

NESCAN HUB NEWSLETTER

Updates and events from

North East Scotland's Climate Action Network



APRIL 2025



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Welcome to our Nescan Hub April 2025 Newsletter.

We hope your year is off to a fantastic start. As April marks the beginning of our new financial year and the heart of spring, we are pleased to share exciting updates, upcoming plans, and opportunities for you to get involved and have your say.

All links in this newsletter are clickable.



They will be **bold and underlined**

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

Enjoy!

UPCOMING EVENTS



NESCAN Members' Gathering & AGM

Our annual NESCAN Members' Gathering and AGM will take place in just 5 weeks and we can't wait to welcome you all.

Saturday, 10th May 2025

10 AM – 3:30 PM

The Barn, Burn O Bennie

Banchory AB31 5QA

RESERVE YOUR FREE SPACE NOW!

Be part of the conversation and help shape the future of NESCAN. This in-person event is your chance to:

- Have your say at our AGM – Discuss key developments & upcoming initiatives
- Engage in insightful talks – Exchange ideas and learn from each other
- Share your thoughts at the open mic – Contribute your vision and perspectives
- Ask NESCAN Hub – A chance to ask anything to the staff of NESCAN Hub
- Spend time with old friends, meet new people, and get to know more of the NESCAN Hub team and our Board members

Enjoy a fun and informative day where we connect, collaborate and grow together.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



NESCAN Members' Gathering & AGM

How to Get There?

The Barn is between Crathes Castle and Deeside town of Banchory, off the A93 and 30 minutes from Aberdeen.

By Bus: Take 201 or 202 buses from Aberdeen towards Braemar. Alight at the stop near TESCO Banchory and is approx. 10 min walk from the bus stop.

By Train: You can get trains to Aberdeen Railway Station for a bus connection. For latest train schedules, visit the **ScotRail website**.

By Car: Carpooling is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint. Get together with friends, or you could take a look at **Liftshare** — simply enter your postcode to find or offer a ride. If you're driving, see routes **here** from various parts of Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

You can find more information on travel and a map on **The Barn's website**.

Whether you're a long-time member or a newcomer, your input is valuable, and we want to hear from you. Come along, and let's build a stronger community together.

For more details or enquiries, email: communications@nescan.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NESCAN Members' Meeting**

Wednesday, 30th April 2025

7:00PM

Our next bi-monthly members' meeting will be held online on Wednesday, 30 April 2025, at 7 PM.

We're thrilled to welcome John Malster from Curam Fyvie, a NESBiP member and local biodiversity expert, who will be joining our very own Francesca to share valuable insights on biodiversity.

You'll also hear highlights and feedback from our recent Biodiversity Spring Seminar.

Further details and the joining link will be shared soon — stay tuned!

- **Climate Cafe - Tourism; Can it be Sustainable?**

NESCol Aberdeen City Campus, Aberdeen, AB25 1BN

Tuesday, 6th May 2025

7:00PM

Everyone wants to have a holiday, but what is the cost to the Planet? How can you do it more sustainably?

All are welcome to join Aberdeen Climate Action's Climate Cafe on Tourism: can it be sustainable?

Dr Poitr Niewiadomski from the University of Aberdeen will talk about Sustainable Tourism from the perspective of someone who has researched this subject for over 10 years. Then it's your turn. We want to hear your stories of holidays where you tried to do it sustainably. What did you do? how well did it work? Will you do it again? What would you do differently? This will be followed by a Q&A session.

[book your tickets](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Community benefits from renewables:
have your say!**

Tuesday, 8th April 2025

4 pm - 5:30 pm

Online

Community Energy Scotland brings you a session hosted by the Scottish Community Coalition on Energy that will introduce the Scottish Government consultation, gather input from members to form a response, offer suggestions of points to raise in your response, and include time for questions and discussion.

The Scottish Government is updating its guidance, with a consultation open, and your input is needed. This session is open to individual community members, community organisations, and community businesses.

Join us to learn more, share your views, and help shape the response to the consultation.

More information on the consultation can be viewed at [**here**](#).

