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Welcome to our September Newsletter!

In this issue we are recapping all you need to know about the NESCAN Hub and Climate Action in your area!

This month, NESCAN HUB is proud to announce the screening of our film 'North East Scotland Communities: Our Green Journey'. Our film is a collection of stories and projects narrated by individuals from across our region, illustrating our shared vision for our journey ahead. We also invite you to read our latest updates on our upcoming NESCAN projects: NESCAN Hub's Just Transition Fund bid, Participatory Budgeting, Community Climate Change Assemblies and CWNE23. Don't miss out on all the interesting events taking place during September, we have gathered all the information for you. Finally, we invite you to read our Story of the month written by one of our Members: Tarland Climate Crisis Group. A mindful reflection on the power of synergy in communities.



One weekend in Cromar: A story on building connections by Gillian Needham

On Monday and Tuesday we work on our [CromarFood Project](#) Pop Up Shops in Tarland and Logie Coldstone. This food waste project seeks food surplus from wherever we can in the area. We generally get our food basics from the CFINE/Fareshare Aboyne Depot. We promote our Pop Ups through Marr Food Projects (WhatsApp Group hosted by Marr Area Partnership) and by advertising in our local Facebook community pages. We also use the local schools' Parents Association social media (thanks Catherine).

On Friday we organised a pick up from the Aboyne Coop – we generally freeze and store what they give as surplus.

Saturday are busy days, last month it was the Tarland Curling Club's Tractor Run and the Cromar Horticultural & Industrial Society's Annual Show. Tarland donated the butteries, butter and jam. Much home baking emerged too. [Banchory Number One](#) donated their surplus fruit and veg – which in this occasion included chard and pak choi galore. All remains were donated to the Pop Ups that attended the event.



These connections are not random, they are the result of embedding our Tarland Climate Crisis Group/Tarland Development Group CromarFood Project at the heart of all we do in our community.

Share, save, educate, reduce food waste, feed communities with as much locally sourced food as possible.

Marr Area Partnership host The CAFE project: Creative access to great local food for everyone, a project supporting communities to get affordable local food through networks, and get the joy back into eating.



NESCOAN HUB and SHMU presents: North East of Scotland Our Green Journey

We are proud to partner with Station House Media Unit (SHMU) to create and present our latest film exploring and highlighting the amazing climate action projects happening throughout the North East, as we working towards mitigating climate change in our communities.

There will be three **FREE** film screening events:

Victoria Hall, Ellon - [tickets](#)

Saturday 10th September | 1:00pm

The Barn, Banchory - [tickets](#)

Saturday 17th September | 1:00pm

The Belmont Cinema, Aberdeen City - [tickets](#)

Saturday 12th November | 1:00pm

The film will also be shown throughout the north east of Scotland as part of Climate Week North East 2023. Read on for further information and to find a screening event near you!



Filming is wrapping up but keep an eye on the [NESCOAN Hub website](https://www.nescan.org) for full details including, behind the scenes shots, introductions to the film stars and how to buy tickets. If you would like further information in the meantime, please contact Office Co-ordinator Karina Emslie karina@nescan.org.

NESCOAN Hub Just Transition Fund (JT)

In July 2022, NESCOAN Hub and partners submitted an expression of interest for the Scotland Just Transition Fund (JTF) to pilot a program of community-level climate-focused democratic participation as part of our planned climate change assemblies. This pilot will build on the experience of previous projects, incorporate emerging good practice from across the world which can be adapted to reach different communities and which, in subsequent years, can be implemented across the North-East, Scotland and globally.

Our Funding and Development Officer also supported several expressions of interest for the JTF from our members, including Deeside Climate Action Network, Inverurie Community Energy Society and Zero Carbon Daviot.

For further information on NESCOAN Hub's JTF bid please contact Funding & Development Officer, Rachel Smith rachel@nescan.org.

Participatory Budgeting (PB)

In May 2022, the Scottish Government announced a ten year £500 million Just Transition (JT) Capital Fund to support Scotland's North East economy in its just transition to net zero. For its first year in 2022/23, £20 million is made available and of that, £1 million will be subject to participatory budgeting (PB) which empowers communities to have a direct say on how money will be spent on just transition projects. (Tricia Ma, Policy Manager Scottish Government)

The £1 million capital fund will be shared equally between Moray, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. The fund will be managed by the three TSIs (Third Sector Initiatives); ACVO (Aberdeen City Voluntary Organisation), AVA (Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action) and TSiMoray supported by NESCOAN Hub and Money for Moray Group.

