

**A warm welcome from**

# **NESCAN Hub**

**Alison Stuart, CEO**



# Our vision

A sustainable North East Scotland, with connected, empowered, and active communities at its heart

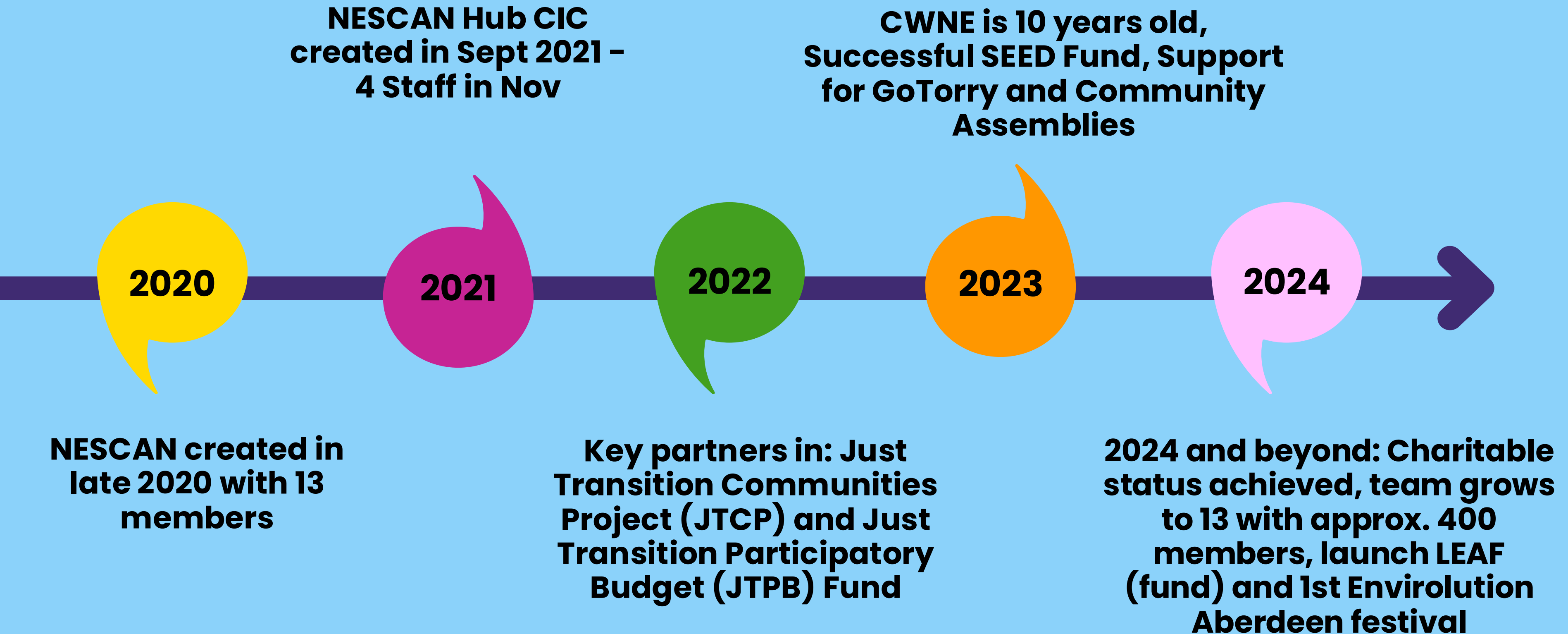
# Our aims

Support & develop community-led climate action throughout Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire

