

NESCAN Hub is here to help.

**Become a member** or get in touch: [info@nescan.org](mailto:info@nescan.org)

Keep up to date and follow us [@NESCANhub](https://www.instagram.com/NESCANhub):

