

NESCAN HUB NEWS

News, stories and
events from North
East Scotland's
Climate Action
Network

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Welcome to our Nescan Hub June newsletter

All links in this newsletter are clickable!

They will be **bold and underlined**



The longest day of the year is right around the corner. Which means, plenty of time for attending events! All the info you'll need is in this newsletter.

If you'd like your story or event to be featured in an upcoming newsletter or if you have any questions, please email alyssa@nescan.org

Enjoy!



THIS MONTH'S FEATURE

TORRY'S SECOND PEOPLES ASSEMBLY

Written by Eva Schonveld

Torry's second peoples' assembly was held on the 27th and 28th of May in the beautiful greenspace, a part of St Fittick's Park. Attended by around 150 people over the weekend, we discussed the challenges Torry has faced and started thinking through some of the ways that local people can claim the power to make change in their community and beyond.

The assembly's main focus was on St Fittick's park, because we had just received the long awaited pronouncement from the Scottish Government which upheld Aberdeen City Council's proposed rezoning of the park as an 'opportunity zone', opening the door for a new industrial development to be sited where there is now wetland, park space and trees.

Emotions run high around this issue and, although we planned for a broader focus, this was clearly the one that assembly members wanted to work on. We discussed questions like: 'What problems does Torry face?' and 'Why do they happen?' We also considered: 'How shall we move towards making Torry happy and healthy?' From this process came a Declaration, which highlights many of the deliberations, discussions and comments people made in the process of the two days, and outlines the actions people committed to taking as a result.



We hope to continue the work begun through the assembly by fundraising for a resource worker who can support the community to respond to unwelcome developments, and build local capacity, for example through exploring the possibility of a Community-led retrofit project, and supporting a follow-up assembly.

Upcoming Events

21 JUNE



Springboard: Local assembly for Creative Climate Action

[Book free tickets](#)



10:00 AM - 2:30PM

The day will build on work already done in the first SPRINGBOARD local assembly that took place at the Barn in November, and ask where can we go next?



25 JUNE



[Book tickets](#)

D(e)Clutter: The curated pre-owned sale

10:00AM - 2:00PM

De)Clutter is the curated pre-owned sale at the Barn, helping give items a new lease of life. If you're looking for high-quality, pre-owned goods, hidden treasures, vintage pieces or an upcycling project head to (De)clutter.

GREEN PROJECTS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY



Applications open Monday 26 June 2023

for third sector groups in Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen and Moray



Find out more about the fund at www.jtpbfund.scot

26 JUNE

[Book free tickets](#)

Just Transition Participatory Budgeting online info session for communities

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Learn all about the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund and how your group and community could benefit from it in this online event.

In this online information session we will look at opportunities for developing projects in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. Some of the topics we will cover include:

What is the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund?

How does Participatory Budgeting work?

Who can apply?

What are the key dates?

What can the fund cover?

There will also be lots of opportunity to ask questions and find out how you can get further support.



CLIMATE CHANGE EVENT - BANCHORY TOWN HALL – 28 JUNE – 12:30-15:30

How can we can best tackle climate change in Banchory?

28 JUNE

[Express Interest in Attending](#)

Place Based Workshop

12:30PM – 3:30PM

Scot Gov are inviting members of the public to attend a workshop at Banchory Town Hall on Wednesday 28th June from 12:30–3.30 pm to feed into upcoming climate change plans, particularly relating to transport, buildings, agriculture, land use and adaptation to climate impacts.

Please note that registering only indicates an expression of interest, and the person registering will be contacted at least a week in advance to confirm their space and be provided with more information, support and resources. This is done to avoid the workshop being over-subscribed and to ensure that a balanced mix of voices is being heard. There will be further opportunities to engage on the policies being developed.

The event is open to anyone with ties to the local community in Banchory. This includes local residents, community group members, local business owners, volunteers, council members or others who want to share their views on the challenges and opportunities for a just transition to net zero in Banchory.