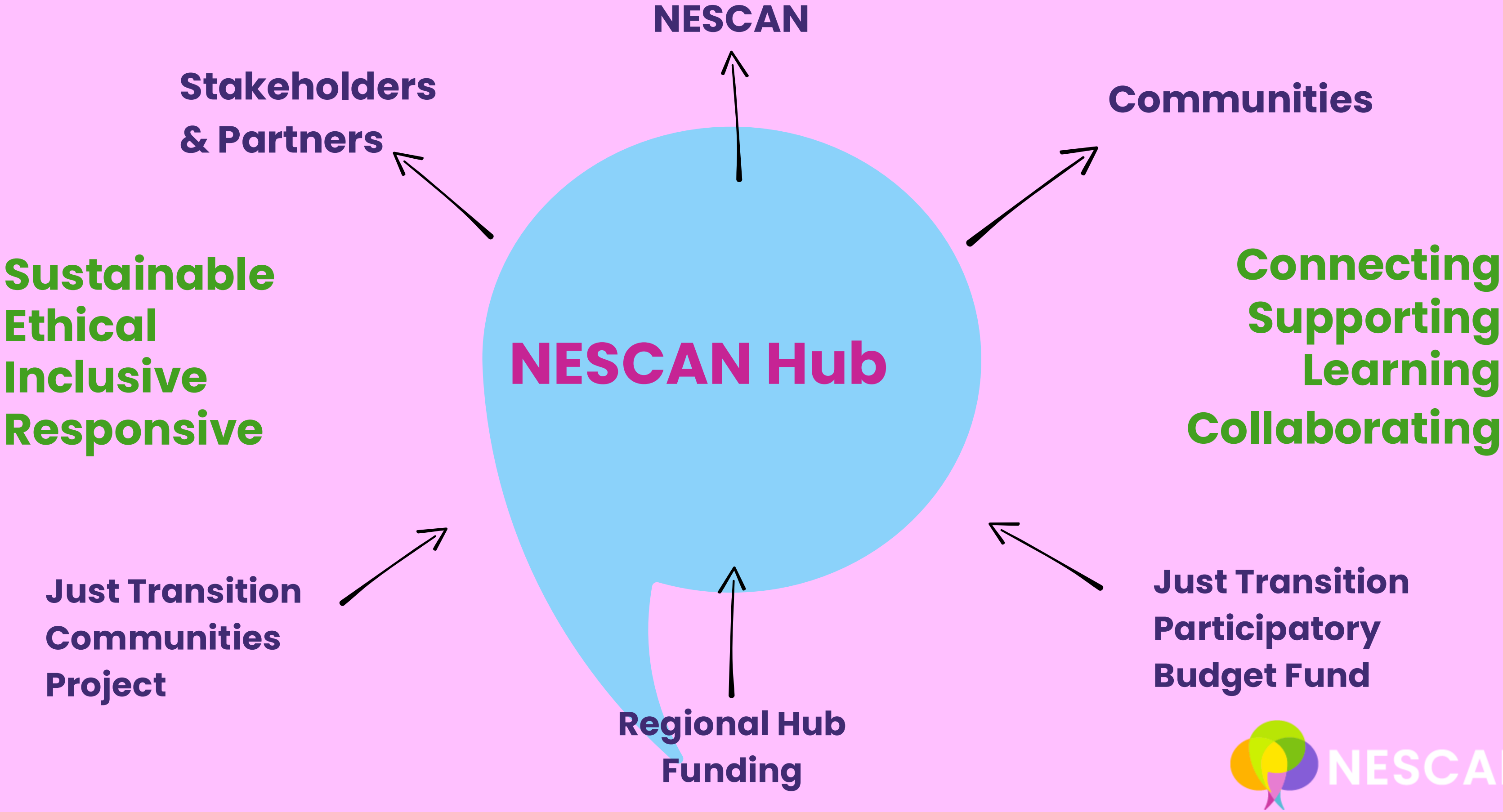
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Support communities to be a part of a just transition to a sustainable North East Scotland, contributing to local, regional and national policy setting & decision making

# NESCAN: Highlights of Our Journey



# Who & How





# Who we are



**Alison Stuart**  
Hub Manager



**Nicola Twine**  
Just Transition Community Project  
Manager



**Arshia Khatir**  
Resource and Systems Lead



**Keith Dunmall**  
Community Development Lead



**Anna Thomas**  
Communications Officer



**Karina Emslie**  
Project Officer

## Community Development Officers



**Ria Tonks**  
Marr



**Francesca Clair**  
Banff and Buchan  
& Buchan



**Jamie Cole-Hamilton**  
Formartine  
& Aberdeen City – South



**Vicky Stigant**  
Garioch & Buchan



## What we do

Develop community resilience, knowledge, skills & expertise in climate change & biodiversity and related action

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Empower communities

## How we do it

- + Give advice
- + Provide funding
- + Signpost to other organisations
- + Map, celebrate & prompt replication of local community-led climate action
- + Events, training & Resource Hub
- + Build NESCAN & facilitate peer support
- + Link into relevant initiatives & networks and develop partnerships
- + Enable community voices within policy setting & decision making

# Support

Dedicated tailored support provided enabling you to take forward and develop your organisation, ideas, knowledge and projects, with access to the necessary funding to make them a reality.

# Networking

Be inspired by amazing local community projects and come along to events to see the possibilities and meet those creating projects leading to a thriving sustainable community.

# Peer-to-peer learning

Learn what community projects are going on and gain support and knowledge from others' skills and experiences.

# Building capacity and skills

Benefit from free training sessions, events, resources and toolkits. Gain help to access funding needed.



# Collaboration

Members of Community  
Planning/ Local Authority  
departments & planning/ Food  
Partnership networks/  
Cairngorm National Park/ JUST  
Systems/ Just Transition  
Collaboration/ Regional Hub  
Network & Stakeholder Network

# Truth to Power

- Just Transition Commission & CCC Visit & Report
- Climate Action Summit Panel
- Panel Discussion at the SCVO Gathering
- Sustainability expert at Gathering Extra
- Community Benefits Consultation
- GB Energy
- Cab Sec visit, Minister for Energy, JT & Fair Work...





