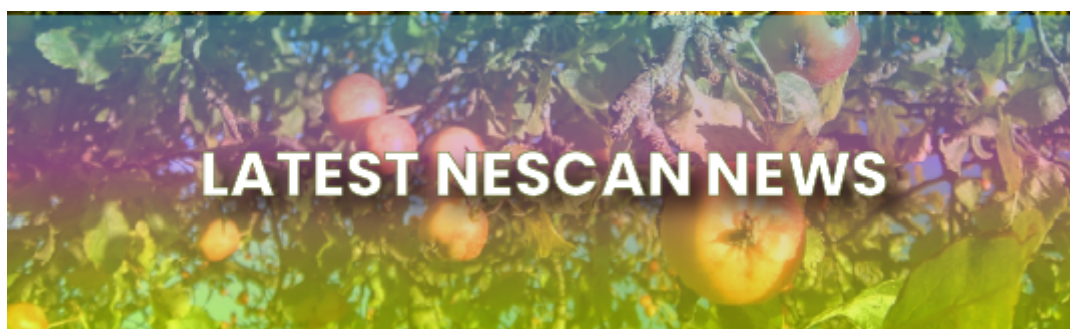


## Welcome to issue 14 of NESCOAN News;

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



## Get Involved: Let's talk about waste reduction!

**SCCAN networking cafe: Let's Talk About Waste Reduction!**  
**Mon 12 Sep 2022 at 15:00 | Eventbrite**

Circular Communities Scotland welcomes the Scottish Government's consultation for the [Scottish Circular Economy Bill](#), and is calling for the bill to be as strong and ambitious as possible. We know we want to see reuse policies that tackle consumption at the heart of Scotland's Circular Economy Bill, outlined in our '[Policy Paper for the Circular Economy](#)', and we also want our members to be able to support our response, as well as being able to create their own.

In this connection and following our recent Ministerial event where Ms Lorna Slater MSP, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity provided an overview of the Circular Economy Bill Consultation process, we are holding this second **Members Policy Briefing** on **Tuesday 26 July, 10am - 12noon**, to delve deeper into our policy asks, to get feedback from our members on our policy position, and further improve our response as a sector.

This is also an opportunity to hear from more industry experts and speakers from our sector, enabling you to contribute on your organisations behalf to the consultation. A programme will follow in due course and in the meantime to register for this digital event please click [here](#).

- Have your say or contact us to formulate a collective response via [alison@nescan.org](mailto:alison@nescan.org)  
[Scottish Biodiversity Strategy 2022 - Scottish Government - Citizen Space](#)  
[\(consult.gov.scot\)](https://consult.gov.scot/)

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## GREENFERNS DEVELOPMENT SITE - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Aberdeen City Council is consulting on a proposed planning application for a major development comprising approximately 1,650 homes, employment use, neighbourhood centre (including local retail and commercial provision, leisure and community uses) and associated infrastructure including roads, landscaping and open space. The land is owned by the Council.

A 'Savegreenferns' campaign has begun because the development would have a major impact on the nature and amenity use in the area destroying a significant section of the important and much-frequented Bucksburn Valley Path (BVP), an integral part of the Aberdeen Core Paths Network used by walkers, cyclists, joggers, dog walkers, horse-riders, birdwatchers and other nature lovers. The path and its ecosystem are home to a wide array of wildlife, including owls, badgers, foxes, red squirrels, deer, voles, and birds such as willow warblers, swallows, kestrels, redwings, linnets, fieldfares, skylarks, and yellowhammers. More information can be found in the BVP booklet produced by the Aberdeen Countryside Project.

The proposed development area is popular with inhabitants of Northfield, Mastrick, Sheddocksley, Bucksburn, Kingswells and further afield. Many folk come to take in the fresh air, see the horses which graze in the fields, photograph birds and wildlife, and see the sheep and lambs in the spring and summer. It is precisely the sort of green belt area that is much used and beloved by the local population and should not be lost to development.

