

NESCAN HUB NEWSLETTER

Updates and events from

North East Scotland's Climate Action Network



SEPTEMBER 2024



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Welcome to our Nescan Hub September 2024 Newsletter.

That's the stunning University of Aberdeen Staff Garden in full bloom and the adorable highland coos! We trust you found our previous issue helpful and would love to hear your thoughts and learn more about what's happening in your community.

All links in this newsletter are clickable!

They will be **bold and underlined**



If you have any questions, please email
communications@nescan.org

Enjoy!



JUSTTRANSITION

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND



Applications open for grants of up to £50,000 to support eco-friendly projects in Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire & Moray



Join in and apply at jtpbfund.scot/apply



APPLY NOW!

Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund (JTPB)



JUSTTRANSITION

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund is back for the third year with applications open from Monday, 19 August 2024.

A total of £1 million is available across Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, and Moray to support local green projects from third sector organisations, and community groups. With almost 100 eco-friendly projects already funded across the region with years 1 & 2, this is your chance to make a positive impact in your local community. Join us on this transformative journey, and together, let's shape the path to a greener North East of Scotland.

Find out more and get involved!

**Just Transition Participatory
Budgeting Fund (JTPB)**



JUSTTRANSITION

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

Project Support and Development

In Year 3 of the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund, the NESCAN Hub team is ready to assist everyone in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire in shaping and developing your project ideas and funding proposal. We will guide you through what kind of project and equipment is suitable for this capital fund and how you can develop your project in the most sustainable way. **ACVO** and **AVA**, our partners in this Fund, will help you with your organisational eligibility requirements. **NESCAN Hub** is hosting online events to offer guidance and inspire creativity for your projects, together with face-to-face drop-in sessions.

Check out the **JTPB events page** for more details. These events will provide insights into the fund, our partner organisations, project initiation, idea generation, and sustainable project development.

Join NESCAN Hub's upcoming events to kickstart the process of turning your innovative ideas into impactful projects. You can secure your spot at our online events by reserving tickets on **TicketSource** now.



JUSTTRANSITION

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

Online Events



Mon 2nd September
19:00 - 20:00

Online

Just Transition PB Fund Application Support Webinar

for groups in Aberdeen



**Mon, 2 Sept 2024
19:00 - 20:00**

book tickets

find out more at jtbfund.scot



Wed 4th September
12:00 - 13:00

Online

**Wed, 4 Sept 2024
12:00 - 13:00**

book tickets

Just Transition PB Fund Application Support Webinar

for groups in Aberdeen



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JUSTTRANSITION

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

Online Events



 Fri 13th September
19:00 - 20:00

 Online, booking
through TicketSource



Online Event:
**How to Make Your
Idea Work?**



**Fri, 13 Sept 2024
19:00 - 20:00**

book tickets

Partner Organisations



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find out more at jtpbfund.scot





envirolution aberdeen

Inspired by Manchester's successful environmental festival, which has been a hit for over a decade, Aberdeen is ready for its first one, **Envirolution Aberdeen** on Saturday, 28th September 2024 from 1 pm to 6 pm at Seaton Park! A day filled with activities, games, food, workshops, stalls and more. Don't miss on this exciting event - bring your family and friends and be part of the fun!

From engaging hands-on workshops on eco-friendly practices to fun games and educational activities for kids, there's something for everyone. Food lovers can savour delicious vegan options, while browsing stalls featuring eco-friendly products. This is your opportunity to support local artisans and businesses committed to reducing their environmental footprint and take positive action against climate change. Get inspired by talks from environmental activists and experts who will share their insights on how we can all contribute to making a difference. Keep an eye on the Envirolution Aberdeen website for the full list of events.

There are countless ways to get involved with Envirolution Aberdeen! From hosting stalls and activities to volunteering and sponsorships, this is a fantastic opportunity to connect with the community and make a positive impact on climate change and sustainability. Come along to this free and fun-filled festival to meet new people, gain new skills, take action and make a real difference.

You can find more information on the partners, stalls/activities and volunteering applications forms **here**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ABERDEEN CLIMATE ACTION CLIMATE CAFÉ

Tue, 3 Sept 2024
19:00 - 21:00

Online

Join ACC for their next Climate Café on Tuesday 3rd September and explore the **Human impact on oceans: A workshop on attitudes towards technical marine solutions.**

Aberdeen Climate Action and the BlueRemediomics project invite you to an interactive workshop on scientific solutions to **Blue Carbon** following the “do no significant harm principle” with a Scottish focus.