In July, NESCOAN Hub and representatives from the three TSIs, Scottish Government, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Council and north east communities attended a

workshop in Aberdeen to hear presentations from each group and discuss each organisation's role in the PB process, the funding criteria and how to ensure the process is democratic, sustainable and transparent.

One of the findings of this workshop was that NESCAN Hub's role in the PB process will be to support the development of local criteria, support community groups to present their climate projects and signpost support to other networks. One of our biggest responsibilities will be to ensure that the participatory democracy principle of PB is met in that a diverse range of local people from local communities are involved and engaged in this process. This will be achieved through NESCAN Hub's planned Climate Change Assemblies.

If you would like more information on NESCAN Hub's role in PB, please contact Hub Manager, Alison Stuart alison@nescan.org

Community Climate Change Assemblies

The NESCAN Hub Team will host several climate changes assemblies across the north east of Scotland beginning in Aberdeen City in November 2022. Each assembly workshop will be attended by a diverse range of community members along with experts on a range of sustainability, climate change and biodiversity themes.

Community members will have the opportunity:

- To ask questions of the experts and NESCAN Hub team.
- Work together to produce a plan for locally led action.
- Learn how to lead practical projects to benefit their communities.
- Find out about funding options for their project.
- Present ideas to local and national government.
- Have their voice heard.

NESCAN Hub plans to run the climate change assemblies with different partner organisations using different models which have similar aims and objectives, but which differ in delivery. These assemblies will also allow us to pilot participatory deliberative processes as part of the Just Transition's Participatory Budgeting initiative and help build capacity in the north east of Scotland in the long term.

The assemblies are still in the early stages but if you would like further information, please contact Community Development Officer, Chris Bodington chris@nescan.org

Climate Week North East 24th March – 2nd April 2023

Plans are well underway for next year's Climate Week North East. Please have a look at previous year's brochures here: <https://climateweeknortheast.org/>

We welcome any events that have as their focus how we can reduce carbon emissions, live sustainably and increase biodiversity.

If you have an event you would like to put on during CWNE, even if it's simply to showcase what you currently are doing, please let me know christine@nescan.org.

NESCOAN HUB BOARD

An exciting opportunity has arisen for knowledgeable and dynamic individuals to join the NESCAN Hub Board. Board members will contribute to the delivery of the Hub's vision and aims by providing leadership, direction, and advice to the NESCAN 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.

We are looking for two volunteers with extensive knowledge and experience in Human Resources or Accountancy and Finance. Does this sound like you? Click [here](#) for the full job description and the application form.



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

NESCOAN SEED FUNDING: Applications close Tuesday 28th February 2023

Although projects must meet our criteria below, once approved funding is allocated on a first come first served basis. To avoid disappointment & to fund as many Climate Action projects as we can, we encourage joint applications from groups, organisations or individuals with the same aims or outcomes & working on similar projects or within the same communities. [Apply now](#)

Alternatively, [click here](#) to download a pdf version of our application form.

SUEZ Communities Trust

The [SUEZ Communities Trust](#) administers part of the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund and can award smaller project grants of up to £20k or primary fund grants of up to £50k. This fund cannot pay staffing or operational running costs, but can award funding for the purchase of materials, equipment, and the appointment of

contractors to undertake improvement work. The fund requires that the applying organisation either owns the site, or holds a lease with at least five years remaining. For legal/technical reasons, the fund requires an up-front contribution of 11.5% to be paid before any grant funds can be released. This contribution has to be secured from sources other than Landfill Communities Funding. Aberdeen City Council have indicated that they have match funding for local projects

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](#)



Green Lairds – Land Acquisition for Carbon

Date: Tue, 6 September, via Zoom and in person

Location: MHA, 6 Dee Street, Aberdeen AB11 6DR (off Union St)

[Aberdeen Climate Action](#) invites you to join speakers are Nikki Gordon, John Muir Trust, Sara Thiam of The Scottish Council for Development and Industry, and Andy Wightman, author of Who Owns Scotland and the Poor have no Lawyers. If you are concerned about trees being planted purely for carbon offsetting and hamlets being smothered in trees, and want strategically planted woodlands instead, this is the event for you. Sign up to the [Eventbrite link](#) below if you can attend.