[book your tickets](#)

You can also read our blog on Community Benefits from the NESCAN resources [**here**](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Supporting Climate Action and Community Voice in the North East**

Monday, 14th April 2025

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Newburgh Village Hall

This event is a part of the ACE Newburgh's Monthly Talks. Our CDO, Jamie will talk about NESCAN , projects supported, and how we amplify communities voices. This is a free drop-in event.



The poster features the logos for 'ACTION FOR CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT NEWBURGH' (with a leaf icon and SCIO SC053654) and 'NESCAN HUB' (with a colorful speech bubble icon). The main title 'NESCAN' is in bold black text, followed by the subtitle 'SUPPORTING CLIMATE ACTION AND COMMUNITY VOICE IN THE NORTH EAST.' in purple. The text describes the event as a welcome for Jamie to talk about the North East Scotland Climate Action network. A bulleted list highlights the topics: local community projects, collaborative partnerships, and how NESCAN amplifies voices. A green box contains the date and time '14TH APRIL 2025 - 18:30 - 19:30', the venue 'NEWBURGH VILLAGE HALL', and 'NO BOOKING NEEDED'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of two people talking, a 'USE YOUR voice FOR CHANGE' graphic, and an OSCR (Scottish Charity Regulator) logo with the text 'Registered SCIO SC053654'.

ACTION FOR CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT NEWBURGH
SCIO SC053654 *Ace by name, Ace by nature*

NESCAN HUB

NESCAN
SUPPORTING CLIMATE ACTION AND COMMUNITY VOICE IN THE NORTH EAST.

ACE Newburgh welcomes Jamie to talk about the North East Scotland Climate Action network. Come along to find out more about:

- Local community projects supported by NESCAN
- Collaborative partnerships that have been fostered
- How NESCAN amplifies community voices and how YOU can do more to get your voice heard.

14TH APRIL 2025 - 18:30 - 19:30
NEWBURGH VILLAGE HALL
NO BOOKING NEEDED

USE YOUR voice FOR CHANGE

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www.oscr.org.uk
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **LET'S TALK REUSE**

23rd April 2025

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Stella's Voice, The Barn, Peterhead

Join **Stella's Voice** and NESCAN Hub to share your experiences and ideas on how we can adapt and support one another, working together to help people and planet.

book your tickets



**working together – honest
conversations – difficult
challenges – practical solutions**

Change is underway in the reuse sector, and its impact will be far-reaching. Join us to share your experiences and ideas on how we can adapt and support one another, working together to help people and the planet.

Date and Time: **23rd April 2025**
10.30am–1.30pm

Where: Stella's Voice, Faith Acres, Inverugie,
Peterhead. AB42 3DQ

Register: Scan the Eventbrite QR code



www.nescan.org



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Udny Repair Cafe**

Wednesday, 30th April 2025

7:30 PM

Collieston Community Centre



Inviting all crafters, creatives and the sustainably minded (or anyone interested in getting things repaired) to a talk from Jamie Cole-Hamilton from the Udny Repair Cafe.

Wednesday 30th April

7.30pm at the Collieston Community Centre

Free event

Tea/coffee/juice and nibbles



SCIO Charity no. SC049195

Reducing the carbon footprint of Collieston and Slains

SEAchange would like to thank the Scottish Land Fund, the Architectural Heritage Fund, Formartine Area Committee, Business Enterprise, the Scottish Civic Trust, the Woodland Trust and Rural and Island Communities Ideas into Action Fund.

OPPORTUNITIES



- **Board Member (Treasurer)**

**Deadline for applications extended to
Wednesday, 30th April 2025**



We are seeking a Treasurer to join our Board, and the deadline to send in applications is extended to 30th April 2025. If you have a background in finance, accounting, or budgeting and are eager to use your skills to create a significant impact, this is an excellent opportunity for you. Visit our careers website for more information and details on how to apply.

