

NESCAN HUB NEWSLETTER

Updates and events from

North East Scotland's Climate Action Network



AUGUST 2024



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Welcome to our Nescan Hub August 2024 Newsletter.

We hope everyone is doing well and enjoys our cover image of a beautiful sunflower, from the Bonnymuir Green Garden! We trust you found our previous issue helpful and would love to hear your thoughts and learn more about what's happening in your community.

All links in this newsletter are clickable!

They will be **bold and underlined**



If you have any questions, please email
communications@nescan.org

Enjoy!



JUSTTRANSITION

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND



JUSTTRANSITION

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

Year 3 launches August 19th in Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire & Moray

find out more at jtpbfund.scot



money for moray



Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund (JTPB)



JUSTTRANSITION

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund is back for the third year and applications open on Monday, 19 August 2024! £1 million is available across Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, and Moray to support local green projects from third sector organisations, and community groups. With almost 100 eco-friendly projects already funded across the region with years 1 & 2, this is your chance to make a positive impact in your local community. Join us on this transformative journey, and together, let's shape the path to a greener North East of Scotland.

Find out more and get involved!

**Just Transition Participatory
Budgeting Fund (JTPB)**



JUSTTRANSITION

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

Project Support and Development

In Year 3 of the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund, NESCAN Hub team is all set to assist everyone in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire in shaping and developing your project ideas and funding proposal. We will guide you through what kind of project and equipment is suitable for this capital fund and how you can develop your project in the most sustainable way. **ACVO** and **AVA**, our partners in this Fund, will be able to help you with your organisational eligibility requirements. **NESCAN Hub** is hosting online events to offer guidance and inspire creativity for your projects, together with face to face drop in sessions.

Check out our **events page** for more details. These events will provide insights into the fund, our partner organisations, project initiation, idea generation, and sustainable project development.

Join our upcoming events to kickstart the process of turning your innovative ideas into impactful projects. Secure your spot at our online events by reserving tickets on **TicketSource** now.



JUSTTRANSITION

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

Online Events



Thu 1st August
12:30 - 13:30



Online, booking
through TicketSource

Online Event: Idea Generator



Partner Organisations    

find out more at jtpbfund.scot



Wed 7th August
12:30 - 13:30



Online, booking
through TicketSource

Online Event: All About the Fund



Partner Organisations    

Wed, 7 August 2024
12:30 - 13:30

book tickets

find out more at jtpbfund.scot





JUSTTRANSITION


PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

Upcoming Online Events



 Wed 14th August
19:30 - 20:30



 Online, booking
through TicketSource

**Wed, 14 August 2024
19:30 - 20:30**

book tickets

Online Event:
Idea Generator




Partner Organisations    

find out more at jtjbfund.scot



 Thu 22nd August
12:00 - 13:00



 Online, booking
through TicketSource

Online Event:
**How to Make Your
Idea Work?**



**Thu, 22 August 2024
12:00 - 13:00**

book tickets

Partner Organisations    

find out more at jtjbfund.scot





JUSTTRANSITION

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19:00 - 20:00



Online, booking
through TicketSource

Online Event:
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Partner Organisations



money for moray

find out more at jtpbfund.scot



Fri, 13 September 2024

19:00 - 20:00

[book tickets](#)

CWNE24

HELP US MAKE CWNE BETTER!

TAKES ONLY 5 MINUTES

We recently sent out an email to all members containing the CWNE Survey. We hope you had the opportunity to review it and fill out the survey. Your input is highly valuable to us as it helps us enhance future events!

COMPLETE SURVEY



UPCOMING NESCAN HUB EVENTS

NESCAN Hub Roadshow

**ALFORD & DISTRICT MEN'S
SHED**

**Fri, 2 Aug 2024
11:00 - 15:00**

CULTER LIBRARY

**Mon, 5 Aug 2024
14:30 - 18:30**

TURRIFF LIBRARY

**Wed, 7 Aug 2024
10:00 - 13:00**

**BANFF, MACDUFF &
DISTRICT MEN'S SHED**

**Fri, 9 Aug 2024
11:00 - 15:00**

**THE LIVING ROOM
STONEHAVEN**

**Thu, 15 Aug 2024
10:30 - 14:00**

[Find more event details](#)





UPCOMING EVENTS

CLIMATE CAFÉ: “HUMAN IMPACTS ON OCEANS: WORKSHOP ON ATTITUDES TOWARDS TECHNICAL MARINA SOLUTIONS”

**Tue, 3 September 2024
19:00**

**Anatomy Rooms and online,
Aberdeen, AB10 1AL**

Join Aberdeen Climate Action’s next Climate Café on Tuesday 3rd September as they delve into the Human impact on oceans: A workshop on attitudes towards technical marine solutions.

