

# NESCAN HUB NEWSLETTER

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



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## **Welcome to our NESCAN Hub January 2024 Newsletter.**

We wish you all a New Year filled with prosperity and happiness! Thank you for being an integral part of our journey in the past year.

Here's to new beginnings, shared experiences, and the continued growth of our wonderful community. We hope you enjoyed and found our last issue useful.

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!*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NESCAN HUB: HEAT IN BUILDINGS CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

**8 February, 7 pm - 8:30 pm, Online**



**NESCAN HUB**

### WORKSHOP

#### Heat in Buildings (HiBs) Bills Consultation

Lowering our carbon emissions is critical, as is decreasing our heating expenses.

Here's your chance to join the discussion, learn more about the consultation and ask questions!

Thursday, 8th February 2024  
7 pm - 8:30 pm, Online, Register via TicketSource

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation on proposals for a Heat in Buildings Bill. Join our online workshop on Thursday, 8th February to raise your opinions and views on the new proposal. Your input will be conveyed to the Scottish Government.

Know more about the event and ticket details.

This workshop consists of:

- a brief presentation
- Q&A session
- Group Discussion

You can register for free.

[\*\*register here\*\*](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ABERDEEN YOUTH CLIMATE GATHERING

**27 January, 11am - 5pm**



[register here](#)

Join young and passionate activists and changemakers from across the city at the Aberdeen Youth Climate Gathering happening on 27th January at the Students' Union of University of Aberdeen. It is a day to share skills, ideas and experiences.

Learn more about the event and get your tickets. It's free!

## SKILLSHARE CLIMATE CAFES

**1 Feb, 5:30 pm - 7 pm**

The Highlands & Islands Climate Hub is holding an online relaxed and informal event to learn more about Climate Cafes and how to create one in your community. Learn more and book your tickets online.



[register here](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NATIONAL LITTER AND FLYTIPPING STRATEGY WORKSHOPS

**7 February (Aberdeen)**

Community

**Litter Workshop**

Empowering communities to tackle the litter emergency



Environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful is in search for people across Scotland to attend their litter workshops. The organisation

is offering £35 to people who attend the two-hour workshops taking place in February. The Aberdeen City workshop is being held online on 7th February 2024.

[register here](#)

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## ACTIVE HOPE SESSIONS

**16 Feb, 23 Feb and 8 Mar 2024**

Scottish Communities Climate Action Network

### Active Hope Sessions

16th February, 23rd February and 8th March

Session 1: 10:00 am - 11:30 am.  
Session 2/3: 10 - 11:30 am and 1 - 2:30 pm.  
Session 4: 10 - 11:30 am.

Hosted by the Scottish Communities Climate Action Network (SCCAN), their 4-part Active Hope Sessions runs on 16th February, 23rd February and 8th March 2024.

Find more information on their website and reserve your spot.

[register here](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SEEDY SUNDAY **18 February**

The Seedy Sunday Seed, Food and Drink Festival makes its return to the shire on Sunday, 18th of February. Within the picturesque Aden Country Park, this event promises a day filled with culinary delights, gardening treasures, and community spirit.

Don't miss the NESCAN stall, where our Community Development Officer for Buchan, Francesca, awaits your visit. Engage in enlightening conversations about NESCAN and NESCAN Hub, the community development initiatives and how NESCAN makes a positive impact in the North East.

buchan  
development  
partnership

## SEEDY SUNDAY

### Seed, Food and Drink Festival

Aden Country Park, Mintlaw  
Sunday 18th of February 11am to 3.30pm

The event will include:

Food and drink stalls, gardening stalls, seed and plant swapping, cookery and horticulture demonstrations, children's activities and lots more  
Entrance: Adults £2 Children go free.



[more information here](#)

## FIFE COMMUNITIES CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK



The Fife Communities Climate Action Network has several free events next month. Don't miss out on opportunities like learning about communicating climate change through understanding values, setting up a community fridge, film screenings, and more.

[See events here](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2045: THE BIG CONVERSATION

### Building Futures in Rural Scotland 4 OVER TO YOU HOLYROOD

**22 February, 4 pm - 6pm**



Organised by SEDA Land at the Rural Housing Scotland Conference 2024, Building Future Series aims to stimulate more sustainable placemaking in rural Scotland to reverse

depopulation. In the fourth conversation, it looks at what the Scottish Government can do to speed up the creation of more sustainable communities. Find more about the event and get your free tickets.

**Reserve your Spot**

### You are what your food eat LAND USE, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD

**28 February, 10 am - 4pm**



As part of the Scottish Government Climate Change Engagement Programme, SEDA Land is holding a one day event near Huntly, Aberdeenshire aiming to investigate the long-term effects of land-use decisions on climate change

and food change. Get your tickets online for a farm tour and roundtable discussion.

