

# NESCAN HUB NEWSLETTER

Updates and events from

North East Scotland's Climate Action Network



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

Hope you find this month's edition helpful!

All links in this newsletter are clickable!

They will be **bold and underlined**



If you have any questions, please email  
[communications@nescan.org](mailto:communications@nescan.org)

*Enjoy!*



# JUSTTRANSITION

## PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

On Friday 8th November, the public vote for the JTPB Fund opens, giving residents of Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, and Moray the chance to directly influence which local projects receive funding.

This vote is a key part of the democratic process of the Fund, which allows people the opportunity to actively participate in shaping spending priorities in their communities by showing their support for initiatives that address local needs and priorities while also working towards Scotland's just transition to Net Zero.

This participatory budgeting approach, recognised by PB Scotland with the Green PB Seal, ensures that every funded project contributes meaningfully to the region's environmental goals.

Voting is **open to all ages**, and the online form will be accessible from 12 noon on 8th November at [www.jtpbfund.scot](http://www.jtpbfund.scot), with the public vote closing at midday on 25th November.

find more info at [\*\*jtpbfund.scot\*\*](http://jtpbfund.scot)





# envirolution aberdeen

Envirolution Aberdeen was truly an exciting day to remember! A beautiful sunny day at Seaton Park, filled with laughter, fun, and valuable lessons to contribute to a greener future and connecting communities. Thank you to all of you who came along, took part and spent their time to join all of us in learning about community empowerment through engaging in sustainable, climate friendly ways of games, activities, talks, interactive sessions and more while having fun.

Enjoy the pictures from the day and read about how we embraced sustainability together at this environmental festival in our latest article below.

**[read here](#)**

To know more about the event, and further plans to Envirolution Aberdeen 2025, you can get the updates from the webpage.

**[envirolution aberdeen](#)**





# envirolution aberdeen





# CWNE

## **We're pleased to announce new developments for Climate Week North East (CWNE) in 2025**

In response to community feedback, the recent success of Envirolution Aberdeen, a desire to align with Scottish Climate week plus activities taking place across other regional hubs, and a growing need for environmental action, we're making two key changes to enhance your experience and amplify the impact of CWNE25:

*CWNE25 is on the move from its usual dates in March to  
\*\*September\*\* and will now run for two full weeks.*

September is a busy time for everyone, but the decision to shift to early autumn was prompted not only due to community feedback but to align with other complementary environmental events across Scotland. Our fingers are crossed for favourable weather conditions, allowing for an even richer outdoor (and indoor) experience for participants and volunteers alike. With nature still in full bloom, the later date also offers a fantastic opportunity to appreciate our local wildlife and vibrant green spaces.

During the extended two-week period, you can expect even more hands-on activities, informative workshops, and meaningful community-driven initiatives. This gives us all more time to connect, engage, and make a difference in our communities and the climate.

We'll be updating the CWNE website and sharing more information very soon on the definitive September dates for CWNE25 plus new community events we are planning in March.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## GO DEEP at Seaton

You're invited to take part in a series of interactive activities designed to help you learn and connect with yourself and your communities around Seaton. These activities support individuals and groups to discover all the resources we have inside and around us - resources that are often overlooked or forgotten.

Join us on **22nd, 23rd, and 24th November** in Seaton to connect with the community.

To find out more, please sign up by scanning the QR code or email [jtcp@nescan.org](mailto:jtcp@nescan.org)





# UPCOMING EVENTS

**GO DEEP GAME: TEAM BUILDING AND CONNECTIONS**

**Sat, 2 Nov 2024  
12:00 - 16:00**

**Maritime Museum Education Suite**

[book your free tickets](#)



Go Deep is a game-like method for community building that enhances skill development, overcomes challenges, nurtures talent, discovers leadership, and strengthens community connections.



Soup and cake included!

 Maritime Museum Education Suite





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## THE ANDREW CARNEGIE LECTURE

Wed, 6 Nov 2024  
18:00 - 19:15

**‘Eating Ourselves to Death: How the Modern Diet is Destroying our Bodies and Our Planet’**

**Arts Lecture Theatre  
Aberdeen AB24 5SU**

You're invited to an evening with Henry Dimbleby, a leading voice in food system reform and author of *\*Ravenous\**, as he explores urgent solutions to tackle food poverty and improve access to nutritious meals. Following his talk, an expert panel—including Rowett Director Professor Jules Griffin, Professor Alexandra Johnstone, and Food Standards Scotland Chair Heather Kelman—will discuss actionable steps to create a healthier, more equitable food system. Don't miss this insightful event on the future of food and nutrition.

