



ISSUE 17

Welcome to our October 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 happy to announce that the Green Participatory Budgeting Fund from the Just Transition Fund is now open for applications. We welcome applications from third-sector organisations in Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire for up to £50,000 capital funding for the purchase of tangible assets that support our transition to net zero.

We also invite you to learn about our upcoming NESCAN HUB events: Community Climate Change Assemblies and CWNE23. As usual, we have pulled together a series of events you don't want to miss.



Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund

As part of the drive to ensure that there is a just transition to net zero, the Scottish Government earlier this year announced a £500 million over 10 years Just Transition Fund covering Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, and Moray. £20 million is being given out to capital products in this region this year. £1 million of which is going straight to communities through a capital participatory budgeting fund, which ACVO, AVA, TSI Moray, NESCAN Hub, and Money 4 Moray are running.

This green participatory budgeting fund means that communities will have the opportunity to put forward carbon-reducing local projects and everyone in the North East gets to vote for the green community projects that they want to see financed.

It is a fantastic opportunity for communities to come together and think up some great projects that can help tackle climate change and enhance the community, and get those funded. Participatory Budgeting is not new to this region but this is the first time this level of money has been put into a region-wide fund for green participatory budgeting. With £333,333 being allocated in each local authority area, it will be exciting to see what communities decide the money will be spent on.



The Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund is a capital fund: it helps buy tangible things like tools, bikes, equipment, trees, and plants, really any item that could be used in a community project to reduce carbon emissions and increase sustainability. The fund is open to community groups, charities, and other non-profit organisations, with an upper funding limit of £50,000 per application. The Fund opens on Friday 30th September, with a range of information and drop-in events being organised to help communities develop their bids for the Fund. If you would like to know more, just visit www.nescan.org/pb for more information. You can also pop along to our online Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund Info Event on Thursday 6th October 7-830pm to find out all about the Fund: just register [HERE](#) .



Understanding the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund 2022



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Join NESCAN HUB and experts to hear what the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund means for your community.

Learn all about the new Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund and how your group and community could benefit from it in this online event. This event will address the following questions:

What is the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund?

How does Participatory Budgeting work?

Who can apply?

What are the key dates?

What can the fund cover?

Join NESCAN Hub and a range of experts to gain an overview of the Fund, discuss the answers to the above questions and any other queries you may have.

There is a range of other information and drop-in events being organised to help communities develop bids for the Fund. You can get all the details on our website www.nescan.org/pb. For any queries please contact, NESCAN HUB Community Development and Funding Officer Rachel Smith at rachel@nescan.org

Date: 6th October

Location: Online

Register: Via [Eventbrite](#)

North East Scotland Communities: Our Green Journey

The screening of our film 'North East Scotland Communities: Our Green Journey' has been a success. We had rave reviews and a great turnout in our screenings at Victoria Hall, Ellon, and The Barn, Banchory (with some lovely home-baked goods at Victoria Hall!).

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to House Media Unit (SHMU) and to all our film stars for their amazing job!

Our film is a collection of stories and projects narrated by individuals from across our region, illustrating our shared vision for our green journey ahead. If you missed the first two screenings, there is still an opportunity to see it! **Our final film screening will be in The Belmont Filmhouse, Aberdeen at 1.00 pm on Saturday 12th November**

On this date, the film's stars will be attending to take questions from the audience and share their knowledge, experience, and lessons learned for anyone trying to start up their own climate change community group or project. There will also be stalls hosted by community groups with information and activities before and after the film.

Doors will open at 12noon for networking, stalls, and refreshments and there will be 30 minutes after the film for questions and further networking.



If you would like to host a stall at this event, please contact tara@nescan.org by Friday 28th October and for further information on the film please see our website.

We look forward to seeing you all there and sharing the brilliant community work taking place across the region.

Date: 12th November

Location: Belmont Filmhouse Aberdeen

Register: Tickets are free and will be available to book directly from the [Belmont Filmhouse](#) from Monday 10th October 2022.