[apply here](http://www.nescan.org/job-opportunities)



OPPORTUNITIES

- **Join the team - Aberdeen Nectar Networks**

Aberdeen Nectar Networks is looking for a Conservation Officer to deliver their Aberdeen Nectar Networks project. This project is building on the success of our **Aberdeen B-Lines** project, which worked with Aberdeen City Council to transform habitat at several parks and areas of greenspace to improve habitat connectivity along the B-Lines network for pollinating insects. Looking for someone who has their own area of interest and specialism but can also demonstrate a broad knowledge of invertebrate ecology and a willingness to expand their knowledge and work in new areas.

This is a full-time fixed term (maternity cover for 9 months with potential extension) opportunity that is home based working based in Aberdeen.

[see more and apply](#)



FUNDING & CONSULTATIONS

- **Climate Adaptation Fund - Open for Applications**

The fund supports capital works and investments in response to the change that we have seen in our climate over the last decades and to prepare for the challenges that we will face as our climate continues to change.

You can find the details of the funding [here](#), including what was funded last year. The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 6th April using a very short, easy to fill-in enquiry [form](#). Thereafter suitable applications will be invited to fill out a full application.

[find out more](#)

- **Wesleyan Foundation - Climate Action Grants**

The aim of the grant is to protect and improve our environment and combat climate change, with applicants able to apply for up to £25,000. You can apply any time.

[find out more](#)

- **Wesleyan Foundation - Community Grants**

The Community Grants programme supports grassroots charities across the UK to deliver vital community services. The deadline is 4th October 2025.

[find out more](#)



FUNDING & CONSULTATIONS

- **Scottish Building Society Foundation**

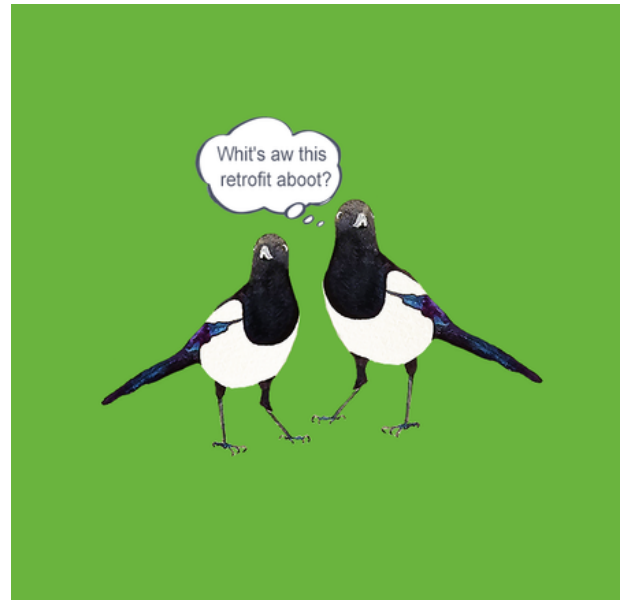
The Scottish Building Society Foundation will aim to invest in the long-term future of communities in Scotland. They are looking to provide financial support to charities and community groups. The deadline is 7th April 2025.

[find out more](#)

LEARNING & RESEARCH

- **Fit is Retrofit? Booklet by Udney Climate Action**

The booklet explores the views of local people on the advantages and challenges of upgrading their homes and installing renewable energy heating systems, along with the grants available for the work. See more and read the online version **here**. For hard copies, either small numbers or for community distribution, email: climate_action_admin@udny.org



[read online version here](#)

- **Rebel Restoration**

Learn what Rebel Restoration is all about. A charity dedicated to reducing atmospheric carbon, enhancing natural ecosystems, and empowering local communities, primarily in the UK. A not-for-profit organisation, collaborating directly with project developers and scientists in the field, fueled by ambitious goals and a comprehensive approach that recognises the intricacies and richness of the natural world, alongside solutions necessary for its restoration.

[see projects, mission and more](#)

LEARNING & RESEARCH

- **Grampian Regional Equality Council**

The logo for the Grampian Regional Equality Council (GREC) is a blue rounded rectangle containing the lowercase letters 'grec' in white.

The **Grampian Regional Equality Council (GREC)** is an organisation based in Aberdeen, dedicated to promoting equality and tackling discrimination across North East Scotland. They do incredible work supporting individuals and communities through advice services, counselling, language cafés, training, and research that helps shape policies for a more inclusive society.

