



## **ISSUE 17**

### **Welcome to our November Newsletter!**

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Hi everyone,

Firstly, we'd like to thank you for your patience, it's been a little while since we've sent a newsletter. Lots of changes going on at NESCOAN Hub, including a new Communications Officer who is excited to be working on the newsletter, but still learning everything there is to know about the role! Please feel free to send an email introducing yourself or asking any questions to [alyssa@nescan.org](mailto:alyssa@nescan.org).

Another note of thanks to everyone involved in the 'North East Scotland Communities: Our Green Journey' film. Our final showing on Sunday the 13th November was a full house. We needed to bring in more chairs - and had attendees all the way from the age of three to over the age of 80! The film is now up on our YouTube and you can host your own viewing.

Now, we'll let you get to reading about our new team members and catching up on all that's going on!



## **NESCOAN Hub is growing - Meet our new staff!**



### **Nicola Twine**

Qualified as a Community Learning and Development practitioner Nicola also has a degree in Environmental Geography. Nicola has a keen interest in the outdoors and nature as well as loving cheese and wine, music, gigs and festivals and good people. She's passionate about learning for wellbeing and supporting better life outcomes for people and communities, capacity building for sustainable places and

projects, and in turn promoting and working towards better planetary health. Nicola lives in the wonderful wee village of Collieston with her two teenage boys, husband and cats.

Nicola is our Senior Project Officer heading up the Just Transition Fund along with Rose, Rachel and Karina.

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### **Rose Toney**

For Rose, biodiversity has been her work and play for many years. An ecologist, with a love of the sea in particular, she is happiest along the beautiful coasts of North East Scotland watching wildlife and enjoying the nature-connectedness this experience brings. A lifelong volunteer, and an active member of several non-profit organisations, she is equally at home recording wildlife with camera traps or helping build boardwalks to improve access to greenspace.

She particularly enjoys working with local groups to help them take action to protect the natural environment from within their communities. If you would like support in developing ideas to help your community take positive action to combat climate change and biodiversity loss, get in touch with Rose.

[Rose@nescan.org](mailto:Rose@nescan.org)



### **Alyssa Parker**

With a varied background in environmental education and communications, Alyssa loves connecting people with nature through any way possible. She's always worked



with families and young people to advocate their point of view and help them make a difference to our world.

On weekends Alyssa will either be out hiking with her husband and two year old, or photographing families on their own adventures! Alyssa is originally from the States, and moved around a lot for seasonal environmental related jobs in her 20's, getting to know different communities. She has now settled in Banchory, Scotland. She is NESCAN Hub's new Communications Officer as well as Community Development Officer.

Alyssa@nescan.org



## **Voting opens 1st of December for the Just Transition Green Participatory Budgeting Fund 2022**



**JUSTTRANSITION**  
PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND



**We've received over £3 million in applications for the Green Participatory Budgeting Fund, so voting will be crucial in funding projects.**

We are thrilled with the turnout for the Green PB fund. And while we wish that everyone could receive funding, there is only so much to go around. The democratic process of voting will help to ensure that communities will decide what gets funded.

The voting site has not yet been opened, but we will spread the information as soon as we are aware. You can follow for details on our website [www.nescan.org/pb](http://www.nescan.org/pb). For any queries please contact, NESCAN HUB Community Development and Funding Officer Rachel Smith at: [rachel@nescan.org](mailto:rachel@nescan.org). Any unsuccessful bids can reach out for further sign posting to funding as we want to help in any way we can.

Voting Dates: 1st to 16th December

Location: Online

## NESCAN HUB Community Assembly 2023

**Registrations for our first Community Assembly for Tillydrone, Seaton & Linkfield and Woodside in Aberdeen City close on the 18th of December.**

The Community Assembly will take place in January 2023 and will involve residents coming together to discuss and demand sustainable action in their community.



To read more visit: [www.nescan.org/community-assembly](https://www.nescan.org/community-assembly)

To request a comms pack email [alyssa@nescan.org](mailto:alyssa@nescan.org) or [christine@nescan.org](mailto:christine@nescan.org)

## Climate Week North East 24<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

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 Tara Murray: [tara@birchblossomconsultants.co.uk](mailto:tara@birchblossomconsultants.co.uk) for more information.

**Deadlines for adding your event are the 30th November.**

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.

## Join the NESCAN Hub Team!

**The NESCAN Hub has amazing opportunities to join their friendly and passionate team as Systems and Resources Lead.**



## **Systems and Operations Lead – closing date December**

The System and Resources Lead will drive NESCAN Hub's operational efficiency and mechanisms. You will work closely with all staff to ensure that systems, policies and procedures are fit for purpose enabling everyone to do their job well and deliver successfully on NESCAN Hub's objectives.

