



Welcome to issue 13 of Nescan News;

our monthly newsletter recapping all you need to know about the Nescan Hub and Climate Action in your area!

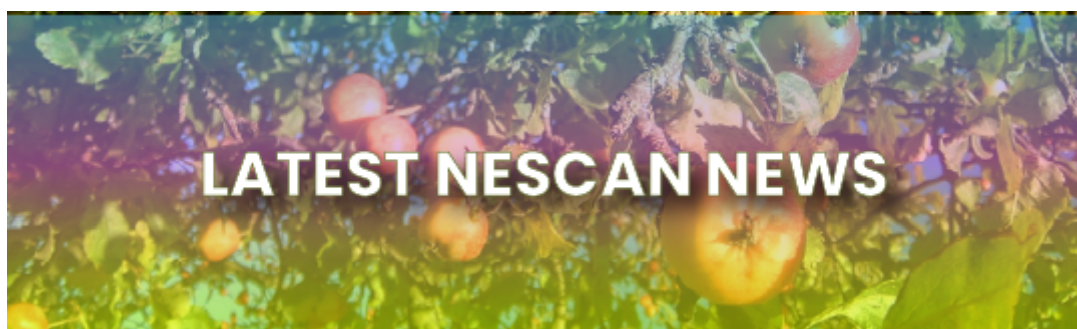
We have the wonderful news that our incredible volunteer Sara has an exciting new job in America and is jetting off in July to start her new adventure. Unfortunately for us that means Sara will be a little too busy to help us at Nescan Hub for the foreseeable future but we are keeping in touch and wish Sara the very best of luck and a massive thank you for all her help!!

A note from Sara:

"I have had an amazing time with volunteering for Nescan since day one and seeing its continuous evolution. I am sure this Hub will go a long way. A huge thank you to everyone I have worked with and best of luck to all the members"

In the meantime, if you have contributions for future newsletters, images or information you would like to share please send it to shonagh@nescan.org

Now for some exciting updates, funding opportunities & upcoming events!



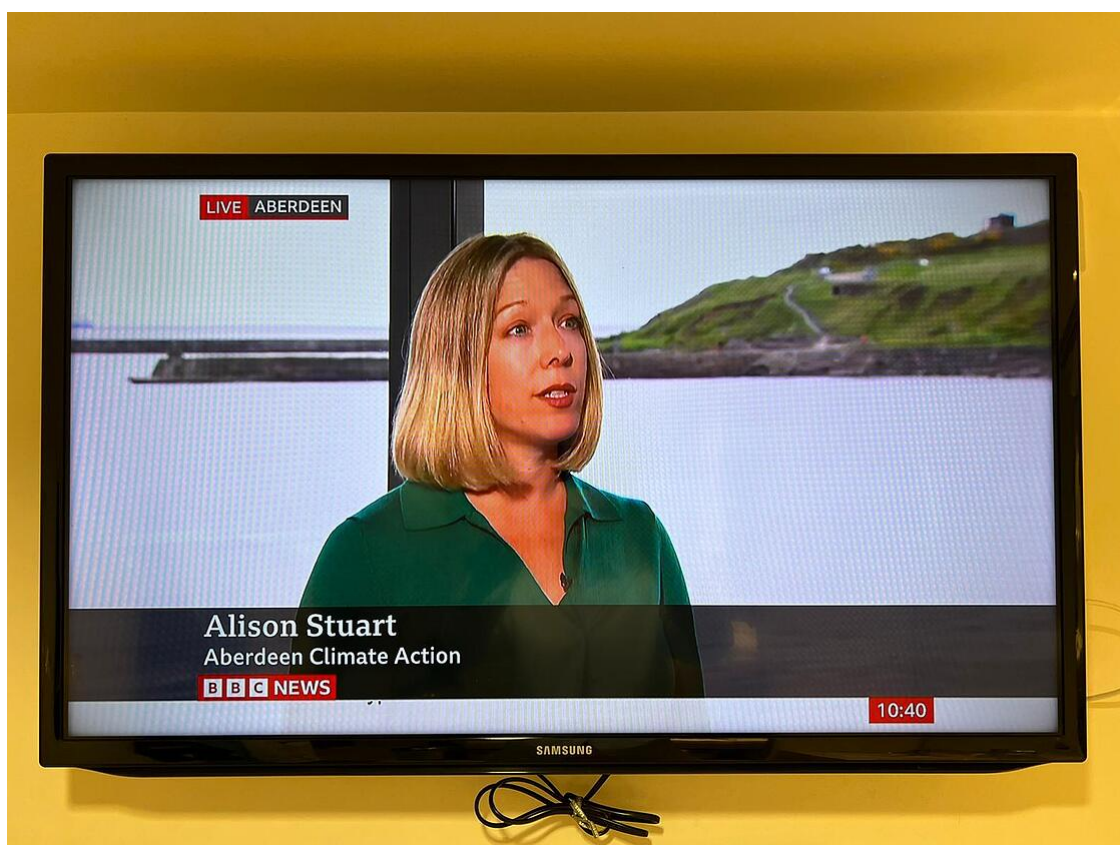
New Recruits!



NESCAN Hub are delighted to welcome 3 new recruits to the team starting 14th June!