[register here](#)

Aberdeen Climate Action
CLIMATE CAFÉ
Free: In Person & Online
First Tuesday: Every Month
7 - 9PM

2024

- SEPT 3RD Human Impact on Oceans**
Workshop on Attitudes Towards Technical Marine Solutions
- OCT 1ST A Regional Vision for a Just Transition**
Both Aberdeen & Scottish Trade Union Council (ATUC/STUC) and North East Scotland Climate Action Network (NESCAN)
- NOV 5TH Carbon Capture and Storage**
How's it looking in 2024?
- DEC 3RD The Grid**
What have we got, what do we want, and how do we get it?

2025

- JAN 7TH Film Night - The Bough Breaks**
Are we the last generation to save nature?
- FEB 4TH Community Transport**
What services are out there, what do we want, and how do we get it?

CLIMATECAFÉ
An inclusive space for people to get together to talk and act on climate change

Free Tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk
Search "Climate Café Aberdeen"

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[aberdeenclimate](https://www.instagram.com/aberdeenclimate)
[abzclimate](https://twitter.com/abzclimate)



UPCOMING EVENTS

THE RADICAL POTENTIAL OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

**Thu, 5 Sept 2024
17:00 - 19:00**

**Station House Media Unit (shmu)
Station Road, Aberdeen**

You may be asking, "What is Participatory Budgeting?"

You may already have been part of a Participatory Budgeting process. You may have organised a Participatory Budgeting process in your area? Or you may just have an interest. If so, then this is the event for you.

We will start with some short presentations from people who have organised or been part of Participatory Budgeting in their areas, and how it has been used to make significant changes in terms of community control of resources in other parts of the world. We will then move into groups to hear from each other around the following questions:

- 1) What are your experiences of being involved in participatory budgeting?
- 2) What is the potential of participatory budgeting?
- 3) How do we make the most of participatory budgeting, in terms of engaging and empowering communities?

Sandwiches, tea and coffee will be available as refreshments.

[Book your free ticket](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

NESCAN HUB DROP-IN ROADSHOW

Wed, 11 Sept 2024
16:30 - 18:30

Ruthrieston Community Centre
532-536 Holburn Street
Aberdeen AB10 7LL



NESCAN HUB ROADSHOW

Meet your Community Development Officer to discover how we can assist you, explore various funding options, including the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund and find out about the support available for securing other funds and extra resources.

Wednesday, 11 September 2024
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Ruthrieston Community Centre
532-536 Holburn Street, Aberdeen AB10 7LL

**DROP-IN
EVENT**

Community Development Officer
Jamie Cole-Hamilton
Formartine & Aberdeen City South
jamie@nescan.org

NESCAN Hub is hosting additional roadshows across Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. This presents a great opportunity to connect with your Community Development Officers (CDO), learn about NESCAN's activities, have your queries addressed, get support, and discover funding options including the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund.

Attend a free drop-in session with Jamie Cole-Hamilton, CDO for Formartine and Aberdeen City South, at Ruthrieston Community Centre on Wednesday, 11th September, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COME AND NETWORK EVENTS 2024

Sat, 14 Sept 2024
10:00 - 14:00

Bon Accord Centre & NESCOL

This year, the Come and Network Event will kick off with a one-day Market Stall and Networking event on Saturday, September 14th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Wellbeing Centre in the Bon Accord Centre, located opposite Costa Coffee.

Following the Market Stall, a series of workshops will be hosted at Northeast Scotland College (NESCOL) on the Gallowgate during the evenings of the subsequent week.

You can book your spot for all workshops [here](#).

Thu, 19 Sept 2024

NESCAN Hub will run two workshops on Thursday, 19th September.

Exploring Community Futures (6 pm - 7:45 pm)

What are your community's strengths, and what are the areas that need development to build your dream community?

Experience a fun, card-based session designed by the Global Ecovillage Network for sustainability planning. Discover your strengths, talents and areas for further development. Explore how to get your voices heard. Identify and plan the changes needed for a sustainable future. This will be a two hour session. Further sessions can be offered for your community group. **Book your spot.**

Sustainable Communities (8 pm)

Exploring the priorities and opportunities for making your group and community more sustainable. Sharing some practical ideas around funding, engagement, sustainability and going green.

Book your spot.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ONE NETWORK ABERDEEN EVENT

**Wed, 18 Sept 2024
10:00 - 16:00**

Madri Lounge, Pittodrie Stadium

A large scale networking event tailored for third-sector organisations dedicated to enhancing people's mental health and overall well-being through diverse services. The event's goal is to spotlight the remarkable third-sector organisations and their wide array of services. It will offer a special platform for participants to have authentic conversations, establish valuable connections, and stimulate new partnerships. 40 stallholders have signed up, nearly all from the Third Sector but the doors will be open to everyone – from statutory organisations, to other third sector ones, the general public and private sector. All are welcome to come along and find out just what the third sector is all about.