TAMS and Aberdeen Performing Arts Festival

Date: Mon, 10 September 11-1pm

Location: St Nicholas Rooftop garden

TAMS and Aberdeen Performing Arts are setting up a stall at St Nicholas Rooftop garden. Located in a greenhouse specially designed by Deemouth studios, it will be part of a community radio broadcast exploring local music, community garden and environmental issues. So while buying some fruit and veg you are invited to come and chat on the radio. Come along and see!



Huntly Climate Ceilidh by Deveron Projects

Date and time: Sat, 3 September 2022 19:30 – 22:00 BST

Location: The Gordon Arms The Square Huntly AB54 8AF

Deveron Projects and the Huntly Youth Climate Warriors invite you to the **Huntly Climate Ceilidh**! In the Gaelic spirit of the word 'Ceilidh' as a social gathering, join us for an evening of sharing climate actions, worries and solutions and celebrating the commitment of Aberdeenshire's young people to climate justice. [Book your ticket here](#)

The story of the past, the present and possible futures by Creative Carbon Scotland

Date and time: Thu, 8 September 2022 18:00 – 21:00 BST

Location: Kino Bar, Belmont Filmhouse 49 Belmont Street Aberdeen AB10 1JS

Join Creative Carbon Scotland for an evening of discussion as we bring together creative practitioners and environmental experts from around Scotland to explore the importance of due diligence to the past and present when planning for a sustainable future.



Speakers will share their experience of working with communities and local archives to create a sense of shared ownership of the past and recording the story of now as an important first step in uniting communities to envisage a new future.

Circular economy in the northeast by Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce

Date and Time Wednesday, 21 September 2022 9.30am – 11.30am

Location: Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce, Bridge of Don

Contact Heather Morrell, Business Services Executive, to book your place.

Heather.morrell@agcc.co.uk

As part of this project, they are working one to one on three projects being developed by regional partners as well as establishing a Circular Economy Best Practice Forum where learning and experience can be shared.

The first forum will cover the following topics:

- Introduction to the Forum, its aims and objectives and an overview of the principles of circular economy in construction
- Presentation providing an overview of the requirements of the recently published Net Zero Public Sector Buildings Standard.



- Presentation on calculating embodied carbon and its role in driving the circular economy and meeting the requirements of the Net Zero Public Buildings standard. Discussion on areas of interest to be covered in next forum and how best to share information and learning.

Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce has been commissioned by Zero Waste Scotland to run a project looking at developing best practice in relation to the circular economy in construction in the northeast.

Workshop 1 forum details:
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Chamber of Commerce, Bridge of Don

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Climate Conscious Communities Workshops

Online, Thursday 1 September 2022, 6.30pm – 9.00pm (part of the Greentown show)

Online, Wednesday 14 September 2022, 6.30pm – 9.00pm

In-person (Ballater) Wednesday 21 September 2022, 7.00pm – 9.30pm

In-person (Boat of Garten) Thursday 22 September 2022, 7.00pm – 9.30pm

Online, Tuesday 4 October 2022, 1.30pm – 4.00pm

Online, Tuesday 1 November 2022, 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Online, Thursday 3 November 2022, 1.30pm – 4.00pm

Online, Sunday 6 November 2022, 10.00am – 12.30pm

Online, Thursday 17 November 2022, 6.30pm – 9.00pm



[Keep Scotland Beautiful](#) Call for people living or working in the Cairngorms National Park to attend free climate emergency workshops from September to November 2022 to help people who live or work in the Cairngorms National Park learn what the climate emergency means for the area, find out how they can take action, and have their say on what sustainable communities look like.

CARES Conference 2022 -The Scottish Government's

Community and Renewable Energy Scheme CARE

Date and Time Tue 27 Sep 2022, 9:45AM - 5:00PM

Location: Online, [This event will take place on Microsoft Teams.](#)

[Local Energy Scotland](#) invites you to Join the annuCARES conference, which will take place online during [Scotland's Climate Week](#). This year they will be looking at how communities can take climate action with the support of the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES).

The plenary sessions will look at the global challenges around energy costs and climate change, and we'll hear from the communities that are making a difference at a local level. We also aim to bring you inspirational case studies as well as the policy behind the action. We'll be joined by **Patrick Harvie MSP**, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights.

In the afternoon the focus is at some of the key skills and actions needed to drive change in your communities in our 'How to' sessions. We'll also take a look at some in-depth case studies on heat and hear from the teams that have successfully delivered projects.