If you wish to take part in the consultation please go to - [www.greenferns.consultationonline.co.uk](http://www.greenferns.consultationonline.co.uk). Comments on the proposals are invited and will be accepted until Friday 29 July 2022. You can also contact the protest group by email [savegreenferns@proton.me](mailto:savegreenferns@proton.me).

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## NESCOAN Hub Opportunity - Board Member

An exciting opportunity has arisen for knowledgeable and dynamic individuals to join the NESCOAN Hub Board. Board members will contribute to the delivery of the Hub's vision and aims by providing leadership, direction, and advice to the NESCOAN Hub Team. These are volunteer roles that will provide the right candidates with the opportunity to be an integral part of our dedicated team and make a positive impact to the north east of Scotland, its communities and its environment.

Title: NESCOAN Hub Board Member

Salary: Volunteer

Location: Aberdeen City/Aberdeenshire (hybrid working)

Hours: Approximately 3 hours per month, including attendance at Board meetings for two hours every two months (online and in Aberdeen City)

Contract: To March 2023. There is scope to extend for a further two years.

Reports to: NESCOAN Hub Board Chair

Closing date: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

### What we're looking for:

We are looking for two individuals with extensive knowledge and experience in one of the following areas:

- Human Resources
- Accountancy and Finance

Board members will be expected to attend and actively participate in meetings, provide advice, and respond to queries from other Board members and NESCOAN Hub Team members, share and disseminate relevant information, learning and good practice with the Board and Team, and contribute to decision-making and the achievement of the NESCOAN Hub's vision and aims.

Please see our [LinkedIn site](#) for details, or contact NESCOAN Hub Manager Alison Stuart [alison@nescan.org](mailto:alison@nescan.org) with any questions.

The NESCOAN Hub promotes equality, diversity and inclusion in our workplace and welcome applications from all sections of society.

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## Climate Fringe Festival Grant

Climate Fringe Festival Grants are open to all groups in Scotland, formal and informal – as long as you are not-for-profit. We encourage applications from across the whole spectrum



of the Scottish Climate Justice movement.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Just Transition Fund

[The Just Transition Fund](#), covering Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray, opened on 31<sup>st</sup> May for the first year of its 10 year run and NESCAN is involved in all aspects of it. £19 million of the Just Transition Fund is currently open to bids, closing on 15<sup>th</sup> July. We are happy to say that NESCAN members have taken up the gauntlet and are involved in putting forward 5 bids for the Just Transition Fund. NESCAN Hub is driving forward a deliberative democracy bid with a whole host of different partners to ensure that models of good practice in Community Climate deliberations are embedded within the Northeast and can be rolled out to other communities, and that communities are involved at all stages of the Just Transition process and their deliberations and recommendations result in practical outcomes. NESCAN members are putting forward bids to identify, evaluate and enable the development of deep geothermal energy across the northeast of Scotland, creating a one stop social enterprise retrofit hub for the North East of Scotland, a bid to have a more strategic retrofit layer on top of this social enterprise and a bid to undertake the remaining set of development activities required to bring Stage 1 of the Garioch District Heat project to an investment ready state. We are excited to see what the outcome of these expressions of interest will be and will keep you up to date in this newsletter and on our social media on this and what is happening with the £1 million participatory budgeting part too.

## The Emerging Energy Technologies Fund (EETF) – Hydrogen Innovation Scheme (HIS)

Open to applications - [Investing in net zero energy.](#)

The [Climate Change Plan Update](#) (December 2020) announced a £180 million EETF to support the development of the hydrogen sector and carbon capture and storage (CCS), including Negative Emissions Technologies (NETs) in Scotland. The EETF will provide capital support over five years 2022 to 2026 to accelerate low carbon infrastructure projects that will be essential to deliver net zero.

The [draft Hydrogen Action Plan \(HAP\)](#) was published in November 2021, committing up to £100 million in hydrogen funding through the EETF, which will support the hydrogen production ambition of 5GW by 2030. The HAP confirmed that a £10 million hydrogen innovation funding element (the EETF Hydrogen Innovation Scheme), would be launched in 2022 as the first tranche of the hydrogen funding programme. The £10m Hydrogen Innovation Scheme will also run from 2022 – 2026.

