

NESCAN HUB NEWSLETTER

Updates and
events from North
East Scotland's
Climate Action
Network



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Welcome to our NESCAN Hub December newsletter. We apologize we were unable to get a November issue to you, but hope you'll find this month very useful

All links in this newsletter are clickable!



They will be **bold and underlined**

We'll be welcoming a new communications team member in the new year, in the meantime if you have any questions, please email communications@nescan.org

We are still on the search for 3 new members of our board – pass it on!

<https://www.nescan.org/job-opportunities>

Enjoy!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACA CLIMATE CAFE : JUSTICE IN TRANSITION

5 December, 7PM



Learn more about two local high profile campaigns against large industrial developments in the energy sector. We have two speakers from; St Fittick's Park- Susan Smith Hill of Fare- Sue Patterson

Hear more about these campaigns and ask questions afterwards.

[register here](#)

PEOPLE, PLANET, PASTRIES

7 December, 7PM



A nationwide sustainability event Congress of the People Planet Pints (COPPP) is coming to Aberdeen on Thursday, 7th Dec. An alternative to COP28, it is part of a nationwide party to empower people to take action in their local community, and highlight the great work already going on. This is the perfect opportunity for those with an interest in sustainability to meet like-minded people, make connections and friends. It's a chance to enjoy a drink while sharing ideas and finding inspiration on how they can take action across the local area. Plus, the first 33 people to arrive will be treated to a free drink!

[register here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVALUATION WORKSHOP FOR NESCAN HUB

13 DECEMBER 2023

13:00 TO 15:00

CONNECT ONLINE OR JOIN US AT THE JAMES HUTTON INSTITUTE, CRAIGIEBUCKLER, AB15 8QH

NESCAN HUB: EVALUATION WORKSHOP

13 December

[register here](#)

Please join us for an engaging evaluation workshop. The NESCAN Hub is currently undergoing an independent evaluation and helping to develop a Monitoring and Evaluation framework for other climate hubs in Scotland. The Scottish Government has commissioned CAG consultants to assist with this research.

This 2-hour workshop is intended to collect information on:

- The overall impact of the hub to date
- How the hub is adding value to existing communities
- How the hub is contributing to a shift to low carbon and resilient communities,
- Begin discussing possible recommendations for the future of the programme.

This workshop is not just a platform to share insights; it's an opportunity to actively shape the future of the Scotland's climate hubs programme. Your experience, knowledge, and vision are crucial in this collaborative effort.

To attend the hybrid event, please register your details using link above to confirm your place.

Some discretionary funding assistance is available if costs are a barrier to you attending, please contact Derek Morgan from CAG Consultants at dm@cagconsult.co.uk

Climate for Change Facilitator Training ABERDEEN 14 December

14 December 2023



CHANGE IS IN OUR HANDS
POWER IS IN OUR COMMUNITIES
HOPE IS IN OUR EVERYDAY ACTIONS

[register here](#)



Apply now!

c4c@sccan.scot

Are you wondering how to bring more discussion about climate change and possible solutions into your community?

Join the Climate 4 Change volunteer facilitator team! Let's get more people talking about climate change in the North East of Scotland.

When? Thursday 14 December 9.30am - 5.30pm

Where? James Hutton Institute, Aberdeen

SCCAN are teaming up with the Nescan hub to train facilitators to run Climate Conversations in people's homes, community organisations and online. These Conversations are part presentation, part facilitated discussion. The facilitator's role is to help guests understand:

- what climate change means for them and the things they care about most
- what needs to be done to stop climate change and how quickly
- what they can do that is most powerful and effective, then inspire them to take action.

During the training, you will learn about what makes a meaningful conversation and how to effectively talk about the problems and solutions with different audiences. We'll introduce our theory of how we think change happens, and the reasons behind our Climate Conversation model/structure. You'll also learn some key tools to use in your conversations about climate change everywhere.

[Apply here](#)

[More on facilitation here](#)

Any questions? Contact Kirsty at c4c@sccan.scot

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING

17 JANUARY 2024



[register here](#)

Do you have a broad interest in biodiversity/greenspace? Do you want to increase, or share, your knowledge about home energy issues? Do you want to join members of your NESCAN Network in taking your community forward in these areas? Then come along to a virtual meeting space on Wednesday 17th January to connect with others and co-create interest groups to bring people together and make a positive difference around these topics.

The meeting will take place between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm, with the first hour spotlighting all things related to the natural environment, and the second hour looking at home energy. Feel free to join for the session that interests you most, or stay for both! A link to access the online meeting will be sent out the week before the event. If you have any queries, drop rose@nescan.ac.uk.

Event Details

From 7:00PM to 9:00PM



Funding & Consultations

- **Consultation on Draft Aberdeen Local Transport Strategy**

[All the documents can be accessed here](#)

On Friday 17th November 2023, (following permission to do so from our Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee on 29th August 2023), Aberdeen City Council started its Public and Stakeholder Consultation on the Draft Aberdeen Local Transport Strategy (2023–2030). This will be for an 8 week period and will run until 12th January 2024.

- **Scottish Biodiversity Strategy Consultation**

[info here](#)

The Scottish Government has set out a new framework to halt biodiversity loss by 2030 and reverse it with large-scale restoration by 2045. A consultation on this framework, and parts of the National Environment Bill, was launched on 7 September.

The consultation seeks your views on both parts of the framework and is open for 14 weeks **closing in mid-December**.

Please take the time [to read the consultation and respond](#).

- **FCC Scottish Action Fund**

[about fund](#)

The FCC Scottish Action Fund provides grants of between £2,000 and £40,000 to not-for-profit organisations for the following types of projects eligible under Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF).