Contact morven@mackenzie-brown.com for more information.

[see event and find more info](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

GET READY FOR WINTER BY JUST ASK

Thu, 19 Sept 2024
09:30 - 12:30

Maud Resource Centre

Swap Shop range of clothing for all age groups available. Receive assistance and guidance on benefits, entitlements, food access, home improvements, and managing fuel costs to support you during the winter.

Transportation services are provided, contact 01771 613962 or email oldmartresourcecentre@outlook.com to arrange.

JUST ASK PRESENTS

GET READY FOR WINTER

Swap Shop range of clothing for all age groups available.

Ask questions and get advice on benefits, entitlements, food access, home improvements and fuel costs. To help you through the winter months

DATE
19 SEPTEMBER 2024

TIME
START FROM 9:30-12:30PM

LOCATION
MAUD RESOURCE CENTRE

Transport available to arrange please contact:
01771 613962
oldmartresourcecentre@outlook.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAP MAKING WITH CARRIE FERTIG

**Fri, 20 Sept 2024
10:30 - 13:00**

**The Gallery, The Barn,
Burn O Bennie, Banchory
AB31 5QA**

The Barn and Health of the Sublime invite participants to help make a multimedia handcrafted 'mindmap', based on the places we most intensely experience 'wellbeing' and 'the sublime' in the natural world.

Please bring a nature-based object which resonates with you creatively (e.g. a shell, pebble, branch etc...) to be incorporated into the large flexible map, which will be joined with others to make a giant quilt of wellbeing. We will incorporate text, textile skills including embroidery and other objects, and will engage in a discussion of the meaning of these, their connection to wellbeing, and how making and being in nature affect our outlook. Poems welcome! Everyone is welcome!

Leading the sessions is socially engaged interdisciplinary artist, Carrie Fertig, who works in performance, video, sound, installation, spoken word, and virtual reality. Fertig is also a maker in frameworkeed glass, used for its sonic properties including music and its ability to hold ideas. The foundation of her practice is engagement with collaborators or participants, and much of it is interactive to address emotional, spiritual, and physical states and thresholds. To find out more please visit www.carriefertig.com.

[find more and tickets here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

shmuFEST

Deer Park & shmu HQ

**Sun, 22 Sept 2024
12:00 - 18:00**



Join shmu in celebrating their 21st birthday on Sunday, 22nd September, with a day filled with fun, music, and community spirit! Head over to Deer Road Park and shmuHQ for an unforgettable day featuring live performances, a BBQ, face painting, circus tricks, and so much more! Whether you're a music enthusiast or just love being part of the community, shmuFEST has something for everyone. Don't miss this chance to connect, celebrate, and enjoy the spirit of togetherness.

[book your spot](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRAMPIAN GATHERING

Beach Ballroom

Beach Promenade

AB24 5NR

Join for a fun-filled day with engaging speakers, food, and exciting community activities and taster sessions for those who are retired or about to retire. This event is a great opportunity to experience and learn community based interventions available in the Grampian region. Connect with fellow community members and make lasting memories.

Sat, 12 Oct 2024

10:30 - 16:00



Grampian Gathering

Saturday 12th October 2024

Venue: Beach Ballroom, Beach Promenade AB24 5NR

Time: 10:30am - 4pm

What is on at the Gathering

- Stalls from community & voluntary sector
- Speakers and workshops on retiring well
- Living in good physical health
- Managing long term health conditions
- Over 50 feedback forum on age friendly programs
- Getting it right in the end

The Event is free!!!

Booking is required to plan the light lunch provided
Book using the Form, link, Email, QRcode or Phone
01224045624

[Grampian Gathering 2024 Booking Form](#)



Email: granitecitygathering@aberdeencity.gov.uk

[book your free ticket](#)

DEVERON PROJECTS EVENTS

Deveron Projects in collaboration and as part of the National Gallery's 200-year anniversary celebrations you with a fortnight's jam-packed programme of free creative workshops, events, talks, artists' walks and more.

You can find the full programme [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE CAFES

**Thu, 24 Oct 2024
16:30 - 18:00**

Ellon Library

If you enjoy taking part in discussions and stimulating conversation these Knowledge Exchange Cafes are the place to be. The talks are led by specialists who talk about their topic of expertise and then present to you questions which leads to discussion and conversation.

The cafes take place in person or online. If you attend in person, you will find the space set up with tables and chairs cafe style, so you will be sitting in small groups. Of course, you can't have a cafe without coffee therefore you can enjoy a hot drink whilst debate, discuss and deliberate.

Next up is: Climate Justice

Join Karina, NESCAN Project Officer and Community Development Officer for Formartine, to learn more about Just Transition and how climate justice can embrace the local as well as the international agenda.