Aberdeen Climate Action and the BlueRemediomics project invite you to an interactive workshop on scientific solutions to Blue Carbon following the “do no significant harm principle” with a Scottish focus.

[register here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEE THE LINE-UP OF ALL CLIMATE CAFES BY ABERDEEN CLIMATE ACTION

Aberdeen Climate Action

CLIMATE CAFÉ



Free: In Person & Online
First Tuesday: Every Month
7 - 9PM

2024

SEPT 3RD **Human Impact on Oceans**
Workshop on Attitudes Towards Technical Marine Solutions

OCT 1ST **A Regional Vision for a Just Transition**
Both Aberdeen & Scottish Trade Union Council (ATUC/STUC)
and North East Scotland Climate Action Network (NESCAN)

NOV 5TH **Carbon Capture and Storage**
How's it looking in 2024?

DEC 3RD **The Grid**
What have we got, what do we want,
and how do we get it?

2025

JAN 7TH **Film Night - The Bough Breaks**
Are we the last generation to save nature?

FEB 4TH **Community Transport**
What services are out there, what do we want,
and how do we get it?



climatecafé
ABERDEEN

*An inclusive space for people to get together
to talk and act on climate change*



SCAN ME

Free Tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk
Search "Climate Café Aberdeen"

 aberdeenclimateaction.org  [aberdeenclimate](https://www.instagram.com/aberdeenclimate)
 [aberdeenclimateaction](https://www.facebook.com/aberdeenclimateaction)  [abzclimate](https://twitter.com/abzclimate)

UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL CONVERSATION ON HERITAGE AND PLACE

Tue, 20 August 2024
13:00 - 14:00

Online

Hear from those taking positive action to protect and improve Scotland's heritage and places and be inspired to get involved at this one-hour online event.

This event is part of Keep Scotland Beautiful series of **National Conversations**.



[register here](#)

ABERDEEN BEACH COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Sat, 3 August 2024
11:00 - 13:00

Aberdeen Beach

Join ACA on their beach clean on Sunday, 3rd August 2024. Equipment will be provided – tongs, gloves, bin bags, but feel free to bring your own if you have. Meeting point is at the Footdee Public Toilets, as this is where the equipment is kept. If you struggle to find everyone on the day or if you arrive late, please call Rachel on 07530122138 (please don't text!)



[free registration](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE CAFES

Thur, 1 Aug 2024
16:30 - 18:00

Peterhead Library

If you enjoy taking part in discussions and stimulating conversation these Knowledge Exchange Cafes are the place to be. The talks are led by specialists who talk about their topic of expertise and then present to you questions which leads to discussion and conversation.

The cafes take place in person or online. If you attend in person, you will find the space set up with tables and chairs cafe style, so you will be sitting in small groups. Of course, you can't have a cafe without coffee therefore you can enjoy a hot drink whilst debate, discuss and deliberate.

Next up is: Food for Thought!

Join Francesca, NESCAN Community Development Officer, to have a blether about all things food and how we can all make small positive changes to help our planet by adapting the way we buy and eat food in the North East of Scotland.

Find out more about the event and reserve your spot [here](#).





ENVIRONMENT STANDARDS SCOTLAND - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS) is a relatively new oversight body set up to maintain and enhance Scotland's environmental standards. Being accessible to the public is a priority for ESS, and they have recently launched an engagement programme, reaching out to communities across Scotland to discuss the environmental issues which affect them.

ESS wants communities to understand what their role is and make sure you feel comfortable chatting to them about your environmental concerns, which can include subjects like water pollution, planting trees/infrastructure on peatlands, destruction of wetlands, etc. Things that we know are dear to your hearts. They understand that communities possess valuable local knowledge about their environments and, want to tap into this. Significant change has already been made through ESS' engagement with individuals and communities, the details of which can be found on **their website**.