We are looking for someone who thinks and operates clearly and logically, and can find, develop and manage the right systems and resources for our needs. You will bring confidence, ideas and solutions to the role, which involves line management, human resource, and financial management responsibilities. Good communication skills are key as you will be involved in our PR and marketing strategies.

This is a full-time fixed term post until 31<sup>st</sup> 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://www.nescan.org/job-opportunities), or contact NESCAN Hub Manager [alison@nescan.org](mailto:alison@nescan.org)**

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## **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](mailto:rachel@nescan).

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## **NESCAN 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.

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## **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](mailto: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.

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## 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](#)

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## Dates, Times and Links for more information

- **Thursday, 24 November, 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm - World Cafe**  
How can educators work together towards a sustainable world?  
How do we inspire students to become agents of positive change?  
How do we know that we are having an impact and making progress?  
Join for a conversation with educators, parents, students, community members and anyone interested in thinking deeply about how educators can collaborate to encourage student agency and hope in these challenging times.

[World Cafe: A Conversation for School Community Members in Aberdeen – Compass Education](#)

- **Friday, 25 November, Doors: 6.30pm. Film starts 7pm - The Oil Machine**  
How can we break our addiction to oil? Join speakers Jake Malloy from RMT Union and Scott Herrett from FoE for a screening of the new film The Oil



Machine at Fittie Hall for an inspiring screening and conversation on our energy future.

[Fittie Film Night | The Oil Machine | Open Road ® \(openroadltd.com\)](#)

<https://www.theoilmachine.org/resources>

- **Saturday, 26 November, 10am - 12pm - Zero Carbon Daviot Event**  
On Home Energy Needs - Join for a discussion about retrofit for a change!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/home-energy-help-tickets-452661912967>

- **Wednesday, 30 November, 5:30pm – 8:00pm - The Art of Mapping**  
This St Andrew's Day, the James Hutton Institute will join forces with author and map artist, Andrew Redmond Barr; to explore the historical, cultural, societal and scientific impact of maps.

[The Art of Mapping - Andrew Redmond Barr and the James Hutton Institute |](#)

[The James Hutton Institute](#)

- **Thursday, 1 December, 7pm - Greenpeace, The Cost of Living**  
Come to the Aberdeen Greenpeace town hall event! The event will include a screening of a short film called 'The Cost of Living' followed by a Greenpeace speaker.

Aberdeen Arts Centre, 33 King Street, Aberdeen AB24 5AA. Bring your friends and family!<https://tinyurl.com/4pbuzjft>

- **Tuesday, 6 December, 7pm - ACA Climate Cafe**  
Is community energy a solution to help solve the energy challenges of the next decades?  
-Hester Claridge from Town Rock will talk about the potential for geothermal energy in Scotland/UK.  
-Corinna Miller, Communications Manager, Power for People, will explain how her organisation, Power for People's, encourages lobbying of government to make it easier for small and community schemes to access the grid.  
-Ken Gordon, from the Daviot Housing Group, will develop on his assessment of the potential of heat pumps for individual and group heat pump schemes to "[improve] access to the grid for community energy schemes".

[December Climate Cafe - Community Energy Tickets, Tue 6 Dec 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

- **Misc dates - [Event Calendar](#) • [Climate Fringe COP26 Events Calendar](#)**



## Host a Climate Conversation

### SSCAN can help:

Most people in Scotland are concerned about climate change, but are uncertain and overwhelmed – they don't know how Scotland should respond or what they personally can do.

- Having lots of quality conversations about climate change is [one of the most effective things we can do to stop it](#).
- SCCAN is training Climate 4 Change facilitators to engage more people in their community with climate action through a proven conversation model. C4C facilitators are key to making such conversations happen at a scale large enough to really shift the social climate on climate change in Scotland.
- Want to host a conversation? Click [here](#). Want to join the programme? It's [here](#).

## Have you made a Pledge?

### Revisiting Take the Jump

When you joined NESCAN, you may have made your very own [pledge](#) for reducing your carbon footprint.

Now, with action at the forefront of conversation it would be the perfect time to look back at the [Take the Jump](#) campaign, and either remind yourself the promises you made, or make some new ones.

We would love to hear any stories of our members that have made shifts in their lives to share in our upcoming newsletters or blogs. These shifts should be clear, constructive, impactful and doable and the aim would be to show others how a life with less can still be full of joy.

Government and business do have most responsibility, but [science](#) shows that in wealthy countries everyone needs to make these 6 Shifts within 10 years. Let's share our shifts!

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