Recently, our CEO, Alison had the pleasure of connecting with the team at GREC, engaging in a meaningful conversation about their initiatives and how we can support each other's missions. It was an insightful discussion that highlighted their recent projects.

This connection has been an inspiring step forward, reinforcing the importance of integrating equality and diversity principles into everything we do, especially in climate conversations. We look forward to building this relationship further and supporting GREC's vital work in any way we can.

[check out their news bulletin](#)

UPDATES FROM THE HUB



Farewell and Best Wishes to Our Team Members

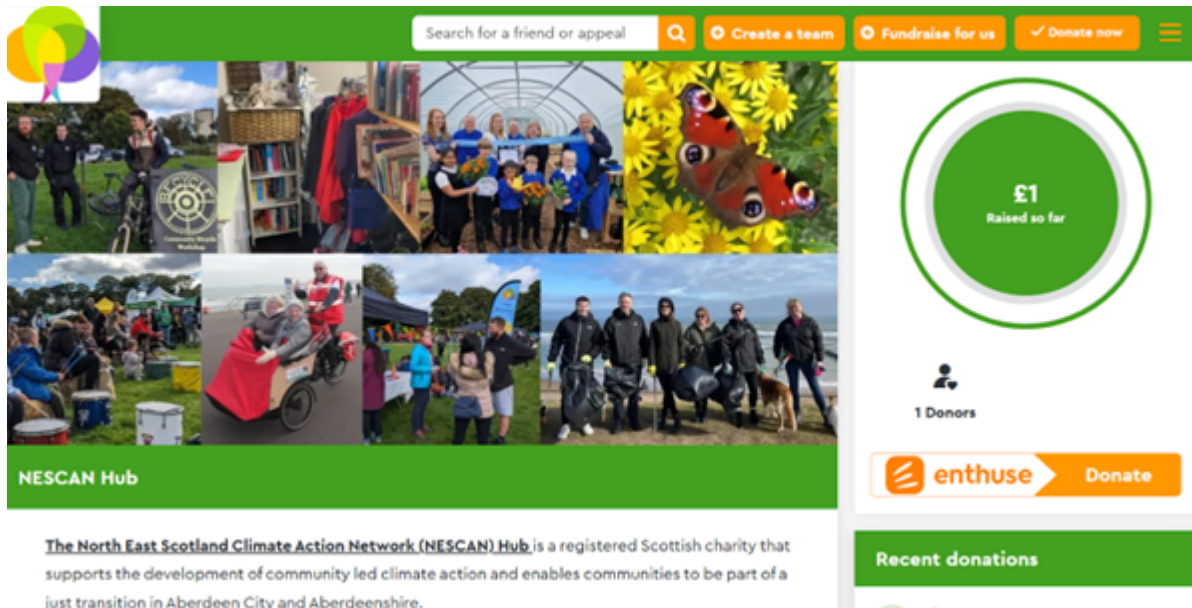
We would like to share that Rachel Maurice, *Office Coordinator*, Rachel Smith, *Fundraising Development Officer*, and Claire Abbot, *Community Development Officer*, will be moving on from their roles at Nescan Hub. We sincerely thank them for their hard work and contributions and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

We will
miss
you

UPDATES FROM THE HUB



- **Support NESCAN and Make a Difference!**



You can now support community-led climate action in a simple and impactful way! With our new donation feature, you can directly contribute to meaningful projects, events, resources and learnings that drive real change. Every donation, big or small, helps fund initiatives focused on sustainability, education, climate justice, and more. Join us in building a greener, fairer future—one donation at a time. ***Donate now and be a part of the change!***

Donate Now

To learn more about the role our members play and how their support can assist charities and the NESCAN Hub in addressing climate change and uplifting communities, read our blog [here](#).

