

NESCAN HUB NEWSLETTER

Updates and events from

North East Scotland's Climate Action Network



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Welcome to our NESCAN Hub October 2024 Newsletter.

We're all geared for some amazing events coming up including Envirolution Aberdeen and more. 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 

Enjoy!



JUSTTRANSITION

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

**Year 3 Applications are now closed.
Thank you to all who applied.
You can check [JTPB Fund](#) website soon
for details about public vote.**



envirolution **aberdeen**

Saturday, 28th September 2024

1 pm - 6 pm

Seaton Park

Join us this weekend at Seaton Park for an absolute fun day with workshops, interactive stalls, live performances and more while we take positive action to climate change supporting our local community and engaging in climate-friendly activities.

The exciting event line-up is up on the Envirolution Aberdeen website!

[VIEW ALL EVENTS](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLIMATE CAFÉ: A REGIONAL VISION FOR A JUST TRANSITION

**Tue, 1 Oct 2024
15:00 - 17:00**

Hybrid

The Anatomy Rooms

Queen St, Aberdeen AB10 1AP

Explore the crucial role of communities, industries, and research in achieving a Just Transition in the North East of Scotland. This event features speakers from the Scottish Trades Union Council, NESCC Hub, and the University of Aberdeen, who will discuss the transformation towards sustainable energy, the importance of community involvement, and insights from recent research.

Speaker 1: Ryan Morrison, Scottish Trades Union Council – “What does a Just Transition look like?”

Speaker 2: Nicola Twine, NESCAN – “The role of Communities in a Just Transition”

Speaker 3: Daria Shapovalova, University of Aberdeen – “What does research tell us about Just Transitions?”

[sign up for the event](#)

BEACH COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

**Sat, 5 Oct 2024
11:00**

**Aberdeen Beach, Esplanade
Aberdeen AB24 5NS**

Join Aberdeen Climate Action on the 5th October for a beach community clean up! Meet at the Footdee public toilets. If you struggle to find us on the day, please call Rachel on 07530122138. Equipment will be provided, but bring your own if you have it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE CAFE: STORYTELLING FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE: WHO IS NOT HERE?

Fri, 04 Oct 2024
16:30 - 18:00

Ellon Library



**STORYTELLING
FOR CLIMATE
JUSTICE: WHO IS
NOT HERE?**

**24TH OCT
THURSDAY
4:30 PM - 6 PM**

As part of the Knowledge Exchange Cafe Programme by Live Life Aberdeenshire and NESCAN Hub, join us to listen to stories, be they of stones, humans, or flowers, listening beyond the stories of those in power is the first and most essential step in the path to connecting for climate change.

Ellon Library

Cake and Drinks Included!

 Just Transition Communities Project

 NESCAN

The Knowledge Exchange Cafe by Live Life Aberdeenshire and NESCAN Hub is back and this time it is a drop-in storytelling event on Climate Justice by our CDO for Formartine and Project Officer, Karina at Ellon Library. Come along for stories, cake and step in to the stories of climate change.

[book tickets here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOW TO....RUN A FRUIT TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

Tue, 22 Oct 2024
15:00 - 17:00

Online

Join Scottish Communities Climate Action Network (SCCAN) for their second session 'How to....' learning event in collaboration with members who have gained valuable experience in developing climate action projects in specific areas. For 'How to Run a Fruit Tree Planting Campaign' you'll gain practical ideas and best practices for starting a Fruit Tree Campaign in your area.

Gillian Fyfe from **Climate Action Fife** will share learnings from their 'A Fruit Tree for Every Garden in Fife' campaign.

[see event and find more info](#)

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](#)



FUNDING

- **SCHOOLS CAN APPLY FOR £500 OF FREE EQUIPMENT FOR OUTDOOR LEARNING**

Early Years, Primary, and Secondary schools in Scotland, England, and Wales can apply for free outdoor learning resources worth up to £500 and two hours of professional outdoor training. Applications close on 8th November 2024.

[find out more](#)

- **COMMUNITIES MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND**

Applications for Level 1 (up to £3,000) opened on 25th September, and Level 2 (up to £15,000) will open on 2nd October. For more details, visit the [Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund](#).

[find out more](#)

- **STV GREEN FUND**

STV has launched a sustainability strategy, STV Zero with a target to become net zero carbon. The STV Green Fund offers £1m of STV advertising airtime to Scottish businesses championing sustainability – to support and encourage others to join us in working towards a more sustainable Scotland.

[find out more](#)



FUNDING

- **ABERDEENSHIRE TACKLING POVERTY AND INEQUALITIES CHILDCARE DEVELOPMENT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR 2024-2026**

This funding is open to new providers of school aged childcare (within 3 months of startup) to assist with startup costs such as, initial let costs, staff wages and resources. The closing date for this application is the 11th October 2024.

