

NESCAN HUB NEWS

A group of children in blue jackets and boots are planting a small tree in a hole in the ground. One child in the foreground is wearing a green jacket and black boots, while another child next to them is wearing a blue jacket with a Norwegian flag patch and a blue hat with a dinosaur. They are all focused on the task.

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

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Welcome to our new NESCAN Hub magazine. This is a trial to replace the monthly newsletter.

Do you like the format?
Do you prefer the old newsletter right in email?

Tell us in this feedback form. We need at least 50% of readers to fill out feedback for it to be helpful, so make sure you're one of them!



[Fill out feedback form here](#)

All links in this magazine are clickable!

If you have any questions,
please email alyssa@nescan.org



THIS MONTH'S FEATURE



BANCHORY'S WEE FOREST

DeesideCAN received NESCAN Hub's Seed Funding to put towards fencing, and banners for their Wee Forest in Banchory. Last Saturday, the Wee Forest was planted!

Over 100 people turned up to plant about 480 trees of 23 different native species in just over 2 hours, finishing about 3pm. There were still people coming along to help at 4pm after packing up had finished!



[Time lapse video
of the afternoon](#)



A message from DeesideCAN's Sue:
"Everyone's contribution helped to make the Wee Forest project the success it was today. Thanks for creating such a buzz and for being so welcoming to everyone who came along. The flags looked fantastic and the Wee Forest will be a special educational, net zero and biodiverse asset for our town."

DeesideCAN is a group based in mid-Deeside who passionately want to do something to minimise climate change with all its damaging consequences, reduce waste and decrease loss of biodiversity.

Find out more about their events, plans and much more: www.deesidecan.org.uk or contact them on: deesidecan@gmail.com

"Will these trees be here for ever and ever into infinity?" Angus asked. I said "Yes and you can come and watch them grow much taller than you over all of your lifetime" - Fiona



Deeside CAN

Climate Action Network / Care And Nurture

Upcoming Events

10 APRIL

Active Hope practice part 2 - Workshop for SCCAN members

5 - 7pm

This session will be an opportunity to practice this approach designed to nourish and support our engagement when in difficult conditions.

[Book free tickets](#)

2 MAY

ACA Climate Cafe - NESCAN - The Network

Come and hear about NESCAN, and some of its member organisations and find out what the Scottish Government has funded it to do.

[Book free tickets](#)



18, 19, 25, 26 APRIL

SCCAN Climate Knowledge into Action: Facilitator Training

For SCCAN members wanting to teach Climate Literacy in their community, SCCAN's new Knowledge in Action facilitator training.

This facilitator training runs over four online sessions. It has been designed for people who want to run a Climate Literacy course for their group. You must attend the 4 sessions:

- 1.30pm - 5pm Tuesday 18th April
- 1.30pm - 5pm Wednesday 19th April
- 1.30pm - 5pm Tuesday 25th April
- 1.30pm - 5pm Wednesday 26th April

[Book tickets](#)



Our second course is a "**Community Gardening**" course which is 6 weeks long, beginning **19th May**. This is a great course for anyone who is hoping to start or have recently started a community garden. This course runs weekly and each session is 2 hours long. We look at topics such as garden design, plants, planting and harvesting with your community. We normally include a visit to the One Seed Forward Allotment in Aberdeen to see all the theory put into practice.



LEARNING & GROWING WEEK BY WEEK

At **One Seed Forward**, we are passionate about encouraging people to grow fruit and veg. **We are very excited to be offering two different gardening training courses in 2023.** Our first course "**Learning and Growing Together**" is an 8 week course and is aimed at individuals who are new or fairly new to gardening with each weekly session lasting 2 hours, **beginning 20th April**. We have had a fabulous time so far this year, learning about a variety of topics including soil, compost, seeds, propagating and lots more. Our sessions are always informal and relaxed. Not only do we exchange gardening tips but have a good catch up with a cuppa and some fine biscuits. It is truly a joy to meet up with a lovely bunch of people every week.

If you would like to apply for a place on one of the two courses in Aberdeen, please get in touch with One Seed Forward: oneseedforward@gmail.com
[One Seed Forward | Aberdeen | Facebook](#) .



Funding Opportunities

Nescan Hub seed funding opening soon.
MORE INFO NEXT MONTH!

- **SAVE OUR WILD ISLES COMMUNITY FUND - NOW OPEN**

[read more here](#)

From creating community gardens and replanting wildflower meadows, to protecting local wildlife and promoting community connection to nature – together we can help communities around the UK bring nature back to life and make our isles wilder.