**Reserve your Spot**



# FUNDING & CONSULTATIONS

- **Transforming Spaces Funding from Kew Gardens**

[about fund](#)

Kew Garden's Grow Wild programme is seeking fantastic community groups from across the UK to join the programme in 2024. A £2000 grant is available to transform an urban space with UK native plants, encourage wildlife and engage with your local community. The programme is open until 3 pm, Tuesday 30 January 2024.

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- **Community Heat Development Programme**

[about fund](#)

The Community Heat Development Programme works with eligible community organisations and groups of householders to help develop their ideas for locally-generated, low and zero carbon heat project ideas. Applications close on 31 January 2024.

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- **Health Improvement Fund**

[about fund](#)

The Health Improvement Fund supports the initiatives that improve health and wellbeing. With up to £5000, this fund is open to applications from the North locality only. The funds will be allocated on a first come basis and will close upon allocation of all funding available.

- **Asda Foundation: Empowering Local Communities Grant**

[about fund](#)

The Empowering Local Communities Grant by Asda Foundation has been reopened. This Grant is designed to support a broad range of activities which contribute towards transforming communities and improving lives, as well as funding to strengthen their volunteering. The grant closes on 1st March 2024.

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- **Pockets & Prospects 2024 Micro-Fund**

[about fund](#)

The Circular Communities Scotland has opened their Pockets & Prospects 2024 Micro-Fund which has been made available from the Scottish Government via the Scottish Community Alliance. These micro-grants is to help deliver more circular economy to disadvantaged communities while relating to their core purpose as an organisation. The awards are between £500 and £1000. The closing date is 16th February 2024.

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- **Cycling UK Cycle Share Fund**

[about fund](#)

The Cycle Share Fund aims to get more people in Scotland cycling by providing grants for scheme that give people affordable and convenient access to a bike. Learn more about this fund.

## ● Perennials for Pollinators 2024



[more information here](#)

Perennials for Pollinators is open for applications for Spring 2024. Aberdeenshire Council's Greenspace Team has relaunched the initiative to enrich biodiversity and foster community engagement through supporting diverse planting schemes. Find more information and fill the form below

## ● Consultation: Queen Elizabeth Bridge/North Esplanade West Junction

Aberdeen City Council started its Public and Stakeholder Consultation on the options for improvements to the Queen Elizabeth Bridge/North Esplanade West Roundabout as part of Phase 2 of the South College Street Junction Improvements project on Friday, 19th January 2024. The council is looking for feedback and views on the four options developed through the appraisal process.

[about consultation](#)

# LEARNING AND RESEARCH

## COURSE: GROW FOOD INDOORS

A hands-on course for people who don't have access to outdoor space, to start your own home growing project. Whether it's herbs, salad, or vegetables, this course will help you improve your indoor food growing skills.

During the course, you'll learn techniques for successful indoor food growing, including proper plant care, choosing the right soil and containers, watering and fertilising tips, and pest control methods. The Course is based on the successful One Seed Forward community growing programme, tailored specifically to indoor food growing. You'll also have the chance to try out a 'mini growing laboratory': a vertical growing system lit by grow lights.

The course is free, and all materials are provided. We ask you to commit to attending all 5 of the course sessions, so that you get the most value from the course.

To be eligible for this course you must be over 16 years old and a resident of Aberdeen City

Course tutor: Lucy Edwards, CFINE Community Growing Assistant

To sign up for the course, please complete the online registration form, or contact Rebecca at E: [rdunn@cfine.org](mailto:rdunn@cfine.org) M: 07588471390.

*Limited Spaces Available*

Aberdeen City  
Health & Social Care  
Partnership  
*A caring partnership*

No garden? No problem!

### Grow Food Indoors

A course for all levels.  
Learn about growing food at home

Booking essential. Register here:



Or contact M: 07588471390 E: [rdunn@cfine.org](mailto:rdunn@cfine.org)

Every Tuesday 10:30-12:30 from January 30th for 5 weeks

At the Vaccination & Wellbeing Hub, Bon Accord Centre

**cfine**  
community growing

One Seed Forward

# COURSE: STORIES THROUGH SONGS



**Tell your stories, get your voice heard.**  
**Learn about rhythm and melody.**  
**No experience required!**

## Stories Through Songs

5 week course  
Mondays 10:30 - 12:30 from 29th Jan

At the Vaccination & Wellbeing Hub, Bon Accord Centre

Register at QR code or contact:  
M: 07588471390  
E: [rdunn@cfine.org](mailto:rdunn@cfine.org)



Express your thoughts, feelings, and stories through the magic of song writing. You don't need to read sheet music or play an instrument to turn your creative ideas into a song. Join us for an interactive course designed for everyone.

Tell your stories in a friendly atmosphere and take away some new skills.

You'll be learning to compose a song without needing to read or write music, create melodies and lyrics, regardless of your musical background and discover the joy of expressing yourself through music.

