

NESCAN HUB NEWSLETTER

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



MARCH 2024



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

Hope you're all doing great! and
found our last 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

Enjoy!

CLIMATE WEEK NORTH EAST

15 – 24 March
2024

Back for the 10th year!

Climate Week North East is back for the 10th year, offering an exhilarating 10-day programme packed with over 80 diverse events aimed at tackling the pressing issues surrounding climate change. From engaging discussions to hands-on workshops, nature walks, courses to community clean-up drives and more, this initiative promises something for everyone all ages and whose passionate about safeguarding our planet. Check out the brochure and website below and book your place on the events now while you can....

Join us in spreading the message as we set off on a mission towards a more sustainable and healthier planet with this year's theme TAKE ACTION. Together, let's make Climate Week North East 2024 a great success!

Know about CWNE24
and events

CWNE 2024

You can check out the events happening
from 15th March – 24th March

BROCHURE





CLIMATE WEEK NORTH EAST 2024

Get to know about NESCAN and NESCAN Hub at CWNE 2024
Meet NESCAN Hub's Community Development Officers

NESCAN Hub serves as the facilitator and supporting body for the NESCAN Network, a regional network comprising individuals and community-led organisations in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire, committed to mitigating and adapting to climate change.

Learn more about NESCAN Hub and establish connections with your local NESCAN Hub representatives. Our Community Development Officers are hosting pop-up events in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire during CWNE. Take this opportunity to discover more about the NESCAN network and NESCAN Hub.

You can find detailed information about the pop-up events on the following page (Pg.06).

CWNE24 FB Page:

CWNE 2024



Line-up of Events by NESCAN Hub

Aberdeen City NESCAN Hub Pop-Up and Quizzery

Monday, 18 March 2024

10 am – 7 pm

The Makerspace

Aberdeen Central Library

Pop Up NESCAN Hub Community Development Officer Session

Monday, 18 March 2024

10:30 am – 3:30 pm

Deeside CAN

North Deeside Road

Banchory AB31 5YR

Tuesday, 19 March 2024

1:30 am – 3:30 pm

The Vinery

Duff House Gardens

Airlie Gardens AB45 1AZ

Thursday, 21 March 2024

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Community Collective

Stonehaven Community Centre

Stonehaven AB39 2DH

Udny Pop Up NESCAN Hub Community Development Officer Climate Conversation

Tuesday, 19 March 2024

6 pm

Medan Centre

Café 48, Udny

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WHAT WILL YOU PLEDGE?

To initiate your journey towards climate advocacy, delve into the premier Do Actions 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

INTRODUCTION TO BUILDING A GRANT APPLICATION

[register here](#)

Thu, 22 February 2024, 7 pm



Join our community development officer, Rose Toney for an online session to learn the tips and tricks on completing funding applications. More details about the event is on TicketSource. THIS IS A NESCAN MEMBERS ONLY EVENT.

THE OCEAN: A TALK BY PROFESSOR COLIN MOFFAT

[register here](#)

Thu, 22 February 2024, 7:30 pm



Join the talk organised by The Scottish Wildlife Trust with Professor Colin Moffat, a highly regarded marine expert. Booking for this event is essential.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE WEBINAR: USING TREE EQUITY SCORE

Thu, 22 February 2024, 2 pm

[register here](#)

Join for a live demo and discussion with treeconomics and The Woodland Trust on the Tree Equity Score UK tool and how you can use the tool. This session is for professionals, community groups, Woodland Trust members, and anyone who would be interested.



COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP ELECTRIC ROADSHOW

Thu, 29 February 2024, 6 pm

[know more](#)

Community Land Scotland is organising Community Ownership Electric Roadshow visiting communities across the Northeast of Scotland and Tayside to share inspiring stories as part of celebrating 100 years of Community Ownership. This event is co-hosted by the Fittie Community Development in Aberdeen.

COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP ELECTRIC ROADSHOW



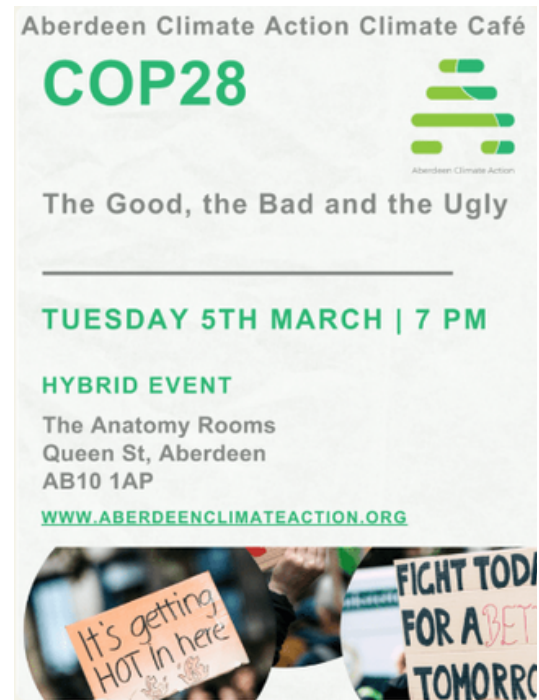
UPCOMING EVENTS

ABERDEEN CLIMATE ACTION'S CLIMATE CAFE - COP28

Tue, 5 March 2024, 7 pm

Aberdeen Climate Action to organise their 75th free hybrid Climate Cafe on COP28: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly on March 5th at 7 pm in Anatomy Rooms and online. Three speakers who attended COP28 would be sharing their thoughts.

[book now](#)



WEBINAR: SCARF ENERGISING COMMUNITIES

Wed, 6 March 2024

[register here](#)

SCARF invites you to their upcoming webinar where expert advisors explain how we support people struggling with fuel poverty and encourage energy efficiency alongside how we can partner with us to support your aims. The webinar focuses on in-home advice service, the Energy Company Obligation Programme and Q&A session.





UPCOMING EVENTS

ONLINE SESSION: VATTENFALL UNLOCK OUR FUTURE FUND CONSULTATION

Thu, 7 March 2024, 7 pm

[about session](#)

The Vattenfall Unlock our Future Fund supports projects in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire contributing towards a climate smart future. The fund has now been in operation for five years, and Foundation Scotland have commissioned a review to ensure that the fund's priorities and delivery arrangements are still in line with community priorities and fit for purpose. The funding will be in place for many years to come, so it is important that the fund responds to changing needs and opportunities in the city and shire. The review is being undertaken by Dr Bea Jefferson.

Bea is collecting evidence for the review in a number of different ways. These include an online survey of existing awardees, in-depth case studies of funded projects and interviews with representatives of organisations including local authorities, third sector interfaces, Local Energy Scotland, Community Energy Scotland and universities.

In order to understand the needs of community organisations better, Bea has organised an online session for us to invite community groups who may have experience in applying for Vattenfall funding, or may be interested in doing so in the future. The session is conducted online on 7th March and you can book your tickets for free.

[book here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



PLANNING FOR PLANTING IN SPRING

Monday, 4 March 2024

6 pm - 7 pm, Central Library Committee Centre

Join this special event that brings together a panel of local growers to answer your questions about gardening.

[register here](#)



SEED SAVING: WHY IT'S IMPORTANT AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Monday, 11 March 2024

6 pm - 7 pm, Central Library Committee Room



Join this free event happening at the Central Library Committee Room from 6 pm - 7 pm. Book your ticket. Speak to staff or telephone 01224652500

[register here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



GETTING FAMILIAR: GROWING YOUR OWN MEDICINAL HERBS

Wednesday, 27 March 2024
6 pm - 7 pm, Central Library

[register here](#)



Join this free event happening at the Central Library from 6 pm to 7 pm. Book your ticket. Speak to staff or telephone 01224652500

BONSAI FOR BEGINNERS

[register here](#)

Wednesday, 3 April 2024
6 pm - 7 pm, Central Lending Library

Come along and learn the history of Bonsai and how to grow and maintain your own. This is a free event happening at the *Central Library Committee Room*. Book your ticket. Speak to staff or telephone 01224652500





UPCOMING EVENTS

#SHAREREPAIRAWARE CAMPAIGN

Circular Communities Scotland's Share and Repair Network

Circular Communities Scotland's Share and Repair Network is launching their annual #ShareRepairAware campaign on February 26th 2024.

The #ShareRepairAware Campaign encourages the public, members and supporting organisations to pledge to be in #ShareRepairAware in 2024, to learn more about sharing and repairing projects and behaviours, and to promote sharing and repairing as alternatives to buying new.

PLEASE NOTE: campaign information is **embargoed until February 26th 2024.**

View the **[campaign pack here](#)** (please note the link for the article will not go live until February 26th - it will show an error message in the interim). The campaign pack is hosted on Dropbox, and provides more campaign information, including how to pledge, social media images, and suggested social media posts.

Pledges, shares, likes, comments and original social media posts in support of the campaign are encouraged. The campaign will support the Share and Repair Network members, as well as their membership more broadly.

The campaign will run during the week of their **[2024 Share and Repair Gathering](#)** hosted in Stirling on February 29th, and attended by the Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity, Ms Lorna Slater.



FUNDING & CONSULTATIONS

- **Aberdeenshire Tackling Poverty & Inequalities** Aberdeenshire Tackling Poverty & Inequalities Application for Funding for 2024-25. The closing date is on 29th March 2024.