HOW THE SAVE OUR WILD ISLES COMMUNITY FUND WORKS

Logos: WWF, RSPB, AVIVA

- 1. Take Part**
Applications are now open! Funding is available for organisations looking to deliver projects to protect and restore nature in their local communities.
- 2. Take a closer look**
When applying you'll see the eligibility requirements – check these closely to make sure you meet the criteria.
- 3. Ready to take off**
You can use this time to look through the support and resources on offer to help you tell your story, prepare your project page and make the most of your campaign.
- 4. Take it away**
Launch your fundraising campaign with your network of supporters to raise public donations.
- 5. Take them on a journey**
People have donated and connected with your cause. Be sure to keep your donors informed and engaged with the great things you're achieving.
- 6. Take your target further**
Reached your original fundraising target early? Set a stretch target to see if you can get some extra support rolling in.
- 7. Take it to the next level**
The fundraiser is over – have you reached your target? Congratulations! You'll have the funds and a whole bunch of new supporters wanting to help your cause.

Community Resources

RSPB Nature of Scotland Awards



10 awards to choose from, including "Community Initiative", "Nature and Climate Action" and "Innovation" you can enter more than one category as long as you tailor your entry to the specific award details.

[READ MORE](#)

Participation at Scottish Parliament

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.

[READ MORE](#)

ROOTED: SHMU COMMUNITY VIDEO

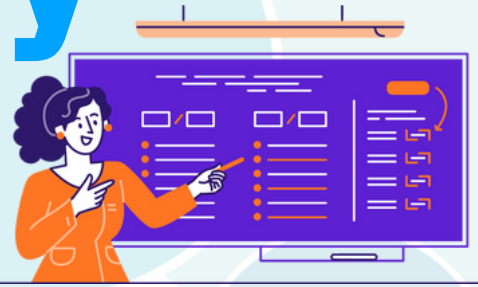
Community gardens have sprung up across Aberdeen, but what is a community garden and what benefits do they bring to their communities?

[WATCH VIDEO](#)



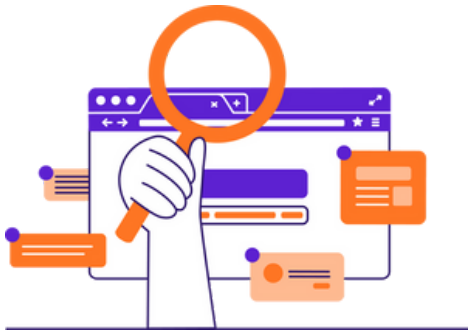
ACVO Opportunities

Community Spaces



The ACVO Team know that Aberdeen has a wealth of community and third sector spaces available to hire and with our new Community Spaces directory we want to help spread the word!

Third Sector/community organisations in Aberdeen that have a space for hire are welcome to submit their details via our platform to be featured, free of charge, on the Community Spaces page on the ACVO website.



The ACVO team regularly receive enquiries about the hire of spaces in the community for meetings, events and team days so the aim of this new initiative is to provide a listing platform so others working within the sector, and the wider public, can discover the amazing facilities our sector has to offer and support organisations directly by spending their money with the hire.

Who is this platform for?

Any third sector or community organisation with a space to hire in Aberdeen City!

How does the process work?

You can submit details using the form on the Community Spaces platform on the ACVO Website and your space will be added free of charge to the public directory.

The platform is essentially a listings site so ACVO will not process any enquiries relating to the space – you should provide contact details/web links which people can use to get in touch directly with you to make enquiries.

What information should I provide?

All required information is listed on the Community Spaces submission form but if you have any questions about it you can get in touch via enquiries@acvo.org.uk

find out more at

acvo.org.uk/community-spaces





FREE Support and national recognition for your community activities

- Are you part of a group cleaning up and greening up your area?
- Do your activities focus on community participation, environmental responsibility and gardening?
- Would you like support, resources and national recognition for your efforts?
- Would you like to be part of a national network of groups, sharing ideas and inspiring each other?

Then Keep Scotland Beautiful's It's Your Neighbourhood initiative is for you! It's annual, FREE, and is part of the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) Britain in Bloom campaign.

Find out what support, resources and recognition your group would receive. Deadline to enter is end of April – register now!

Who can enter It's Your Neighbourhood?

Open to groups of all sizes and a variety of projects, as long as they are focused on cleaning up and greening their local area and as long as they are:

- A group, e.g. residents' group / association; a friends group connected to a local green space, park or garden;
- a group of neighbours; a gardening group in a hospital, residential home, sheltered housing complex; a youth club / Scouts, Brownies or Girl Guide groups; or a community allotment group;
- Hands on;
- Involved in community gardening;
- Engaging and / or getting input from the community;
- Benefiting the community;
- Volunteer-led;
- Considering environmentally responsible behaviours;
- Sustainable over time; and
- Owned by the community and the community takes responsibility for the work.

Please visit www.KeepScotlandBeautiful.org/iyn for more information and for registration details.

Alternatively please email beautifulscotland@KeepScotlandBeautiful.org or call Juliette on 07720 090 560.