Share your stories and ideas in a

supportive space where creativity knows no bounds. Through songwriting prompts and exercises to bring out your creativity, you'll work towards writing a song.

You will have the option to take part in a sharing event to show what you've created. The course is free and all required materials are provided. We ask you to commit to attending all 5 of the course sessions, so that you get the most value from the course.

To be eligible for this course you must be over 16 years old and a resident of Aberdeen City.

Course tutor: Rebecca Dunn, CFINE Community Growing Development Worker & Songwriter

To sign up for the course, please complete the online registration form, or contact Rebecca at E: [rdunn@cfine.org](mailto:rdunn@cfine.org) M: 07588471390.

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## PAPER BRIEFING: TRANSPORT POVERTY

The recently released briefing by the Public Health and Sustainable Transport Partnership Group, hosted by Public Health Scotland, explores the factors contributing to transport poverty both within and outside the transportation system, highlighting its impact on health and health disparities. The aim is to effectively address the root causes of transport poverty and foster more inclusive and equitable transportation alternatives for everyone.

[read more](#)

The Public Health and Sustainable Transport Learning Network would also be hosting an online lunchtime learning session on 19th February 1 pm - 2 pm, where you can hear from the author Dr. Joanna Teuton; ask questions and connect with colleagues across Scotland.

[book your place here](#)



# UPDATES FROM THE HUB

## SEED FUNDING 2023

### Applications for NESCAN Hub's Seed Funding is STILL OPEN!

This is the chance where groups can apply for grants of up to £1000. This would help in the boost you need to get your project off the ground.

Know more about **Seed Funding** and make your application **here**.

You can also explore the impactful community climate action project ideas that can make a difference in the North East of Scotland.

Read more here: **6 Ideas for Your Funding Application - Making a Difference in the North East**

# UPDATES FROM THE HUB

## NESCAN Hub's 2024 Calendar of Events for Members

### **BUILDING A GRANT APPLICATION**

If you would like some hints and tips on completing funding applications, why not join our Funding Officer, Rachel, and Community Development Officer, Rose, for an online session.

The event will take place on Thursday 22nd February 7.00 – 8.00 pm. More information and booking details coming soon. Please email [rachel@nescan.org](mailto:rachel@nescan.org) to let us know if you're interested in attending.

### **MEMBERS' MEETING**

NESCAN's first members' meeting of 2024 is happening on 28th February 2024 at 7:30 pm online. This year promises to be another action-packed year, so do come and tell us what you do in your corner of North East Scotland. This is a great opportunity to connect and hear updates from other members. You can **become a member of NESCAN** and join the conversation of the day and know more about upcoming events and meetings.



# UPDATES FROM THE HUB

## CLIMATE WEEK NORTH EAST 2024

The **Climate Week North East 2024** is held from the 15th–24th March. We are looking for help with distributing the brochures and posters. If you are able to help, please get in touch at [cwne@nescan.org](mailto:cwne@nescan.org) or add your details to the **distribution spreadsheet**. All help appreciated!

## LOOKING TO DONATE OR GIVEAWAY?

NESCAN is seeking menu holders as part of their community development programmes to enhance their events and share information to the community. If you have spare menu holders or displays that you no longer need, consider donating them to our cause. We believe that small contributions can make a big difference, and we're reaching out to you for support.

You can send an email to [communications@nescan.org](mailto:communications@nescan.org) to let us know if you are willing to contribute. Our team will coordinate with you regarding the collection or pick-up of the items.





## EMBRACING A SUSTAINABLE NEW YEAR: RESOLUTIONS FOR A GREENER TOMORROW

As we welcome the new year, here's how we can embark on a journey towards a more sustainable lifestyle.

- **Support Local Farmers and Producers:** Choose local sourced produce to reduce carbon footprint associated with food transportation. Purchase from the region's local farmers' markets in Aberdeen City and **Aberdeenshire**.
- **Participate in Coastal Clean-up Events:** Join beach clean-up initiatives. Find events by groups like **Marine Conservation Society** or local beach clean teams.
- **Reduce Carbon Emissions:** Opt for eco-friendly transportation options like cycling or using electric vehicles. Aberdeen has a **bike share scheme**.
- **Engage with Climate Action Groups:** Connect with local climate action organisations, like **Aberdeen Climate Action**, **NESCAN Hub** to stay informed and involved.
- **Green Spaces and Community Gardens:** Support and participate in community gardening projects. Aberdeen Green Spaces Initiatives encourages residents to get involved in local green space projects. **Friends of the Earth Scotland**
- **Zero-Waste Lifestyle:** Minimise waste by adopting a zero-waste lifestyle, using reusable items. **Deeside Refill** in Aboyne, **Replenish** in Stonehaven, **Refillosophy** in Aberdeen City.

**WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



## 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):