**[sign up for the event](#)**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## COMMUNITY EVENT

Ruthrieston  
Community Centre

Sat, 09 Nov 2024  
12:00 - 14:30

Register for a one-day free training on Climate Resilience for third sector organisations. The session is open to voluntary organisations operating in Aberdeen and surrounding areas. Sessions will run from 10 am to 3 pm at Aberdeen Arts Centre, with lunch provided.

A poster for a 'Free Community Event at Ruthrieston Community Centre'. The background is yellow with a photograph of a person's foot in a black sneaker stepping on autumn leaves. The text on the poster includes: 'Free Community Event at Ruthrieston Community Centre', 'Share your ideas and concerns to improve local walking.', 'Saturday 9 November 2024 12pm – 2.30pm', and 'Refreshments and a Fine Piece in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support'. Logos for 'COFFEE FOR CAKE', 'Smarter Choices, Smarter Places', and 'Planning Aid Scotland' are at the bottom.

**Free Community Event**  
at Ruthrieston Community Centre

Share your ideas and concerns to improve local walking.

 **Saturday 9 November 2024**  
12pm – 2.30pm

**Refreshments and a Fine Piece in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support**

  

See the poster on next page to find about the activities.



# FREE COMMUNITY EVENT IN RUTHRIESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

## SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND CONCERNS TO IMPROVE LOCAL WALKING



**Saturday 9 November 2024**  
12pm – 2.30pm

### About Our Event

Join us for an open discussion on how we can make our community more walkable and accessible for everyone! Share your ideas, concerns and solutions to improve walking paths, pedestrian safety and overall walkability in our area. **Everyone is welcome** – your voice matters!

### Activities

**12.30pm**

- **Circular Walk (1.5 miles)** – Collect natural items for printmaking
- **Scottish Dancing**

**1pm**

- **Printmaking**
- **Circular Walk**
- **Creative Stitcher**

**2pm**

- **Sound Bath**

Refreshments and a Fine Piece in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

### FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

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or Diane [Diane@pas.org.uk](mailto:Diane@pas.org.uk)





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CLIMATE RESILIENCE TRAINING FOR THIRD SECTOR

**Wed, 13 Nov 2024  
10:00 - 15:00**

**Aberdeen Arts Centre  
33 King Street Aberdeen  
AB24 5AA**

Register for a one-day free training on Climate Resilience for third sector organisations. The session is open to voluntary organisations operating in Aberdeen and surrounding areas. Sessions will run from 10 am to 3 pm at Aberdeen Arts Centre, with lunch provided.

**[sign up for the event](#)**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## UNLOCKING THE POWER OF SOIL: A DAY WITH DR. ELAINE INGHAM AT BALMAKEWAN

Fri, 15 Nov 2024  
09:00 - 16:00

**Balmakewan Farm Shop & Tea Room**  
**Balmakewan Farm North Water**  
**Bridge AB30 1QX**



As part of the Soil Food Web UK Tour, join the world-leading soil scientists Dr. Elaine Ingham and Dr. Carla Portugal, along with Soil Ecology Laboratory, for a one-day seminar in Aberdeenshire. This event will offer an in-depth, hands-on exploration of soil health, farming, and gardening practices. You can read more about the event and get your tickets [here](#). Please note that this is a paid event.

[sign up for the event](#)

# FUNDING

- **The SEED Fund is still OPEN**  **NESCAN HUB**

NESCAN Hub has a small pot of funding for community climate action and biodiversity projects within Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. The Seed Fund is designed for small community projects. Therefore we can only fund organisations with an income of less than £50,000 per annum.

Grants are allocated to eligible projects on a first come first served basis while funds remain. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, grants are a maximum of £500 per organisation to enable us to fund as many organisations and projects as possible.

[find more about SEED Fund](#)

- **LEAF Fund**   **NESCAN HUB**

We appreciate everyone's enthusiastic participation in the first round of the Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF). The next round is anticipated to open by the end of November. Stay tuned and be sure to visit our webpage for more updates.

[Stay tuned on LEAF website](#)





# FUNDING

- **THE SUEZ COMMUNITY FUND - SCOTLAND**

Scotland has approximately £200,000 available per year funded by donations from SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. There are 3 funding rounds each year. The second closing date is 20 November 2024 and decisions would be made by early February 2025. The closing date for the last round is 26 February 2025, and decision by mid-May.

[find out more](#)

- **URBAN FORESTRY CHALLENGE FUND**

Organisations, community groups and schools can now apply for up to £100,000 to add more trees and green spaces to Scotland's cities and towns.

[find out more](#)

- **TREE GRANT FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Grant funding to support tree, hedgerow and orchard establishment. The Tree Council actively support community tree, hedgerow, and orchard projects that boost agricultural productivity and creating green spaces that promote physical and mental well-being.

[find out more](#)



# FUNDING & OTHER INFO

- **FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN TORRY AND COVE**

The Community & Coast Fund is open for applications with £100,000 available to support community projects in Torry and Cove in Aberdeen.