NESCOAN HUB Community Assembly 2023

The NESCAN Hub Team will host a community assembly for Tillydrone, Seaton, Linksfield and Woodside in Aberdeen City in January 2023.

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. Throughout the sessions, participants will co-create:

- Actions/projects that communities can take forward themselves without any help at all.
- Actions/ projects that the community can do with help from elsewhere such as, funding and advice from NESCAN Hub, the local authorities, and other partners.
- Actions/ projects that the community can do in partnership with the local authority, school, business, or other statutory bodies

The Assembly participants will also have the opportunity to identify actions that require systemic change at a regional or national level, and to explore ways of raising these with people in power such as through a formal document, letters to MPs, meeting with MSPs or councillors etc.



Participants will receive ongoing support after the event from NESCAN Hub to take

these actions and projects forward, including the wider community and relevant partners in the discussions and deliberations, to gain widespread community feedback and final approval.

There will be a celebration event, as part of [Climate Week North East](#), attended by key council officials and councillors, among others, where you will present your community's action plan.

If you would like further information, come along to the **Get Together at Earth and Worms**

Date: 3rd of October

Location: 107A Hayton Road, Tillydrone Aberdeen AB24 2RN at 6.00 pm

For any questions, please contact Chris Bodington at christine@nescan.org or call [01224081328](tel:01224081328)

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

Plans continue for next year's Climate Week North East. We welcome all types of events that can inspire environmental responsibility, and in all forms: Workshops, talks, tours, competitions, film screenings, panel discussions, and debates. Online and in person. Please have a look at previous year's brochures here: <https://climateweeknortheast.org/> to get a feel for the week and all it can be.

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, we invite you to join us at CWNE23. Please contact christine@nescan.org or Office Coordinator Karina Emslie karina@nescan.org for more information

Join the NESCAN Hub Team!

The NESCAN Hub has amazing opportunities to join their friendly and passionate team as Senior Project Officer.



Senior Project Officer – closing date Sunday 16th October

The Senior Project Officer will be responsible for ensuring the NESCOAN Hub, and its aim, objectives and outcomes are delivered on time, and within scope and budget. The post holder's role will be to ensure the Hub's governance structure, policies and procedures are followed, including HR policies and procedures, ICT, and financial budget management. They will also provide advice, support, and guidance to the NESCOAN Hub Team and NESCOAN members to ensure they meet their objectives. This is a managerial role but will involve 'on the ground' work with the NESCOAN Hub team and stakeholders, including communities and members of the public across the North East of Scotland.

This is a full-time fixed term post until 31st March 2024, based in our office in Aberdeen but with hybrid working. Salary is £34,000 - £36,000

For further information and to apply for this exciting and rewarding role, please visit our website [Job Opportunities \(nescan.org\)](https://nescan.org) or contact NESCOAN Hub

Manager alison@nescan.org or tara@nescan.org.

NESCOAN HUB BOARD

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a dynamic individual with extensive knowledge and experience in accountancy and finance 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. This is a volunteer role that will provide the right candidate with the opportunity to be an integral part of our dedicated team and make a positive impact on the north east of Scotland, its communities, and its environment.

This is a part-time volunteer post requiring approximately 3 hours commitment per month, including attendance at hybrid Board meetings for 2 hours every 2 months.

For further information and to apply for this exciting and rewarding role, please visit our website [Job Opportunities \(nescan.org\)](https://nescan.org/job-opportunities) or contact NESCAN Hub Manager alison@nescan.org or tara@nescan.org.



Need Help with your Fundraising?

Rachel, our Fundraising and Development Officer, is available to work with groups to explore ideas for new projects and help with funding applications. Contact by email at 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.

Aberdeen City Council's Community Festive Fund is NOW OPEN for applications.

The Community Festive Fund was established to encourage organisations and groups to come together within their own communities during the Christmas and Hogmanay periods to celebrate community wellbeing and togetherness. The fund can provide a small financial grant to individual community groups and organisations who are arranging a celebration for their local community or continuing to grow and develop an existing event that may already be held within Aberdeen City. The funding available for any group or organisation is up to a maximum of £350 for Festive events and £500 for Hogmanay events. Groups should be aware that the demand for funding is likely to be greater than the allocation provided by Aberdeen City Council. In such circumstances, funding will be split on a proportionate basis with groups receiving less than originally applied for.

