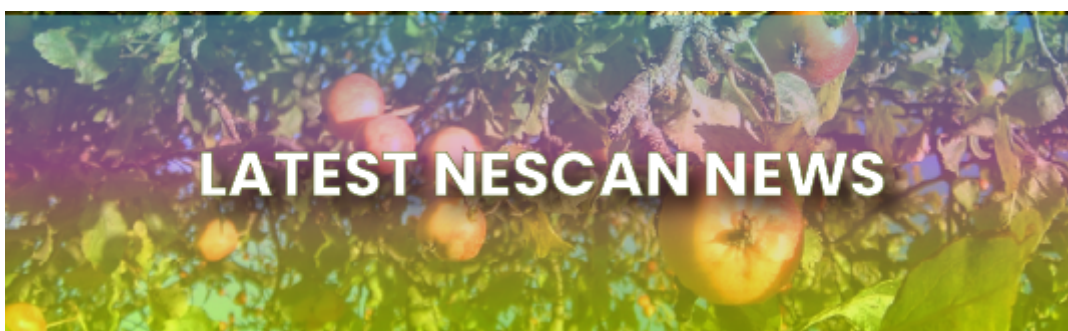




Welcome to issue 15 of NESCOAN News;

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



- **Staff Changes** - We say goodbye to our lovely PR and Comms Officer, Shonagh on 3rd August, who is leaving to work for Aberdeenshire Council. If she works the same magic that she did with Steph on our website then the council employees will be very happy! Shonagh has brought creativity and laughter to our team and will be sorely missed. A huge thanks and good luck go to her. Karina, Office Co-ordinator, will be taking over our newsletter and social media in the meantime so please do pass all your items to her – karina@nescan.org.

- **JT Fund** - Wow, the Just Transition Fund for NE Scotland closed its doors for this, its first year, on 15th July and what a lot of work NESCAN has done. NESCAN members and the Hub have, together, put in a total of 7 separate expressions of interest covering participatory democracy, retrofitting, community energy and food waste. A massive amount of work has gone into these bids – so a big shout out to all involved, especially Rachel Smith, Funding & Development Officer, who started with NESCAN Hub on 13th June with a baptism of fire! Fingers crossed that the EOIs are successful. More news to follow in our next newsletter.
- **NESCOAN Movie** - Filming continues across the North East, mapping out the incredible work that NESCAN Hub members are doing to tackle climate change and improve sustainability. So excited to share the finished movie with you and we will update asap with dates for the premieres!

NESCOAN Hub Job Opportunities

NESCOAN Hub continues to grow and we currently have these two vacancies, please share far and wide!!

<https://www.nescan.org/job-opportunities>

- [Community Development Officer](#)
- [Just Transition Fund Manager](#)

Community Resilience and Adaptation Event

Responding to emergencies and reducing the risks

Wednesday 31st August 2022 09.30am – 12.15pm

Have you been feeling the heat recently? Still getting over the floods and power cuts of Storm Arwen? Do you want to know how you and your community can adapt to climate change and increase your resilience to extreme weather events? Then this workshop hosted by NESCAN Hub is for you.

The aim of the Community Resilience and Adaptation Event is to provide an opportunity for communities and residents in Aberdeenshire to share and learn from their lived experiences of extreme weather events and impacts of climate change – what went wrong, what we got right, what needs to be done and who will do it. The

event will provide attendees with knowledge, advice, and resources of how to prepare and build resilience to climate change and extreme weather events and how to respond and recover from these events. The focus will be on **practical** tools and resources for communities in Aberdeenshire.

By climate change and extreme weather events we mean flooding, drought, heatwaves, storms and high winds, extreme snowfall or lack of snowfall, unpredictable seasonal weather, etc. and the impact these have on individuals, businesses, and communities etc.

Open to all NESCAN members and the public from across the North East of Scotland.

We'll release further details, including speakers and how to book a place in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, why not send any photographs and/or quotes of how you, your business and/or community has been affected by climate change and extreme weather events to showcase at the event to tara@nescan.org by Friday 19th August.



Need Help with your Fundraising?

Rachel, our development and fundraising officer, is available to work with groups to explore ideas for new projects and help with finding applications. To contact Rachel tel. 01224 081329 or email Rachel@nescan.org.

