

NESCAN HUB NEWSLETTER

Updates and
events from North
East Scotland's
Climate Action
Network



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Welcome to our Nescan Hub September newsletter

All links in this newsletter are clickable!

They will be **bold and underlined**



If you'd like your story for the blog or an event to be featured in an upcoming newsletter or if you have any questions, please email [**alyssa@nescan.org**](mailto:alyssa@nescan.org)

Enjoy!

Member Feature

UPCYCLE FASHION WORKSHOP WITH UDNY CLIMATE ACTION AND THREADS AND YARNS



Imagine a room bustling with excited kids during their summer break, all ears as they learn about a big problem – fast fashion hurting our planet. Now picture racks of pre-loved clothes, accessories, shoes, jewellery and several rag bags of material, the scene is set for their first ever Upcycle Fashion Workshop. That's where I found myself, surrounded by over 40 people, learning about the shocking fact that a whole truckload of clothes is thrown away every single minute. But this wasn't just a lesson, it was the beginning of something incredible. These weren't piles headed for landfill, they were headed for the runway, or at least they would be soon.....

If you want to read the full story about the upcycle workshop that took place last month at the Medan Centre in Pitmedden, head to our latest news on our website.

[read the story](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

SOURCE TO SEA WEEK WITH KEEP SCOTLAND BEAUTIFUL

WEEK OF 8-15 SEPT

Seven Daily Actions



Help tackle marine litter at source by participating in seven Daily Actions competition. Each completed action will count as an entry to win a £150 voucher. There are plenty of actions you can take so get involved and help us protect our waterways.

GREEN UNISON WEEK

Week of 15-22 September

Take Part



Green UNISON week is a chance to raise awareness of green issues nationally and locally, plan activities to encourage and enable members to get more active and to celebrate all the things they are already doing in support of the green agenda – not just in work but anywhere.

SCCAN NORTHERN MEMBERS GATHERING - INVERNESS

Saturday 16 September

[Book your space](#)



11:00AM – 5:30PM

SCCAN Gathering for members from the northern communities—let's celebrate achievements, share experiences & inspire each other.

STORIES FOR CHANGE 2/4: SUPER SIMPLE AUDIO EDITING

Tuesday 19 September

[Book your space](#)



10:00 AM – 12:00PM

Join SCCAN Story Weaver, Kaska Hempel, for a hands on introduction to editing a climate-engaged audio story using Descript.

Week of 25 Sept - 1 October

[Learn More](#)

SCOTLAND'S CLIMATE WEEK



Scotland's Climate Week is an annual event that encourages individuals, communities and businesses to come together to show support for tackling the climate emergency. It's also a great opportunity to share success stories which can inspire others to take action.

PLENTY? A FESTIVAL FOR ALL : 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

7th and 8th October

[Book free tickets](#)



A weekend exploring harvest, bold ways of thinking and just futures! Plenty? festival is back for its second iteration! Discover connection and hope in our festival of live music, creative activities, workshops, talks, foraging, apple pressing and more....as we come together to reflect, find joy and agency in a weekend teeming with activities responding to the environmental crisis.

Funding for green projects in your community!

Voting opens 29th September



find out more at [jtpbfund.scot](https://www.jtpbfund.scot)



The Just Transition Participatory Budgeting fund aims to support more people to be involved in the decisions that affect them, their communities and the environment.

The eligible projects will be put to the public vote between 29th September and 13th October 2023. Everyone who lives, works or uses services in the local authority area will be eligible to vote. Everyone has five votes to enable them to choose the projects that they believe will benefit people and the environment the most, as well as those that benefit their own communities.

You will be able to find out about new projects proposed for your local area, as well as projects that were funded last year, and about how to vote, on the dedicated website

<https://www.jtpbfund.scot/>

stay up to date

In the news





Funding & Consultations

- **Autumn in the City**

[apply here](#)

£10,000 has been allocated to community groups across the city to supplement the delivery of activities to children and young people during the October Holiday period.

A Community Group is defined as group or organisation that is based in or operating in a community within the city. Please note, this application is not for parents.

Closes 14 September 2023

- **Just transition for the North East and Moray**

[respond here](#)

The Scottish Government set up The Just Transition Fund to “accelerate the development of a transformed and decarbonised economy in the North East and Moray.” The Committee want to know if this fund is achieving that stated aim.

The Committee also wants to know how well placed and supported Scottish businesses are to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the transition.

Closes 26 September

- **Democracy Matters**

[Overview](#)

Somebody, somewhere is making decisions on your behalf. Democracy Matters conversations have already started to explore whether far more of these decisions could be made by communities themselves. This is a key and connected part of the wider Local Governance Review which is looking across all of Scotland's vital public services to consider how power and resources should be shared between national and local government.

- **Net Zero Community Buildings Fund**

[about fund](#)

The Community Buildings Fund helps community organisations reduce their building energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions by installing renewable technologies such as heat pumps, batteries, and solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, along with energy efficiency measures.

- **TCV Roundup**

[download guide](#)

This Funding Update provides information on local, regional and national funding sources, large and small, for the environmental, community and voluntary sectors. Included are funds which may be currently closed to new applications, but which may re-open at a later date.

- **Low Emission Zone Households**

[More information](#)

The Scottish Government is providing £5 million to re-open the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) Support Fund for 2023-24. This Fund offers cash incentives and Travel Better credits, if non-compliant vehicles are removed from Scotland's roads.

For more information on the funding available visit www.lowemissionzones.scot or visit [the Energy Saving Trust website](#), who administer funding on behalf of the Scottish Government.

- **Crown Estate Funding**

[about fund](#)

A £425,000 fund designed to support projects and ideas to benefit the environment and local communities has opened for its fourth round of applications.

- Community Capacity Grants
- Environment Grants

Closes 23 October

- **Cash for Culture - a guide to fundraising for community-based creative groups in Scotland**

[download guide](#)

Creative Scotland is pleased to work with Creative Lives to help produce this [Cash for Culture guide](#). They believe that community groups are at the heart of Scotland's cultural life, providing invaluable opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to participate in creative activity.



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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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