29 JUNE

Storytellers Collective: Writers Skillshare

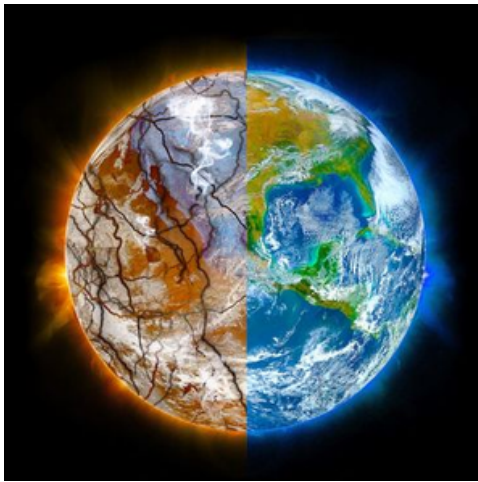
Climate and environmentally-themed stories, write-in sessions, and more!

[Book free tickets](#)



Stories for Change
Creating Strong
Characters
storytelling skillshare
Online
Thursday 29 June 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Scottish Communities
Climate Action Network



6 July

A very special performance of Pibroch at the Barn

7:30PM

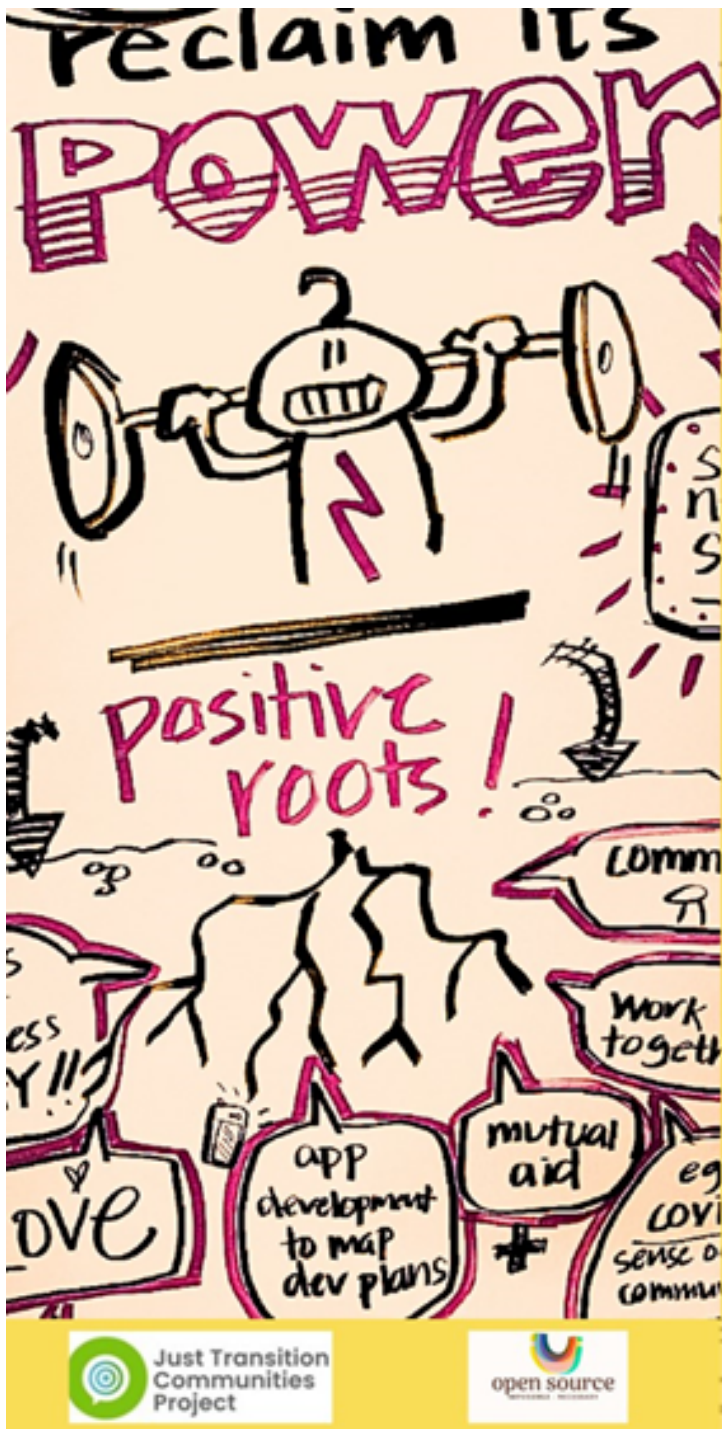
We invite you to share a very special performance of Pibroch at the Barn on the 35th anniversary of the Piper Alpha disaster where 167 workers died in the North Sea. Widely regarded as the world's worst offshore oil disaster, those who were lost will never be forgotten.