Sustrans - Places for Everyone

[Places for Everyone - Sustrans.org.uk](https://www.sustrans.org.uk) - applications close 23 August 2022

The aim of Places for Everyone is to create safe, attractive, healthier places by increasing the number of trips made by walking, cycling and wheeling for everyday journeys.

SCCAN Pockets and Prospects Grant

SCCAN is offering some further small '*Pockets and Prospects*' grants to our members to help you to engage with 'disadvantaged' groups in your community and to work with them to tackle 'climate disruption'. The funding comes from the [Scottish Community Alliance](#).

[Pockets and Prospects funding.\(scottishcommunitiescan.org.uk\)](#)

SCCAN Fundraising training

[Fundraising Training: How to raise funds for Community Gps 2pm Tues 16 Aug Tickets, Tue 16 Aug 2022 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

EBike Grants

Transport Scotland has committed a further £900,000 of funding to assist local authorities, public sector agencies, further and higher education institutions, active travel hubs and community groups to adopt ebikes as a sustainable alternative to car journeys. The fund can be used to cover the cost of ebikes, etrikes, ecargo bikes, cargo bikes and trailers, tandems, adapted cycles, trikes and associated equipment. [eBike Grant Fund available in Scotland - Energy Saving Trust](#)



Zero Waste Scotland Events

- There are two complementary consultations: proposals for a [Circular Economy Bill](#) and [a Route Map to 2025 and beyond](#). Zero Waste Scotland are holding a series of events to highlight these consultations and provide further information on specific topics. These are being held live, but are also recorded, so you can watch any you missed in your own time.

- Webinar 1; Responsible consumption, production and re-use.
Recording available at [responsible-consumption-production-and-re-use](#)
- Webinar 2: Embedding Circular construction. Recording available at [embedding-circular-construction-practices](#)
- Webinar 3: Reducing food waste; 28 July 13:00-14:00 [reducing-food-waste](#)
- Webinar 4: Minimising the impact of disposal: 4 August 13:00-14:00 [minimising-impact-disposal](#)
- Webinar 5: Focussed on skills – details not released yet but expected to be on 11 August. Check <https://zerowastescotland.org.uk/events> for details shortly.

Community Garden Festival 2022

Aberdeen's second annual community garden festival is running from 8-14th August 2022. Events are running at community gardens and Allotments across the city. You can learn about innovative projects and find opportunities get involved with local groups.

[Community Garden Festival 2022](#) | [GC Good Food](#) (granitecitygoodfood.org)
[Download the Brochure](#)

Climate Fringe 2022

Visit the Climate Fringe to enter your event or see what is on this September.

[Climate Fringe Festival 2022 • Climate Fringe](#)



Over the past two years, Stockfree Farming has been assisting farmers who are interested in shifting out of environmentally burdensome livestock agriculture into fairer, greener livelihoods. In support of these farmers, and all the amazing growers and producers in the UK, we have taken up a challenge amongst ourselves to *Eat (only) British Plants for a Year!*

Current world events have served to expose the vulnerability of a food system dependent on imports. Importing 50% of the food we eat not only makes us susceptible to food shortages, but also undermines our own hard-working farmers and growers.

Food security and food self-sufficiency have not been this important since World War II. We want to show that it's possible to *thrive* on only eating food GROWN in the UK for a year. *Heck*, our ancestors did it!

In order to share our journey, we have taken to social media! We'll be sharing our food sources, meal ideas, shopping lists, recipes, cooking demos, food preservation tips, foraging fun, and more! At the end of the year, we hope to publish an all-British recipe book and resource guide!

SO ... please follow and share our journey, laugh at our tribulations, and maybe even think about joining us!

<https://stockfreefarming.org>. My new email if folks want to get in touch is rebecca@stockfreefarming.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Eat-British-Plants-for-a-Year-101875192567608>

Instagram: @eatbritishplants

ACA Climate Cafe

Join ACA on Tuesday 2 August when they host a screening of the incredibly inspiring film by Patagonia – We the Power.

The Climate Café series is designed to inform and inspire those in the North East of Scotland to 'take action' and start up their own eco/sustainability projects, change their lifestyles or just know more about what options and amazing projects there are in the local area.

[Screening of We the Power - Patagonia Films Tickets, Tue 2 Aug 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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