ESS will join the members meeting on 28th August to discuss their work, what concerns they can address, and how you can contact them. You can always get in touch separately though to set up an introductory meeting or engagement session with your group. For any additional details, please contact Megan at megan.falloon@environmentalstandards.scot.

FUNDING



- **LEAF - LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION FUND**

North East Scotland Climate Action Network (Nescan) Hub on behalf of Aberdeen City Council, launched LEAF—a new environmental fund for projects located in Aberdeen City. LEAF is open to local, not-for-profit, community-led organisations with an annual income under £100,000 based in Aberdeen City. Individual grants can be awarded up to £3,000.

LEAF is currently OPEN until Monday, 5th August 2024.

The purpose of this fund is to support communities to take forward projects that will improve their place, including greenspaces, buildings, and amenities. We aim to empower communities to take action on climate change and biodiversity while improving their neighbourhoods.

For further information, contact rachel@nescan.org.

[find more about LEAF fund](#)

FUNDING

- **The SEED Fund is OPEN**



NESCAN Hub has a small pot of funding for community climate action and biodiversity projects within Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. The Seed Fund is designed for small community projects. Therefore we can only fund organisations with an income of less than £50,000 per annum.

Grants are allocated to eligible projects on a first come first served basis while funds remain. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, grants are a maximum of £500 per organisation to enable us to fund as many organisations and projects as possible.

[find more about SEED Fund](#)



FUNDING

- **FUNDING TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-LED ACTIVITY AND WELLBEING**

We know people, communities and organisations are facing increased demands and challenges as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. If you would like to talk to us about a project in response to this, please get in touch at advicescotland@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Area: Scotland

Suitable for: Voluntary or community organisations

Funding size: £20,001 to £150,000

Application deadline: Midday on 21 August 2024

[about fund](#)

- **APACHE CORPORATION TREE GRANT PROGRAMME**

The Apache Corporation runs a programme to provide trees to non-profit organisations, which may be appropriate to your group.

Applications for 2024-25 are open and you can apply here [**UK 2024-2025 Apache Corporation Tree Grant Programme Application Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)**](#)

[about fund](#)

LEARNING & RESEARCH

PROJECT & STUDY

FOODLINK NE

FoodLink NE Project: Developing Stronger Links between Local Food and Local People

Sign up to the [mailing list](#)

If you're looking to develop stronger links between local food and local people, join the FoodLink NE Project. This aims to develop a new Local Food Network (LFN) for Aberdeenshire, including Aberdeen City. This project is a collaboration between [The James Hutton Institute](#), [Fair Food Aberdeenshire](#), [NESCAN](#), members of [The Landworkers Alliance](#), and [The Mixing Bowl Aberdeen](#).

Phase 1 takes place from June 2024 to September 2024. More details are available [here](#). Please email foodlinkne@gmail.com if you would like to contribute to the project, or [subscribe](#) to stay up to date with the project's progress.





LEARNING & RESEARCH

REPORTS

A BLETHER ON.....WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

'A Blether on... World Environment Day' Report has been launched on the Scottish Women's Convention and social media channels.

Read the [report here](#).

You can check out the [upcoming events here](#).

SURVEY

WESTHILL TO ABERDEEN - ACTIVE TRAVEL IMPROVEMENTS

Stantec has been supporting Aberdeen City Council in the development of proposals to improve the routes for walking, wheeling, and cycling between Westhill and Aberdeen City Centre, routing via Skene Road (A9119).

The proposals, originally developed through the A944/A9119 Multi-modal Corridor Study, have been further developed and the following link provides details of the study and plans of the proposals: [Westhill to Aberdeen - Active Travel Improvements](#)

We welcome organisations views on the proposals and invite you to view the information and provide feedback through the above link.

The survey will be live until August 18th 2024.

[complete the survey](#)



LEARNING & RESEARCH

TRAINING

COMMUNITY CLIMATE COACHES TRAINING

3-4 September 2024
Stirling

Are you involved in community climate initiatives or a climate hub? Are you involved in Transition Towns, XR, or other community-led action? Do you work in local authority or the public sector in a climate or sustainability role?