[book tickets here](#)

Keep Scotland Beautiful will be running a series of online Zoom **climate change webinars** to support organisations and their audiences to engage meaningfully in this consultation process. These 90 minute webinars will cover the basics of climate change, net zero, a just transition, and the three sectors in focus. Each webinar has a capacity of 20, with places again allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

- Wed 21st June - 2pm-3.30pm (latest)
- Tuesday 27th June - 2pm-3.30pm (latest)
- Tuesday 4th July - 6pm-7.30pm (latest)
- Thursday 6th July - 6pm-7.30pm (latest)
- Thursday 13th July - 6pm-7.30pm (latest)
- Wednesday 19th July - 6pm-7.30pm (latest)

[Book here](#)



**JUST TRANSITION
COMMUNITIES PROJECT
FREE COMMUNITY-LED
ASSEMBLIES TRAINING
7th - 9th July**

Join us in Torry Aberdeen
for a short course
on how to set up
and run local assemblies.
Find out more here:



Community-led assemblies can be a way to involve people, talk about important issues and get change happening in our communities and beyond. [Open Source](#) invites you to apply for a place in our free, in-person assemblies training in Aberdeen. This short course runs over 2.5 days: the 7th (evening), 8th and 9th of July and will cover everything you need for people in your community to organise, design, run and make change happen with a community-led assembly.

If you're keen to get started on an assembly process this course is tailor-made for you. You can find more information and an application form [here](#). The closing date for applications is 30th June. If you have any questions, please contact Eva at evaschonveld@gmail.com

Funding Opportunities

Nescan Hub seed funding opening soon.
More info coming soon.

- **WEA Scotland Green Award 2023**

The WEA Green Award has been created to recognise individuals or groups in Scotland who have adopted or promoted innovative educational approaches to green issues creatively and in a sustainable way. This may also involve inspiring and supporting others to consider taking action to promote a sustainable lifestyle.

The closing date for applications is 23:59, Monday 31st July 2023

[read more here](#)

- **Community Learning Exchange (SCCAN)**

The community learning exchange makes £750 available to community groups for the purpose of visiting and being mentored by another group or organisation (eg. ebikes projects, community gardens, community trusts, etc...). £300 fee to the host organisation and £450 to cover travel, accommodation and subsistence. This is available to any member of SCCAN or to a non member of SCCAN visiting a SCCAN member. Multiple learning exchanges can be made. Very simple A4 application online form –

[online form here](#)

Community Climate Adaptation Routemap

A practical guide for communities to adapt to climate change.



DOWNLOAD

Adaptation
Scotland
supporting climate change resilience

 **sniffer**
knowledge brokers
for a resilient Scotland



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot

 **DEVELOPMENT
TRUSTS ASSOCIATION
SCOTLAND**
the community-led regeneration network

 Scottish Communities
Climate Action Network

 NORTH HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS
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What is it?

[The Community Climate Adaptation Routemap](#) is an accessible guide for local communities to take practical actions to adapt to the impacts of climate change to help build more thriving communities. It provides resources for practical, easily digestible actions which communities can use to build resilience and adapt while also addressing social issues.

Why is it useful for me (a nescan member)?

The Routemap features over 50 hyperlinks which signpost members to dozens of resources by top climate science specialists, organisations and experts from across Scotland and beyond. It also addresses the fundamental root causes of climate change (colonialism and development) in a way that sets the stage for meaningful, justice-oriented action in the future.

What should I do with it?

You could read it through first and follow the links. Then gather your local contacts together with the route map open in front of you. Follow the steps in the map so an idea or a vision for your community can be developed into a workable, effective project that will make a genuine difference to people and the environment in your community. Make sure to bookmark it as it will be useful time and time again!



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Are you looking for

- Help with your community climate action group or project?
- Help with funding?
- Interested in learning more about turning climate knowledge into action?

NESCAN Hub is here to help. [Become a member](#) or get in touch: info@nescan.org

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