The application form can be found [here](#). Please note that the individual applying on behalf of the organisation will need a registered ACC online account to submit an application. **The deadline for applications is noon on Friday 28th October 2022.**

A green rectangular banner with white text. At the top, it says 'SOCIAL ENTERPRISE' in a small, sans-serif font. Below that, 'Just Transition Fund' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. To the left of the text is a graphic of three orange chevrons pointing to the right. To the right of the chevrons, in a smaller white font, it says 'For charities, social enterprises and communities in Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray to transition to net zero.'

Social Enterprise Just Transition Fund Investment workshops (Webinars and Masterclasses)

[Social Investment Scotland](#) is delighted to launch the Social Enterprise Just Transition Fund (SEJTF). The Social Enterprise Just Transition Fund (SEJTF) is aligned to the Scottish Government's Just Transition Fund, a commitment that will support projects in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, and Moray.

The Fund aims to finance organisations, businesses, communities and individuals to transition to net zero, creating jobs in low carbon industries and contributing to the region's future prosperity. SEJTF will be a blended product with an equal 50 / 50 loan-grant split.

Expression of Interest applications are welcome until Friday 9 December – [download the form here](#) and return it to hello@socialinvestmentscotland.com.

Full details of the fund and all of the Market Building support [can be found here](#), alongside the EOI and registration links for workshops our and masterclasses.

Rural and Island Communities Ideas into Action Fund- 2022 Funding

On the 8th of September the Scottish Government (Rural Economy & Communities) announced a £3m funding pot for rural & island community-led local development. The Rural and Island Communities Ideas into Action Fund is a £3 million investment from the Scottish Government to encourage and enable community groups to design and deliver solutions to local challenges in rural communities across Scotland. Two strands of funding are available grants of up to £5,000 available for grassroots community groups, and up to £100,000 for incorporated community groups based in rural places in Scotland.

[Inspiring Scotland](#) is managing this funding, which is focused on enabling communities to design and deliver local solutions to their local challenges. Projects should respond to aspects of rural poverty, net zero & climate action, or covid-19 recovery – so lot of potential for themes of climate justice.

Projects funded will contribute positively to local people and local priorities. Projects must be led by their community and completed by March 2023.

The deadline for applications is Monday 10th October. For more information please download the [application information](#) and visit the [Scottish Rural Network](#).

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](#)



Reworlding 2022

Date: 1st October

Location: Online

Register: [here](#) for free and find out more about this event.

We are thrilled to join [Reworlding 2022](#) where groups from different continents will share how they are using assembly processes to challenge the existing power structures and begin to re/create a decolonized relationship to power. We'll hear from:

East Africa - where people from 10 communities across Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania are coming together to challenge the colonial conservation approach that is destroying their ways of life.



Chile - where a social outburst led to a constitutional process from street assemblies to a Constitutional Assembly to write a new constitution to be approved on a referendum on 4th September 2022.

Scotland - where we are beginning to use local assembly processes to bring communities together across different emergencies, hopefully towards a citizen-led national assembly in 2024

#REORLDING2022 Don't miss it!

Aberdeen Climate Action (ACA) Climate Café: The Carbon Cost of Consuming

Date: 4rd October

Location: Hybrid event. Live attendance is at Mental Health Aberdeen, 6 Dee Street, Aberdeen (just off Union Street). Online attendance is on Zoom, and a link will be given when you get a ticket.

Registration: Details and tickets on Eventbrite [here](#).

Join ACA, in real life or online via Zoom, at the Climate Café with 4 speakers to dive into the topic of the impact of consuming. There will be three speaker slots of 20 minutes followed by a chance for questions from the audience.