[more about fund](#)

- **APPLY FOR A FREE DEFIBRILLATOR FOR YOUR COMMUNITY**

Find out if your community group is eligible for a free, BHF-funded defibrillator. Having a defibrillator and knowing how to do CPR will give members of your community a better chance at surviving a cardiac arrest.

[find out more](#)

- **LOVE YOUR NETWORK SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS ON THE NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK IN SCOTLAND**

Funded by the Scottish Government and delivered by Sustrans Scotland, this network supports community groups who are actively involved in caring for their local, traffic-free section of the National Cycle Network by providing equipment and staying in touch about activity in the community.

[apply here](#)





# LEARNING & RESEARCH

- **RESEARCH PROJECT**  
**SCCAN & KING'S COLLEGE LONDON**

## **SHARE YOUR VISION OF A WELL-ADAPTED COMMUNITY - CO-PRODUCTION OF ADAPTATION TARGETS IN SCOTLAND BETWEEN COMMUNITIES AND PUBLIC SECTOR**

SCCAN, alongside King's College London, are hosting an online workshop on 21st November to explore local decision-making on climate adaptation and building resilience.

By coming to the workshop, you will be able to share your views on what a sustainable, well-adapted community looks like to you as well as exploring what local targets could help us reach this vision.

The workshop will facilitate conversation between policymakers in Scotland and community groups and individuals and so this is a chance to have your voice heard and input into the future direction of local adaptation decision-making.

We welcome anyone to the workshop who has a basic understanding of **climate adaptation**. The workshop will be held on November 21st 10-1pm online. Vouchers are available to cover child care or other needs to help you attend.

If you're interested or if you'd like to find out more information please contact: [joana@sccan.scot](mailto:joana@sccan.scot)



## Just Transition Communities Project

### **Just Transition Commission Scotland and Climate Change Committee UK Visit to Aberdeen**

On October 3rd, we were honoured to have the Just Transition Commission Scotland and Climate Change Committee UK, joined by our partners from the Just Transition Communities Project (JTPC) for a day of impactful discussions, sharing both achievements and challenges in advancing a just and inclusive climate transition. The morning opened with presentations from the Commission, project leads and community members, each sharing unique insights. The milestones achieved by our communities through the project were emphasised. community voices added urgency to the discussions. As one resident expressed, "I hear people talking about climate change is all about carbon, carbon. What is carbon to me? We want to talk about our direct reality: we don't have a voice, we are not represented, we are not understood. We want our kids to have access to healthy food. I am a single mother; I want to use a bus that is not so expensive every day when I go and pick up my children from school." Such testimonials highlighted that a "Just Transition" isn't only about carbon reduction—it's about addressing inequalities and securing a future where social and climate justice are integrated into daily life.

The World Café session allowed participants to discuss topics that included young people, community participation in Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Social Justice & Climate Justice, Partnership & Collaboration, where attendees moved around tables every 15 minutes to spark fresh ideas and questions. This interactive format reinforced the importance of open dialogue, feedback, and collective insight.

We welcomed the community in the evening for an open session discussions around eight key themes—Nature, Community Engagement, Communication, Bottom-Up Democracy, Energy, Land Use, New Economy and Employment, and Transport. Attendees shared their thoughts, recommendations, and visions for the future, affirming the importance of community voices in creating an inclusive transition. We thank our partners, participants, and community members for their vital contributions and look forward to advancing a just transition that truly reflects the values and aspirations of our communities.





# Just Transition Communities Project



# MEMBER UPDATES

- **DOORSTEP EXPLORERES**



A fantastic website and resource created by S1 pupils at Banff Academy which contains details of over 100 walks in the Baff, Macduff and Portsoy area.

**[see here - Doorstep Explorers](#)**

Many of our members will either live in or visit these areas and the young people would love it if you took time to look at their site, enjoy some of the walks and spend time in these attractive places

If you would like to find out more about how they went about the task or look into doing something similar for their areas, contact NESCAN member: Action for a Fairer World" - [afairerworld.mdec@gmail.com](mailto:afairerworld.mdec@gmail.com).



# UPDATES FROM THE HUB

## CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2024



Alison Stuart, the CEO of NESCAN Hub, participated as a panelist at the recent Climate Action Summit, alongside Clare Wharmby, Programme Director of the Scottish Climate Intelligence Service (SCIS), and Philip Raines, Deputy Director for Domestic Climate Change in Holyrood, on October 3rd, 2024. The summit gathered leaders and stakeholders from various sectors to discuss Scotland's ambitious decarbonisation initiatives and strategies for tackling climate change. Alison provided valuable insights on the progress achieved so far and the ongoing efforts required to facilitate Scotland's transition to net zero.

**[Read the speech here](#)**





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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](mailto:info@nescan.org)

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