This free Community Climate Coaches training programme is an exciting opportunity to build your skills, knowledge, and capacity to facilitate and support community-led climate action initiatives. We focus on building personal and community resilience, connecting people to nature and the places where they live, holding space for creative conversations, and increasing understanding and ambition for communities in taking community-based actions to address the climate crisis and build long-term resilience.

This programme is open to anyone with passion and commitment to creating positive change in their community. The CCC training is an Intermediate Level (not a basic introduction to Climate Action).

You will build your capacity to design community engagement processes for climate action initiatives, based on a 6 phase CCC resilience pathway. The training includes support material such as workbook and videos.

[find out more and register your place](#)



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

SUSTRANS VOLUNTEERING

Sustrans Scotland's I Bike Team delivers outdoor education in Aberdeen City and Shire schools, with the aim of promoting healthy travel choices. We run sessions such as Bikeability (learn to ride), playground scooter skills, led walks and rides, silent disco walks, Dr Bike etc. There is also an I Bike Communities programme, working with parents, teachers, carers, and other adults in Aberdeen City.

We're looking for volunteers to help run the sessions, see the links below for more information.

We cover the cost of travel expenses and any required training, for example; Cycle Ride Leader, Bikeability Scotland Instructor, basic bike maintenance, Velotech (bicycle mechanic qualification), First Aid, etc. Volunteering is flexible, but with schools volunteering please bear in mind that we don't deliver sessions outwith school hours, or during the school holidays. You can find more info or apply for one of the volunteering roles using the links below.

[I Bike schools volunteering \(Aberdeen\) | Sustrans Volunteering](#)

[I Bike schools volunteering \(Aberdeenshire\) | Sustrans Volunteering](#)

[I Bike Communities volunteering \(Aberdeen\) | Sustrans Volunteering](#)



MEMBER UPDATES

≡ Welcome ≡

This latest section of our newsletter, focuses on sharing crucial updates from our members. We want to hear your stories, volunteer opportunities, and more. Please send any event details or stories you would like to share in the newsletter to our email at communications@nescan.org.

NEW MEMBERS

A heartfelt welcome to all who have joined NESCAN recently!

- **The Forge Banff**
- Garthdee Community Council
- **Portlethen & District Community Allotment Association**
- **Friends of Tarlair Community Group**
- Finlay McPherson - Ferryhill Scout Group
- Douglas Gooday
- **Kingswells Community Centre**
- Wild Flowers in Wild Places
- **Black and Scot**
- Gairn Community Garden
- Keith Marley - Ythan Community Council, New Arc Wildlife
- Mark Bush Court Residents Association - Social Enterprise
- **Alford & District Men's Shed**
- David Jaka
- **Friends of the Den**

MEMBER UPDATES

THE FORGE BANFF





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BUILDING A COMMUNITY ARTS HUB IN BANFF: THE FORGE

The Forge – Banff, a Community Interest Company founded in December last year, aims to become a thriving Community Arts Hub with a mission to offer wide range of activities, classes, and events that cater to the entire community. The vision is to infuse the town with a lively spirit and provide a welcoming space where everyone can come together to enjoy and learn.

The Forge joined NESCAN a few weeks ago. The Forge has also been fortunate to receive funding from the Aberdeenshire Two Towns Grant. The £5,000 grant has been instrumental in several key developments:

- Site Security: The grant allowed us to purchase a gate, securing the site for the first time since ownership.
- Community Garden: We've built planters that are being transformed into a community garden.
- Activity Shelter: We've constructed a shelter that enables us to host outdoor activities.

These developments have already had a positive impact, allowing us to run several outdoor-based activities over the summer, free of charge. This initial burst of activity is not just a service but also a promotional tool to raise awareness and get the community engaged with The Forge.

There are various activities happening at the Forge Banff. To be updated, check out their website and social media channels

Facebook: [**The Forge Banff**](#)

Instagram: [**@theforgebanff**](#)

The Forge – Banff is on its way to becoming a cornerstone of community life, offering a vibrant arts hub for all to enjoy. Through partnerships with organisations like NESCAN and support from local grants, we are laying the foundation for a space where creativity and community spirit can flourish. We invite everyone to join us, participate in our activities, and be a part of this exciting journey.



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**

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