[find out more](#)

- **COMMUNITY BENEFIT REGIONAL FUND - SSEN TRANSMISSION**

Funding opportunity by the SSEN Transmission is now open for for communities across the North of Scotland to ensure significant investment in transmission infrastructure. The fund opens with an initial round of £2,000,000 to support strategic projects with network area. You can know more about the fund on their website.

Disclosure: NESCAN Hub board is aware that multiple community groups are in dispute with the government and developers in relation to large infrastructure projects. We share funding opportunities without endorsing the funding organisations' activities and/or projects.

[find out more](#)



LEARNING & RESEARCH

- **SURVEY - KINCARDINE AND MEARN'S CLIMATE AWARENESS AND ADAPTATION**

In partnership with NESCAN, Aberdeenshire Council's Kincardine and Mearns Community Planning team has launched a survey which will give local residents an opportunity to comment on climate change and explain how it affects them and their communities.

It will form a key part in the team's refresh of its Local Community Plan and, by gaining a better understanding of the impacts locally, the team will be in a better position to provide support and appropriate information to its communities.

The short survey will ask if people have been affected by extreme weather events such as flooding, storm damage and even heat waves which have provided challenges for those on private water supplies which have run dry.

It will also ask how concerned communities are about the effects of climate change and if residents are making any adaptations in their daily life which may help tackle climate change – be it buying locally-produced goods, using energy-efficient lightbulbs, reducing trips by car where possible, reducing air travel and even repairing or repurposing items

Communities will also be asked whether they would benefit from learning more about what can be done to tackle the effects of climate change and what type of resources, support or information would be beneficial to them.

[fill in the survey here](#)

LEARNING & RESEARCH

- **SCCAN - COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP SURVEY**

If you are at all interested in the concept of a community land bank or have other suggestions for overcoming the obstacles that hinder community ownership of land and buildings, please take a moment to complete this brief survey.

[fill in the form here](#)

You can read their blog post discussing some of the issues and thoughts around the topic.

[read blog](#)

- **SCOTTISH NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLAN 3 PUBLICATION AND CHILDRENS' VERSION**

Scottish Government's children and young people's guide to the third Scottish National Adaptation Plan called SNAP3. This version can be used to support learning and sets out the actions the Scottish Government and partners will take to respond to the impacts of climate change from 2024 to 2029.

[see guide](#)

LEARNING & RESEARCH

- **CALL FOR VIEWS ON THE NEXT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK**



The Cairngorms National Park Authority is undertaking a series of surveys to collect views on issues affecting the people who live and work in the Cairngorms National Park to help inform the next Local Development Plan. The Plan will help guide development in the National Park, including where affordable housing, community facilities and economic development will go.

The current surveys ask people who live, work or have an interest in the National Park to provide their views on matters relating to the tourism, land use, soil and resources and digital infrastructure.. You can access these and provide feedback on the dedicated engagement website at: [see here](#).

The deadline for providing feedback is **4 October 2024**. Further surveys will go live in stages on the site between October 2024 and the end of the year. The feedback received will be used to inform an Evidence Report, which will be the basis for preparing the first draft of the Local Development Plan in late 2025.

If you have any questions about the Local Development Plan, completing the surveys or would like to share your views over the phone or in writing, please email planning@cairngorms.co.uk.

MONTH IN PICTURES



CDOs Jamie and Francesca with Team RGU Go Green to brainstorm ideas and initiatives focused on gardening and sustainability.



CDO Jamie at Duthie Park meeting groups and families involved in this year's Keep Scotland Beautiful Award Family Fun Day

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CDO and Project Officer Karina at Come and Network Event on 14th September



shmuFEST on 22nd September

MONTH IN PICTURES

Celebrated shmu's 21st birthday 'shmuFEST' and created mushroom decorations for the upcoming environmental festival, 'Envirolution Aberdeen.' A special thanks to Rachel, our funding officer, for capturing those wonderful pictures!





UPDATES FROM THE HUB

CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2024

Alison, our CEO, is set to be one of the keynote speakers at the forthcoming Climate Action Summit 2024 in Edinburgh. The Holyrood Climate Action Summit and Climate Action Awards will make their return to Edinburgh in October 2024. In light of the recent legislative changes by the Scottish Government, the summit will concentrate on effective measures to urgently decrease emissions from significant polluters, such as agriculture, the built environment, energy, and transportation.

[see more info here](#)

STAFF DAY & MUSHROOM FORAGING!

On September 10th, the NESCAN Hub team enjoyed a fruitful values development session, which was followed by a team lunch and an outdoor mushroom foraging activity at Haughton Country Park in Alford. Below, you can find the photos captured by our CDOs, Karina and Claire!

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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**

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