The first round of HIS funding will target:

- projects that support the low-cost, efficient and sustainable production of renewable hydrogen;
- projects that support efficient hydrogen storage and distribution, both within Scotland and for export;
- projects that support the efficient integration of hydrogen into our energy system.

Applications to the EETF Hydrogen Innovation Scheme are now open. Guidance information and application details can be found on the Scottish Government website at: [Emerging Energy Technologies Fund - Hydrogen Innovation Scheme: form and guidance - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/emerging-energy-technologies-fund-hydrogen-innovation-scheme-form-and-guidance/pages/1-1-introduction.aspx)

Please be aware of the following application timetable for the Hydrogen Innovation Scheme:

**17:00 on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

Deadline for submission of all expressions of interest

**17:00 on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Deadline for final applications Stream 2: test and demonstration facilities and equipment

**17:00 on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

Deadline for receipt of final applications Stream 1: feasibility studies and technical demonstration

The expression of interest form can be located on the SG website at: [EETF Hydrogen Innovation Scheme: How to Apply](https://www.gov.scot/publications/emerging-energy-technologies-fund-hydrogen-innovation-scheme-form-and-guidance/pages/1-1-introduction.aspx) or by using [EETF EOI](https://www.gov.scot/publications/emerging-energy-technologies-fund-hydrogen-innovation-scheme-form-and-guidance/pages/1-1-introduction.aspx) for direct access to the form.

There will also be an online session on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 14:00** to provide further information on the Hydrogen Innovation Scheme. Details of this session, including on how to book a place, is available at: [Launch of Scottish Government's £10M EETF Hydrogen Innovation Scheme \(HIS\) \(etp-scotland.ac.uk\)](https://www.etp-scotland.ac.uk/launch-of-scottish-governments-10m-etf-hydrogen-innovation-scheme-his)

Further guidance on the application process and HIS is available on the website as outlined above. Should you require any further information, please get in touch with the EETF team, Scottish Government at [EETF@gov.scot](mailto:EETF@gov.scot)

[Find out more](#)



# FUNDRAISING TRAINING: Learn to raise funds for your community group!

**Tue 16 Aug 2022, 2pm | Online**

Do you want to raise funds for your community group or to get a project started? Effective Community-led Climate Action needs properly resourced – staff, premises and outreach events.

This interactive fundraising training will teach you how to fundraise effectively and give you tips and guidance for successful community-led climate action bids including:

- Why connecting to your purpose is key
- Understanding the funders' perspective
- Best ways to identify your communities' needs
- How partnerships can strengthen your application
- How to create a relationship with funders
- A list of unsubscribed funders
- and more....

[Click here to register for the event](#)

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## BUMBLEBEE RECORDING & BEEWALK

**Friday 8 July 2022, 10am-1pm Burn o'Vat**

Take your bumblebee identification skills from the classroom to the field at the Muir of Dinnet National Nature Reserve, with Annie Ives from Skills for Bees: Scotland (Bumblebee Conservation Trust). This **FREE** workshop will provide you with the knowledge to survey using the national standardised bumblebee abundance monitoring scheme, BeeWalk. You will have the chance to practice your field skills, learn how best to record your finds and contribute important scientific data to fill our knowledge gaps about bumblebees in the Cairngorms National Park.

*Skills for Bees* is a new Bumblebee Conservation Trust project which aims to promote bumblebee surveying and monitoring in the Cairngorms National Park. Scotland is home to 20 of the 24 UK bumblebee species, and three nationally scarce species are found in the Cairngorms National Park. However, our knowledge about exactly where they are and how they are doing in these areas is limited because there are not many people looking for them. Can you help us fill in the gaps? *Photo: Tree Bumblebee by Les Moore.*

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** email [aileen.salway@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:aileen.salway@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)



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