Closes 6 December

- **-Communities Ownership Fund**

The £150m Community Ownership Fund (COF) exists to help communities across the UK to take ownership of assets at risk of closure. It will run until March 2025

[about fund](#)

- **Scottish Landfill Communities Fund Reopening**

The SLCF is a tax credit scheme, linked to Scottish Landfill Tax that encourages landfill site operators to contribute tax credits to benefit community and environmental projects.

[about fund](#)

- **Heat in Buildings Bill**

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation on proposals for a Heat in Buildings Bill. The consultation is open until 8 March 2024 and can be accessed on the [Scottish Government consultation webpage](#). The full document is also available on this [Scottish Government webpage](#).

- **Healthy Planet, Healthy People - The williamson Trust**

The awards are available to cover eligible costs arising from a defined research project. Funding will be provided to support new and existing research projects that promote the health of individuals through fostering healthy environments and communities, and enabling access to healthy foods.

[Trust here](#)

Closes 22 January midday

Want to see more nature in your area?

We're funding **50 green spaces** across the UK to help people:

Reduce stress and recharge

Boost their mood and wellbeing

Slow down and connect with nature

Apply for up to **£6,000 of Nature Hubs funding** or share this with a friend!

Key info:

- Application deadline: 11th January 2024
- Must be based in England, Scotland or Wales
- Must be within 5km of a Starbucks store

Nature HUBS

We're bringing nature closer to people and people closer to nature.

Find out more about the fund:
www.hubhub.org.uk/the-nature-hubs-fund



Hubhub nature hubs fund

[about fund](#)

Together with Starbucks, Hubhub is offering around 50 groups up to £6,000 of funding to develop green space initiatives and increase access to nature.

● The Dean organic fund

[about fund](#)

Loan sizes are available between £5,000 and £25,000, repayable in instalments up to 5 years. We are able to lend companies, sole traders, community/social enterprises or charity owned businesses, including ones that are not certified organic but operate on principles closely aligned with organic principles.

● Tree Council Grants

[Info here](#)

The Tree Council actively supports community tree, hedgerow, and orchard projects that boost agricultural productivity and creating green spaces that promote physical and mental well-being. You can find out more about our current grant funding programmes



UPDATES FROM THE HUB

ALISON IN EDINBURGH

On Monday 6th November, the members of the Parliamentary Committee met with around 40 local community members. Discussions centred around what community members felt a just transition would look like and how they felt about the impact of the Just Transition Fund. Good food and conversation flowed with the discussion continuing into the official sitting of the Committee in Aberdeen in the afternoon. The first time the Committee had sat outside Edinburgh.....

Read more here:

<https://www.nescan.org/resources/empowering-communities-our-climate-action-journey>

SEED FUNDING

NESCAN Hub is offering Seed Funding, where groups can apply for grants of up to £1000. Seed Funding can be the boost you need to get your project off the ground. In this blog post, we will explore six impactful community climate action project ideas that can make a difference in the Northeast. We'll also share insights from Rachel, our Funding and Development Officer, who has seen some incredible ideas come through funding applications and provides practical tips to help you navigate the application process.....

Read more here: <https://www.nescan.org/resources/6-ideas-for-your-funding-application-making-a-difference-in-the-northeast>

UPDATES FROM THE HUB



JUST TRANSITION

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND



money for moray



JUST TRANSITION PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING RESULTS

We are pleased to announce the results after verifying every vote and confirming all successful projects. We thank all Grampian residents who voted and had their say over which local, green and impactful projects receive funding.

Read more here: <https://www.jtpbfund.scot/results>

CWNE & MEMBER GATHERING

We've been working hard organising Climate Week North East for 15th-24th March 2024, and the NESCAN Member Gathering is being rescheduled in the new year, so keep your eyes open for the announcement and pencil in the 11th of May. Become a member in the meantime so you can join in the fun.

Climate Week North East events so far:

<https://climateweeknortheast.org/events/>

Become a member of NESCAN:

<https://www.nescan.org/member-application>

USEFUL LINKS AND MENTIONS

- Climate Adaptation Progress report (Scotland):
<https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/adapting-to-clim>
- Farming Article: <https://landworkersalliance.org.uk/how-farming-can-cool-the-planet-flame/>
- Volunteering Action:
<https://volunteermatters.org.uk/project/action-earth/>
- Free trees: <https://www.tcv.org.uk/i-dig-trees-free-trees/>

FAIR FOOD ABERDEENSHIRE PARTNERSHIP WINNING THE BRONZE SUSTAINABLE FOOD PLACES AWARD

[HTTPS://WWW.SUSTAINABLEFOODPLACES.ORG/AWARDS/AWARDWINNERS/](https://www.sustainablefoodplaces.org/awards/awardwinners/)



Current Sustainable Food Places Award Winners | Sustainable Food Places

The following place have been awarded in recognition of their fantastic efforts and achievements in promoting healthy and sustainable food in their place.

Sustainable
Food Places
Award Winner
BRONZE



ECO CHRISTMAS IDEAS

1. Become a member of the network, it's free!
2. Think like Udny and upcycle old fabric to wrap gifts
3. Westhill Men's Shed sells old tools or repairs your current broken ones
4. Head to a Swap Shop eg Udny & Deeside Zero Waste Shop
5. Plan a veggie or vegan main over the holidays (cfine)
6. Pick up plastic on a walk like Paws on Plastic Stonehaven
7. Make your own decorations out of old event items, like the snowman at Stonehaven Community Centre
8. Start making a plan to retrofit your home – get consultation from SCARF
9. Gift your time to a local organisation taking positive climate action – check out our map for ideas.





NESCAN HUB

Are you looking for:

- help with your community climate action group or project?
- help with funding?
- nformation 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

Keep up to date and follow us @NESCANhub:

