



ISSUE 18: December

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Welcome to the December Newsletter for NESCAN Hub! This year has flown by. Thank you to everyone who has joined us this year and continued to stay and grow with us. We could not do this work without you.

In this newsletter you'll find funding your group may be able to apply for, upcoming events, and resources we think will be useful for you.

We want to wish everyone a joyful Christmas holiday if you celebrate and a New Year filled with hope. We're looking forward to all the 2023 brings!



Voting closes at 5pm on the 16th December for the Just Transition Green Participatory Budgeting Fund

Green PB
Scotland
www.pbscotland.scot/green-pb

JUST TRANSITION
PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

HAVE YOU VOTED YET?

Vote for your 10 favourite projects to help Scotland achieve our just transition to Net Zero

VOTE ONLINE FOR PROJECTS IN ABERDEEN CITY OR ABERDEENSHIRE

For information on how to vote in your area visit:
www.nescan.org/pb

Have you voted yet?

Everyone has been amazing at spreading the word and telling their friends, families and networks to vote, but have YOU voted? Make sure you don't forget to vote for your favourite projects!

As ever, you can reach out to our team with questions at: rose@nescan.org or rachel@nescan.org.

Voting closes at 5pm on Friday, 16th December

Aberdeen: <https://acvo.org.uk/vote/>

Aberdeenshire: <https://avashire.org.uk/jtfundvote>

NESCAN Hub Community Assemblies 2023

Now is your time to get involved.

We need to lift our community voices now more than ever. If you are a resident of Tillydrone, Seaton & Linksfield or Woodside, please consider taking part. Our Community Assemblies are aimed at helping communities take action and create a plan beyond 'thinking as usual'.

Registrations close on the 18th of December.

To sign up visit: www.nescan.org/community-assembly

To request a comms pack for promoting participation, email christine@nescan.org

**Need Help with your Fundraising?**

Rachel, our Fundraising and Development Officer, is available to work with groups to explore ideas for new projects and help with funding applications. Contact at rachel@nescan.

NESCAN SEED FUNDING:**This fund has been increased to £1000!**

The NESCAN Hub have an allocated pot of seed funding for community climate action and biodiversity projects within Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire.

The Seed Fund is designed for small community projects that are ineligible for other forms of funding and cannot be used to part fund large projects.

Applications close Tuesday 28th February 2023

Learn more here: [Apply now](#)

Alternatively, [click here](#) to download a pdf version of our application form.

Paths For All

The fund supports projects that will improve usability and accessibility of paths for more people. This will reduce inequalities and improve access to greenspace and its benefits to mental health. [Find out more here](#)

TCV Funding Update

Grants for community, environmental and volunteering projects. [Find full list here.](#)

The National Lottery

1. **Cost of Living Support Scotland:** offering grants from £10,001 to £75,000 for projects to help support individuals, families and communities currently experiencing hardship as a result of the cost-of-living increases. They welcome applications from smaller voluntary and community organisations who are working with those most vulnerable and disproportionately affected by the increased cost of living. [Find out more here.](#)

2. Community Fund:

A quick way to apply for funding between £300 and £10,000 to support what matters to people and communities. Applications should do at least one of the following:

- bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.

[Find out more here](#)





Save St Fitticks Park

Wednesday 14 December

Aberdeen Town House, 10 AM

Support Friends of St Fittick's Park in their fight to save the park.

[More information here](#)

Communities, Biodiversity & Natural Capital

Friday 16 December

2 - 3 PM

Join online as UofA bring together environmental experts to outline and debate the issues and solutions being discussed at COP15.

[Online booking available](#)



Hill of Fare wind farm



here is what RES are proposing as viewed from Midmar

Seventeen wind turbines, each 250m tall, are proposed on the Hill of Fare

Hill of Fare

Wind Farm Consultation

Deadline: 23 December

It's important that you let your local Community Council know your views about this development.

Please read [this document with key facts](#) and fill out the questionnaire [here](#).

Looking ahead to January....

ACA climate café

Tuesday, 10th January

7pm at Mental Health Aberdeen, Dee Street & online (hybrid)

Topic: Fashion & Waste

Local & national examples of reducing the impact of fashion

Details to come on the website:

[Aberdeen Climate Action Climate Cafes](#)



Aberdeen for a Fairer World (AFW/MDEC)

AFW/MDEC are a small charity who promote Learning for Sustainability and the Sustainable Development Goals in schools and communities across the North East of Scotland. We are working with NESCAN to ensure the views of children and young people are central to Climate Action and Change. We have shaped an offer to schools called "[Target 13.3](#)".

Any community group wanting to find out more about our work or discuss how we may work together should contact us at: montgomerydec@btconnect.com



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