- Karina Emslie, Office Co-Ordinator
- Christine Bodingham, Community Development Officer
- Rachel Smith, Funding & Development Officer

Alison discusses Just Transition



You can listen and watch our very own Alison Stuart discussing the Just Transition on the BBC here;

[BBC TV](#)

[BBC Radio](#)



The NESCAN Seed Fund

The deadline for applications is **Tuesday 28th February 2023**

Please see our [website](#) for details, eligibility and how to apply, and remember funding will be allocated on a first come first serve basis but is capped at £500 per group/organisation for this financial year.

If you have any questions regarding the funding or application process contact [Snr Project Officer Tara Murray](#).

The Cairngorms Trust Nature Resilience Fund

Established by the Cairngorms Trust to support the building of nature resilience to climate change and tackling biodiversity decline within the Cairngorms National Park. Available for;

- Habitat connectivity and/or habitat quality and functionality (tree planting, pond creation, native wildflower meadows, pollinator habitats ((i.e. bee homes, banks, decaying wood habitats)), creating stepping stones for nature).
- Species in need (Cairngorms Nature Action plan priority species, pollinators).
- Education and awareness (interpretation, demonstration, knowledge building and monitoring).

The fund will be split into two strands:

- Main fund will be allocated towards large projects (indicative £7k to £10k grant per project) that will concentrate on nature resilience to climate change and reversing biodiversity decline in the Park - see guidance notes and complete Expression of Interest.
- Second fund will be allocated to Community Pollinator projects (indicative £750 per project) that will concentrate on materials and equipment for wildflower meadows, verge creation and maintaining wildflower areas - see guidance notes and complete Pollinators application form.

For further information and to apply: [2022 Nature Resilience Fund](#)

Deadline for applications 24th July 2022. *Note the main fund is a 2-step application including an Expression of Interest with a deadline of 10th July*

Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund

This Fund will help community organisations reduce their building energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions. The fund opens in May 2022 and is planned to run until the end of March 2025, subject to funding availability.

Funding is available for many types of self-managed community buildings, including:

- village halls
- community centres
- community hubs
- sports facilities
- faith buildings

For Further information and to apply [Click here!](#)



SCVO Training

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) delivers a range of engaging and inspiring courses to help people learn and enhance their performance and productivity. To see what is available visit [Our training programme – SCVO](#)

- **How to win contracts and Service Level Agreements, 13 & 20 June**
- **Social media fundamentals, 21 June**
- **Comms and marketing made easy, 21 June**



How to Facilitate Deliberative Processes?

Taster Training Workshop from SCCAN

Online 2pm - 4pm Monday 27 June [Book here!](#)

Communities have been using new democratic processes to get better understanding and buy-in for meaningful local change. With so many formats, like Community Climate Assemblies, Citizens Assemblies, mini-publics or other types of deliberative processes, it can be hard to know where to start.

Come to this taster workshop to hear from experts in the field and to experience deliberative processes first hand. We have the chance to have brought together speakers and facilitators from [Grassroots to Global](#), [the Manchester Climate Assembly](#), [Dundee People's Assembly](#), the [Community Chartering Network](#), [Active Inquiry](#) and [Go Deep](#).



SCCAN NETWORKING CAFE

Are you interested in sustainable transport? Do you run a sustainable transport project? Join our next networking café on Car sharing, Bikes, active travel, modal shifts and more. Share experience, ideas, challenges and questions! We will have short presentations on:

- 1) 20 Minutes Neighbourhood and Community Car Sharing by Findhorn Ecovillage
- 2) How to implement shared or active transport with CoMo UK

This will be followed by small group discussions. Come to share your experiences, ideas and challenges with others.

[Click here to book!](#)



Can you spare a moment for Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance?

On behalf of Aberdeen City Council, Stantec is undertaking a Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG)-based appraisal of options for improving transport connections, in particular public transport and active travel (walking, wheeling & cycling) between Westhill and Aberdeen.

Key aims of the study are to identify options that:

- Improve the quality of the pedestrian and cycling experience along the corridor and address the barriers which affect some groups moving around as a pedestrian or cyclist
- Improve the quality of bus travel in the corridor for all users, enhancing the travel experience both for current bus users and to attract new users by reducing bus journey times and improving journey time consistency
- Improving integration between sustainable travel modes

We are consulting to gain the views and feedback of the public and stakeholders on the options that have been developed to improve travel on the corridors.

A number of end-to-end corridor options have been developed to meet the study objectives. More information about individual options under consideration is presented in a Story Map which is available to view [here](#). The survey will be open until Friday 1st July. If you have further questions or comments, please contact:

TransportStrategy@aberdeencity.gov.uk

SSN's analysis of public body climate change duty reports for 20/21 has been published!

The analysis report provides an overview of public body corporate emissions, as well as insight on renewables projects, targets, and a range of spotlight examples of climate action. This year's analysis report also includes a review of the adaptation data provided by public bodies in their annual climate change reports. [Read the full report here!](#)

New guidance for Climate Smart Organisations

Foundation Scotland has published [new guidance for organisations on being Climate Smart](#). The resource explains the funders' own environmental policy as well as what it expects applicants to consider in the future.

Unsure about how to start your organisation's journey to net-zero? Sign up to the [How to Respond to the Climate Crisis event](#) at the Gathering or check out [How to Start Your Journey to Net Zero](#).

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