Find out more about the event and reserve your spot [here](#).

You can join the virtual event [here](#).

FUNDING



- **LEAF - LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION FUND**

Thank you everyone for your interest to the Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF). We received an overwhelming number of applications for excellent projects and are currently reviewing them. Unfortunately, we will not be able to fund them all this round, but hope to have more available opportunities later in the year. Successful applicants will be notified in the upcoming weeks.

FUNDING

- **The SEED Fund is still OPEN**  **NESCAN^{HUB}**

NESCAN Hub has a small pot of funding for community climate action and biodiversity projects within Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. The Seed Fund is designed for small community projects. Therefore we can only fund organisations with an income of less than £50,000 per annum.

Grants are allocated to eligible projects on a first come first served basis while funds remain. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, grants are a maximum of £500 per organisation to enable us to fund as many organisations and projects as possible.

[find more about SEED Fund](#)



FUNDING

- **THE GORDON & ENA BAXTER FOUNDATION**

This fund supports a wide variety of capital projects in Scotland's North East and Highlands, from shinty sticks and audio visual kits to cutting edge cancer research equipment. Applicants should demonstrate a sound management plan, evidence local support and fundraising and show a clear benefit to their community.

Registered charities or constituted groups in Moray, Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City, the Highlands, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and Orkney and Shetland.

The trustees of the Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation hold four funding rounds per year. Upcoming deadlines are: 25 October 2024

[find out more](#)

- **ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL - FOOD GROWING AND GREEN SPACES INITIATIVE FUND**

The aim of the Banff and Buchan Area Food Growing and Green Spaces Initiative Fund is to use the area committee budget to create food growing spaces, address communities' needs and encourage interest and development of these spaces. There are various ways you can use the funds for and applications can be made at any time.

[find out more](#)



FUNDING

- **CYCLING SCOTLAND - ACCESS TO BIKES, PARKING AND STORAGE FUND**

Cycling Scotland work with partners to support delivery of People & Place programme. Funding is available to enable more people to cycle through increasing affordable access to bikes, parking and storage. **Please fill out this form** and we will keep you informed about any funding/support updates or **email us** to find out what support is available in your area.

find out more

LEARNING & RESEARCH

- **HEALTH OF THE SUBLIME VIDEO CLASS**

Health of the Sublime restarts with block two of free tuition on Thursday, 5th September 2024.

Video class meets outdoors at a different location every week for two-hour sessions, usually followed by a cuppa and cake!

We meet Thursdays 10 am-12 pm and the next course

begins September 5th and runs through October 10th. Sessions run six weeks, this is block two of three blocks of sessions. It's totally okay if you can't make every session. We begin with short exercises in listening and looking, (the sound and vision that is video), taking notes, and the class builds from there. Our notes from these brief beginning exercises combined with beautiful environments, build into longer video and sound works each session. Be prepared to have the way you experience the natural world deepened. Any and no experience levels welcome. Free of charge. You will see, hear, and experience the natural world differently. These classes are for folk 50+.



[sign up here](#)



MEMBER UPDATES

≡ Welcome ≡

This latest section of our newsletter, focuses on sharing crucial updates from our members. We want to hear your stories, volunteer opportunities, and more. Please send any event details or stories you would like to share in the newsletter to our email at communications@nescan.org.

NEW MEMBERS

A heartfelt welcome to all who have joined NESCAN recently!

- **Asylum and Refugee Care (AARC)**
- **St Machar Credit Union**
- COST Action for Climate Change and Ageing
- **Hatton Repair Cafe**
- **Friends of Forest Drive Park**
- **Donside Village Community SCIO**
- **New Arc Wildlife Rescue**
- **Turriff Baden Powell Centre SCIO**
- **New Deer Community Association**
- Alford Street Planters
- **Cattleskate Academy CIC**
- **Banff and Macduff Community Council**



UPDATES FROM THE HUB

FAREWELL ROSE!

Our beloved Community Development Officer for Kincardine and Mearns, Rose, has bid farewell to the NESCAN Hub! Rose's incredible passion for biodiversity and enthusiasm to help the community have played a huge role. We are immensely grateful for her contributions. Thank you, Rose, for everything you've done.

Welcome new CDOs!

We are delighted to welcome Claire, Jamie, and Vicky, the newest members of the Community Development Officers team at NESCAN Hub. Keep an eye on our website's "Meet the Team" section to know more about them as they settle into their new roles.



NESCAN
HUB

Are you looking for:

- help with your community climate action group or project?
- help with funding?
- Information about how to take action on climate change?
- inspiration about the range of ways that you can help your community incorporate positive steps for the climate into their everyday activities.

NESCAN Hub is here to help.

[Become a member](#) or get in touch: **info@nescan.org**

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