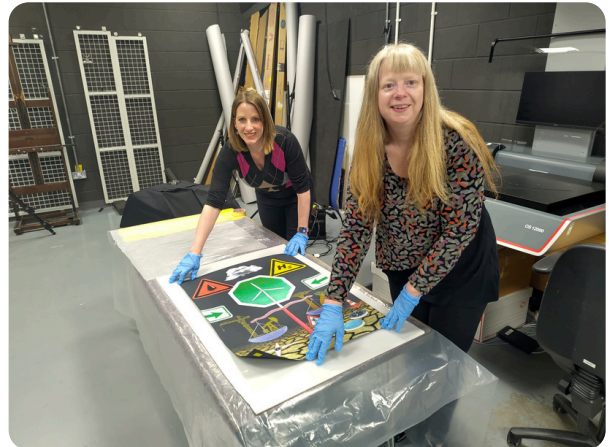
[donate here](#)

UPDATES FROM THE HUB



- **NESCAN's Art by Ade Adesina given to Aberdeen Art Gallery**

On Thursday, 6th November 2024, Adam Price, Vice Chair of NESCAN Hub Board, handed over "Equilibrium" by Ade Adesina to Shona Elliot and Morna Annandale of Aberdeen Art Gallery at the Aberdeen Treasure Hub. The piece was commissioned from the Aberdeen-based artist by NESCAN



for its display and report at COP26 on Glasgow in 2021 using a grant from Greenpeace. The plan was always to get this picture about climate change and Aberdeen displayed in the city. It is hoped that the work will join Ade's other work "Wide Awake" that is on the first floor of the Art Gallery. Another of Ade's works is on display to the public right now in Edinburgh, a print entitle "Twenty Sixteen" in the City Art Centre. His "Day Watchers" is currently in storage in the National Museum of Modern Art (Modern Two). To get a flavour of his work, go to this site for the Royal Scottish Academy **[Ade Adesina RSA - Works | The Academicians' Gallery](#)**.



UPDATES FROM THE HUB



● Be Inspired, Stay Informed – Explore the Latest Blogs from Nescan Hub

Did you know that our resources are packed with valuable information? From a wide range of community and climate related themes to spark your interest to in-depth discussions, we've got something for everyone. From buildings and energy to food, climate justice, education, and more. Whether you're looking for expert guidance, seeking funding opportunities, or simply in need of a fresh perspective, you'll find plenty to explore. Happy reading!

[read our latest blogs](#)

Benefitting Communities – Can new renewable energy projects help communities?

Nescan Hub #news, #Buildings & Energy Publish Date: January 2025 Last Updated: February 2025

The Scottish Government is currently reviewing its "Good Practice Principles" for new renewable energy projects. But what exactly does "Community



Nescan Goes Back to Uni!

Nescan Hub #Activism & Justice Publish Date: March 2025 Last Updated: March 2025

Talking Community Just Transitions with Edinburgh University Students

When I received an invitation from the course lecturer of the postgraduate course Public Participation in Policy to be a guest lecturer for a session, I saw it as a fantastic opportunity to share insights about our work. However, I must admit, the guest lecturer title felt a little daunting – definitely outside my comfort zone!



A Weekend of Action and Learning in Inverness

Nescan Hub #news, #Education & Awareness Publish Date: March 2025 Last Updated: March 2025

At the beginning of March, Scottish Rural Action ran its first residential for young adults, which brought together about 60 young people aged 16-30 in Inverness for a weekend of discussions, workshops, and learning. Nescan Hub's Community Development Officer, Vicky, attended with a young person from Aberdeenshire who sits on her local community council.



A Personal Reflection on 'Purpose'

Nescan Hub #news, #Activism & Justice Publish Date: March 2025 Last Updated: March 2025

Here at Nescan Hub, we enjoy hearing from our members, partners, and colleagues. We often share our findings, resources, and insights from the many conversations we have but don't often capture the effect these interactions have on each of us from a personal point of view. A few days ago, I was lucky to be on a panel at the Fife Community Hall with Lukas Burns (from We'll Scotland) at the showing of Purpose – as part of The Scottish Purpose tour with the director of Purpose Martin Gelling. The film definitely met the aim to 'enable conversations that otherwise wouldn't happen.' However, it was when I reflected on the film





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.

NESCOAN Hub is here to help.

Become a member or get in touch: info@nescan.org

Keep up to date and follow us @[NESCOANhub](https://twitter.com/NESCOANhub)

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