- Rachel Martin and Adam Price from ACA will talk about "What would help us be green consumers"

- David Hawes of Net Zero International will talk about "Carbon labeling of product"
- Jon Hillier of Edinburgh University will talk about "The Cool Farm Tool and what companies are trying to do with it"

Climate Matters festival comes to Inverurie

Date: 7th-9th October

Location: Inverurie West Parish Church

To book a place at a workshop call the Acorn Centre on 01467 670850 or email admin@theacorncentre.org

Inverurie West Parish Church is set to host a festival of free activities, workshops, talks and walks exploring practical and creative ways we can make a difference to our environment from October 7-9.

There will be opportunities to find out about retrofitting your house, how to make your garden more biodiverse, or to reduce food waste.

Family activities include learning how to be creative with natural materials, making bird boxes, and a nearly new children's clothes sale.

Several guided walks are on offer, as well as a chance to have a look at the church's kitchen community garden.

NESCOAN HUB will be delivering a workshop on CLIMATE CHANGE FOR BEGINNERS where we will address what we can do to keep talking and acting on climate change here in the North East. For more information visit <http://www.inveruriwestchurch.org/News.html>

Ugie Catchment Land Use Community discussions

Date: 6th Oct, 13th Oct, 3rd Nov, 10th Nov, 17th Nov and 24rd Nov

Online: Thursday evenings 6.30-8.30 pm, online via zoom

Register via email to Janet Bromham janet@socialenterprise.academy

There is an opportunity for people living & working in the Ugie catchment area to come together to work up and agree on a land use vision that reflects the characteristics of the area and the priorities of its people.



We anticipate farming and the production of quality local food will be central to this vision, as will the sustainable use of water, and look forward to hearing your views.

Community Resilience Strategy Workshops

Dates: Various Dates.

Register: Please click on [this link](#) to a registration form, which we would ask you to fill by Thursday 6th October 2022 stating your first and second preference in terms of date, time and venue.

Location: Hybrid

We would like to invite you to attend one of the Community Resilience Strategy Workshops scheduled for the week of 10th October 2022. We need your contributions to help define what individual, household, family, and community resilience means in Aberdeenshire and identify how it can be strengthened before, during and after an emergency. What skills and knowledge need to be enhanced; what tools and support are needed? What ideas from international comparators or local examples of resilience can we learn from?



The discussion will help shape the Aberdeenshire Community Resilience Strategy setting out what individuals, household, families, communities, and responders can expect from each other and will assist in the production of Individual Preparedness Guides that provide practical advice and guidance



Take One Action Film Festivals TOAFF22: Take a seat. Take a stand.

Date: 21st -23rd October

Location: Belmont Filmhouse, [Aberdeen](#).

Booking: Advance booking is recommended via belmontfilmhouse.com, or in person or on 01224 343 500

Examining 'land' as material, as power, and as terrain for violence and resistance, TOAFF programme this year looks to the earth beneath our feet – while dreaming of new ways to inhabit it. Charting connections between Palestinian foraging practices and Filipino land defence, migrant justice in the UK, and radical mycology, you are invited to join TOAFF in unearthing networks of solidarity across all kinds of borders – and envisioning our embeddedness within them.



Watch their trailer!

We can't wait to see their film [TOAFF22](#)

The screenings will be followed by live or pre-recorded conversations - stay after the films to explore ideas for local action.

Find out more here: www.takeoneaction.org.uk

[Advance](#) booking recommended via belmontfilmhouse.com, or in person or on 01224 343 500.



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Scottish Government Consultation: Delivering our Vision for Scottish Agriculture. Proposals for a new Agriculture Bill

Date: 25th October

In-Person Location: Thainstone House Inverurie Inverurie AB51 5NT

Online events: 27th October [Rural Development and Forestry](#), 9th November

[Agricultural Wages](#), 15th November [Modernising Agricultural Tenancies](#)

Register: Via this link [Aberdeenshire](#)

This consultation will close on 21st November 2022.

As part of the Scottish Government's consultation process to develop a new Agriculture Bill, eight regional events will be held in locations across Scotland.