[about fund](#)

- **Ian Findlay Path Fund** This grant fund by Transport Scotland supports the improvement of local paths within and between communities, making it easier for people to choose active travel and public transport for everyday journeys. Applications close on 8th March 2024.

[about fund](#)

- **The Gordon & Ena Baxter Foundation** This fund supports a huge variety of capital projects from charities with clear benefit to communities in Aberdeenshire, Moray or the Highlands and Islands.

[about fund](#)

- **The Naturesave Trust**

This funding themed – Sustainable Food is targeted towards organisations, individuals, communities, and charities working to reduce food waste and food insecurity. Know more about the fund [here](#).

[about fund](#)

- **People's Postcode Trust**

This trust supports smaller charities and good causes in Scotland to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and planet.

[about fund](#)

- **Sustrans Scotland**

Places for Everyone aims to create a safe, attractive, healthier places by increasing the number of trips made by walking, cycling and wheeling for everyday journeys. Know more about the criteria and funding.

[about fund](#)

LEARNING AND RESEARCH

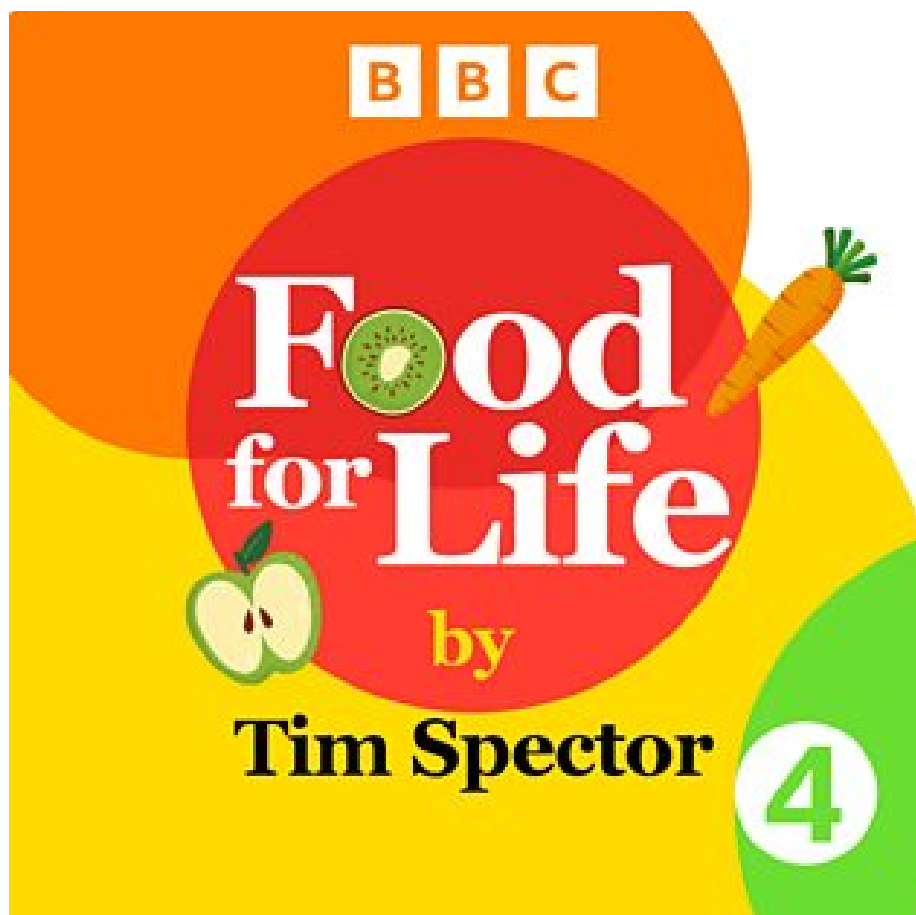
FOOD FOR LIFE BY TIM SPECTOR

Epidemiologist Professor Tim Spector offers a new approach to how to eat – for our health and the health of the planet in his book *Food for Life*.

Extracts on BBC sounds are read by John Lightbody.

Of particular interest from a climate perspective are:

The Future of Food and **Eating Green**



UPDATES FROM THE HUB

NESCAN Hub's 2024 Calendar of Events for Members

MEMBERS' MEETING Wed, 28 February 2024, 7:30 pm

NESCAN's next members' meeting is happening on 28th February 2024 at 7:30 pm, online. This year promises to be another action-packed year, so do come and let everyone know what you are up to 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.

SUPPORTING OUR WILD POLLINATORS

Fri, 15th March 2024, 10 am
The James Hutton Institute, Aberdeen

As part of CWNE 2024, the North East Scotland Biodiversity Partnership and NESCAN Hub invites you to a seminar celebrating and supporting our wild pollinators. The ticket sales for the event is now closed.





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

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