We'll close with a CARES funding surgery. Find out more about the support available from CARES, speak directly to a development officer for more detailed information, and think about the next steps for climate action in your community. [Book now](#)

Please remember to book your 'How to' sessions at the same time as your general conference admission.

SCCAN networking event: Talking About Waste Reduction!

Date and Time: Mon, 12 September 3.00pm - 4.45pm on

Location: Online Event

Interested in waste reduction and Circular Economy? Involved in a waste minimisation project - or want to be? Come share ideas / experiences.

Join fellow climate activists for a networking event on Waste Reduction. Share experience, ideas, challenges, questions! Come along to network and have group discussions. Book [Here](#)

Learning from Scotland's Climate Assembly

Date and time: Tues 20 Sept 7.00pm-8.30pm

Location: Online

Research findings on the Climate Assembly process, outcomes and impact and their implication for deliberative democracy in Scotland.

The Scottish Government funded a [citizens' assembly on climate change](#), from Oct 2020 to March 2021. Over 100 people - broadly representative of the Scottish population - deliberated on the question "*How should Scotland change to tackle the climate emergency in an effective and fair way?*". See the [extensive presentations they heard here](#). [The assembly reported to Parliament](#) in June 2021, and the Government published [their response](#) in Dec 2021. Book [here](#).

Hosting a Climate Café: Facilitation Training

Date and Time: Wed 12 October 5.30pm-8.30pm

Location: Online

This workshop will give participants the confidence to set up their own Climate Café along Climate Psychology Alliance lines

The workshop is for those who have recognized the value of the Climate Café concept, in which thoughts, feelings and mixed emotions that arrive in response to challenges of climate warming are shared in safety. The workshop is therefore aimed at those who want to learn how to "hold the space" where personal experiences, fears and uncertainties, will be brought.

This workshop will support participants to develop the confidence to set up their own Climate Café. It will include a short taster climate café, the principles on which Climate Cafés are based, building a toolkit of practical resources, and a discussion of the organisation and facilitation of Climate Cafés.

SCCAN is organising this workshop for its members. The workshop coordinators will be Pam Candea and Elspeth Crawford. Pam and Elspeth are members of the [Climate Psychology Alliance](#) with experience of Climate Cafe facilitation and a broad range of past experience in enabling groups. [Book Here](#),

Virtual Conferences by Westminster Forum Projects

[Virtual Conferences by Westminster Forum Projects](#) are continuing to organise full-scale virtual conferences which retain all the features of physical seminars, including full programmes, presentations with slides, panel discussions and live delegate questions and comments sessions, person-to-person and group networking, and a permanent record provided to all delegates afterwards. New events are coming on to our conference programme all the time, so there are plenty of opportunities to join us if you haven't already, from wherever you are.

For booking-related queries or information on speaking please email us at info@forumsupport.co.uk, or contact us: +44 (0)1344 864796.



Community Enterprise Scotland ACCELERATE

Community Enterprise is Scotland's most responsive and effective provider of highly skilled support, helping communities and social enterprises to turn great ideas into reality. The programme provides free support to third sector organisations who are looking to begin or explore trading opportunities.

Accelerate is a support programme for the Third Sector and community organisations. Funded by the Scottish Government, support is free and delivered by Community Enterprise. It aims to help groups and organisations become more sustainable and enterprising.

Find out more here: [What We Do - Community Enterprise](#) and this new tailored service: [Accelerate - Community Enterprise](#).

SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS: European Day of Sustainable Communities Engaging Youth

EDSC2022, *Engaging Youth in European Sustainable Communities*, will take place on **Saturday 17 September 2022**.

Addressing the climate and biodiversity crises in Europe calls for innovation and collective action. Around the world, young people are leading climate action and social justice movements in their communities.

To join the European Day of Sustainable Communities, [Communities for the Future](#), invite you to organise and [register](#) an event, big or small, in person or online, to showcase action for climate and sustainability at the local community level, with a particular focus on young people and youth-led initiatives. **We invite events taking place throughout the month of September, with the main celebration on Saturday 17 September 2022.**

NOMINATE NOW: The Scottish Green Energy Awards

2022

Nominations are now open. It's free to nominate and you can submit as many nominations as you wish. **Submit your nominations now.** Nominations close at 5pm Friday 16 September – good luck!



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