These will be general sessions looking at the proposals of the Agriculture Bill. There will also be four online virtual events focusing on specific themes included in the bill. Further information on these can be found here:

- Delivering the Agricultural Vision
- Rural Development and Forestry
- Agricultural Wages
- Modernisation of Agricultural Tenancies

The aim of these events is to gather initial views on the Scottish Government's proposals outlined in the consultation, "[Delivering our Vision for Scottish Agriculture, Proposals for a new Agriculture Bill](#)".

These events will not focus on providing detail of future measures or schemes. They are an opportunity for individuals and organisations to discuss the proposed powers and the development of a new Bill that supports Scotland's ambition to support high-quality food production and be a global leader in sustainable and regenerative agriculture.

All are welcome to come along to ask questions, raise issues, and contribute to the discussion. To get the most out of these events, we recommend that in advance of attending the event, you read through the [Agriculture Bill Consultation](#). Please see the [consultation hub](#) to view all open consultations. A full list of consultation analysis reports is available on the [gov.scot website](#)



Cargo bikes: delivering for businesses and communities in Scotland

Date: 26th October, 9.30am-1.00pm

Location: Online

Register and find out more [here](#).

Energy Saving Trust and Sustrans are pleased to invite you to a free virtual event 'Cargo bikes: delivering for businesses and communities in Scotland', taking place on Wednesday 26 October, 9.30 am-1.00 pm. The event will highlight and explore the scenarios and opportunities where cargo bikes can help to deliver a healthier, inclusive, and more prosperous Scotland. Throughout the event, you will be taken on

a journey of inspiring projects in Scotland that showcase a wide range of cargo bike uses across sectors, industries, and demographics.

Decarbonizing Applied Arts

Dates: 26th October 7.30pm

Location: Online

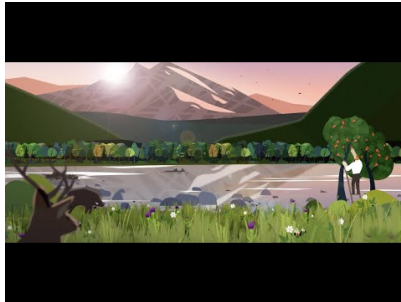
Register and find out more [here](#).

Join members of Applied Arts Scotland and the Barn team for an online panel discussion exploring decarbonizing applied arts as part of the exhibition |MATTER| Earth, Materials + Making exhibition currently on show at the Barn.

Over the past two years as part of Applied Arts Scotland's Closing the Loop Group makers have developed exploratory works from a diverse range of environmentally aware approaches that re-use waste, value biodiversity, local materials, and production systems.



The discussion will consider questions of decarbonization in Applied Arts and craft practices more broadly; drawing inspiration from these makers and the new circumstances of practice brought about by working with and thinking about environmentally considered crafts. This will include reflections from the makers on how this has played out in their practice through material choices and production systems, ideas of slow craft, thoughtful connections to place, and social inclusion.



The Big Picture in Scotland

In some parts of Scotland, whole landscapes are already being transformed. Young forests are on the march, river systems are being restored and by giving nature more space, wetlands, and peatlands are regenerating. Wild animals, such as beavers, red squirrels, and golden eagles are being reintroduced to roam unimpeded across a landscape shaped and governed by natural processes.

Elsewhere in towns and cities, passionate communities are working together to create more space for bats, bees, and butterflies, in parks, gardens, and public spaces.

The vision that unites rewilding at these different scales, is one of restoration and recovery – a commitment to transform our degraded ecosystems so that they work in all their colourful complexity.

[The Scottish Rewilding Alliance](#) is calling on the Scottish Government to declare Scotland the world's first Rewilding Nation.

Rewilding is a simple idea: let's work with nature instead of against it. Rewilding helps to restore biodiversity, mitigates climate change, supports rural communities,

and brings wellbeing benefits. The Alliance is calling for Scotland to become a Rewilding Nation for many different reasons. [SCOTLAND: The world's first Rewilding Nation? - YouTube](#)

Join the #BigPicture community and make your voice heard. Register [here](#) for your interest.

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