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Happy New Year!

As we move forward as an organisation, we're planning for the future. And to do that we've looked back on 2022, and it was quite a year! We'd like to share just a few of the highlights:

- Development of our [projects map](#)
- Expansion of the team, recruiting two in June, one in August and a further three in October and one in December. We are having a new Systems & Resources Lead join us at the end of Jan.
- Filming of 'North East Scotland Communities: Our Green Journey' and screenings throughout the autumn.
- Applied for and received Scottish Government Funding to pilot a program of Community Climate Assemblies and other deliberative processes.
- Managed the first year of the Green Participatory Budgeting Fund alongside our TSI partners.
- Hosted a Community Resilience and Adaptation Event attended by over 70 public and 3rd sector community groups and individuals from across Scotland.



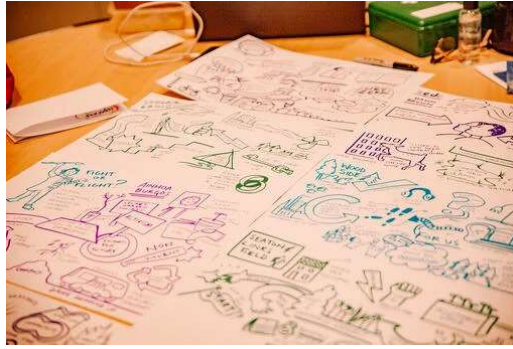
Looking ahead we will continue to support our members and grow the network. We will add to the resources on the NESCAN Hub website, and our staff expertise and knowledge, to facilitate the creation of new community groups and climate action projects. We've got further Seed Funding available to help with that - keep reading below for more details. We also will continue to ensure your voices and thoughts are heard by decision makers. We are having our AGM next week and will be sharing our objectives for the next financial year there. If you want to be part of this, then join us as a [CIC member today](#). It could be the best pound you ever spent!

We're also developing a member's questionnaire, so do keep an eye out for that in the near future. Thanks for being here!



Community Assemblies off to a great start





We've gathered, we've connected, we've learned and will continue to do so.

Our first of 6 Community Assemblies started on the 11th January for the communities of Tillydrone, Seaton & Linksfield and Woodsdie. We nurtured conversation and created an atmosphere of hope with talks from folks like Sinclair Laing and Ainhoa Burgos, followed by break out rooms where folks got to know each other and agree on ways of working together going forward. The next five weeks will focus on creative visioning and learning about tools available and planning.

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It's not too late to sign up: www.nescan.org/community-assembly

If you do want to have your own community assembly or similar process, get in touch and we can see if that could go ahead as part of our Just Transition Fund Deliberative Democratic Processes Project.



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.org



What a difference a month makes!

Community Grants Programme - NHS Grampian Endowment

The Community Grants Programme supports local charities and community organisations across the Grampian region to develop projects which improve access to health provision, enhance healthcare experiences, and empower individuals to better manage their own health.

Applications which are community based and initiatives which seek to address health inequalities are especially welcome.

Applications close: 28th February 2023

[Find out more here](#)

Food for the Planet Campaign Grants

The grants aim to support communities to campaign and advocate to make food in their area better for people and the planet. Applicants are encouraged to propose their own ideas for great local action, but should focus on areas that have a big impact locally.

Applications close: 5pm 10th February 2023

[Find more information and application at the bottom of this page](#)

NESCAN SEED FUNDING:

One month left to apply for £1000!

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

This small fund is allocated to eligible projects on a first come first served basis, so don't wait until the end of February to apply

Applications close: Tuesday, 28th February 2023

Learn more here: [Apply now](#)

Community Action Fund

The Community Action Fund exists to support grassroots campaigning and community organising in the UK.

It will provide one-off grants between £2,500 and £20,000.

These grants are available to grassroots organisations that are building the power of their community and campaigning for long-term change.

All successful applicants will be offered support beyond funding. This will include the Civic Power Fund Governance Hub and optional, bespoke cohort and capacity building opportunities.

Applications close: 26th February 2023.

[Find out more here](#)

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, Grassroots Movements

This new pilot fund from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust is aimed at grassroots groups working on transformative change. Grants of between £10k and £70k can cover a two-year period. They want to make sure that applications have a reasonable chance of getting funding, so have offered detailed guidance and support on their website.

The first deadline is: 19th February 2023.

[Find out more here](#)

Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund

To help community organisations reduce their building energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions by installing renewable technologies such as heat pumps. Funding is available for many types of self-managed community buildings, including - village halls; community centres; community hubs; sports facilities and faith buildings.

Grant funding is available for up to 80% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £80,000.

Until March 2025 subject to funding availability

[Find out more here](#)

IRSTPORT - LaunchMe Fund

Expressions of interest are now open for FIRSTPORT's LaunchMe Programme, the investment readiness accelerator programme for ambitious social and community enterprises looking for investment to grow and scale.

Expressions of interest now Open

[Find out more here](#)

Vattenfall Unlock Our Future Fund

The Vattenfall Unlock our Future Fund supports projects in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire contributing towards a climate smart future.

- Small grants up to £2,000
- Large grants from £2,001 to £15,000 for a single year with the possibility of awards of up to £30,000 for projects running across three years.

Due to open 17th February 2023

[Read more about the fund here](#)



ACA Climate Café

Tuesday, 7th February

Business as a Force for Good

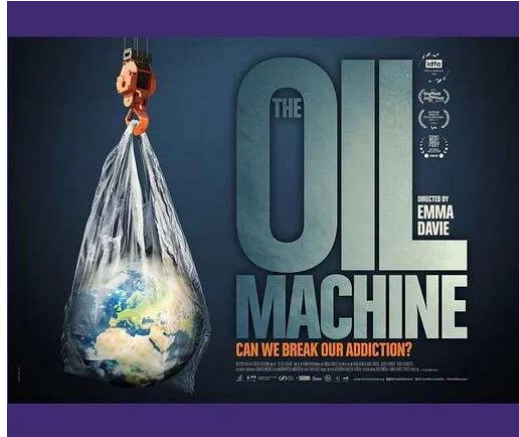
Speakers will discuss how businesses can help us get closer towards becoming net zero.

Register here:

[Free Tickets](#), [Reserve a Spot](#)

Want your event listed here?

Please make sure to email alysa@nescan.org to ensure your event gets listed in the newsletters and send imagery and your username(s) if you'd like us to share on social media.



The Oil Machine

There are no more showings in Aberdeen City or Aberdeenshire on the list, but you can still host your own.

[After THE OIL MACHINE - The Oil Machine](#)

The Oil Machine is also now on BBC iPlayer!

Looking ahead

Climate Week North East 2023

24th March - 2nd April

Don't forget to mark your calendars and check out events on the website:

climateweeknortheast.org



The Scottish Parliament's Citizens' Panel on Participation has published their report. They have made [17 recommendations](#) to the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee on improving how the Scottish Parliament's work involves, reflects, and meets the needs of the full range of communities it represents, focusing on improving engagement for those currently under-represented.

Scottish Parliament have now launched an [8-week consultation on the Your Priorities platform](#). Head over to have your say on which recommendations should be prioritised and what actions need to be taken to deliver on them.

[Find out more](#) about the work Scottish Parliament are doing on public engagement.

Please see the [consultation hub](#) to view all open consultations.

Energy Strategy & Just Transition Plan consultation is still going on - details here: [Consultation opens on Scottish Government's draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan · Local Energy Scotland](#)

Get in contact with Rose Toney if you would like to form part of a group developing a NESCAN guide response. Rose@nescan.org



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