# NORTH EAST SCOTLAND COMMUNITIES OUR GREEN JOURNEY



Net Zero Scotland  
LET'S DO NET ZERO  
JUSTTRANSITION  
PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND  
NESCAN HUB

## 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  
**Jamie Cole-Ham**  
Formartine & Aberdeen City  
jamie@nescan



NESCAN HUB

We Invite you to  
Get Together!  
Let's discuss how the  
Tarland community can  
turn

## Climate Knowledge Into Action

Recieve help with your  
application for Green PB funding

2nd November, 6:30pm  
at McRobert Hall

# CLIMATE WEEK NORTH EAST

24th March –  
2nd April  
2023



JUSTTRANSITION  
PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND  
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aberdeen's 3rd sector interface

## Just Transition PB Fund Application Support Webinar

for groups in Aberdeen

Wed 4th Sept  
12:00 - 13:00  
Online

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

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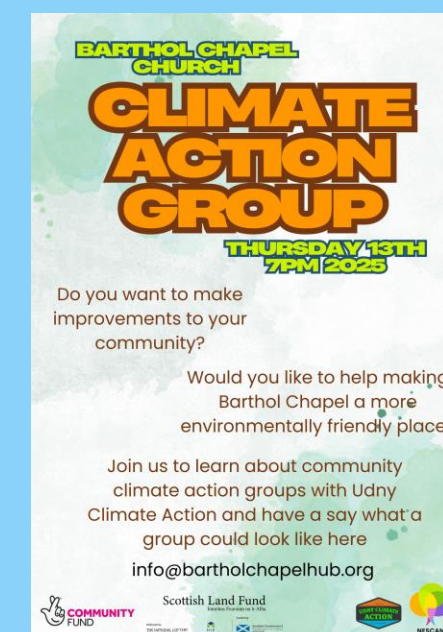
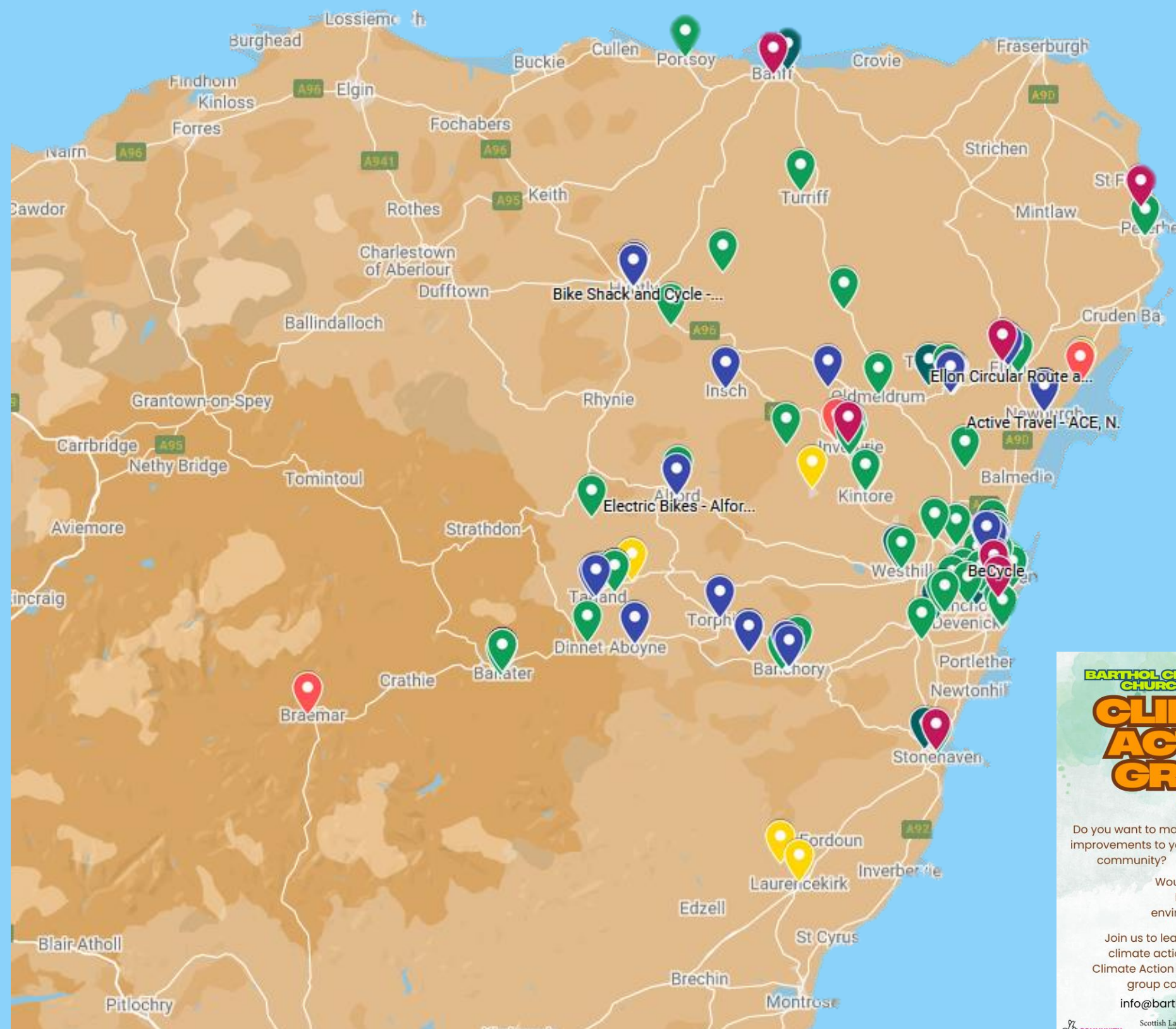




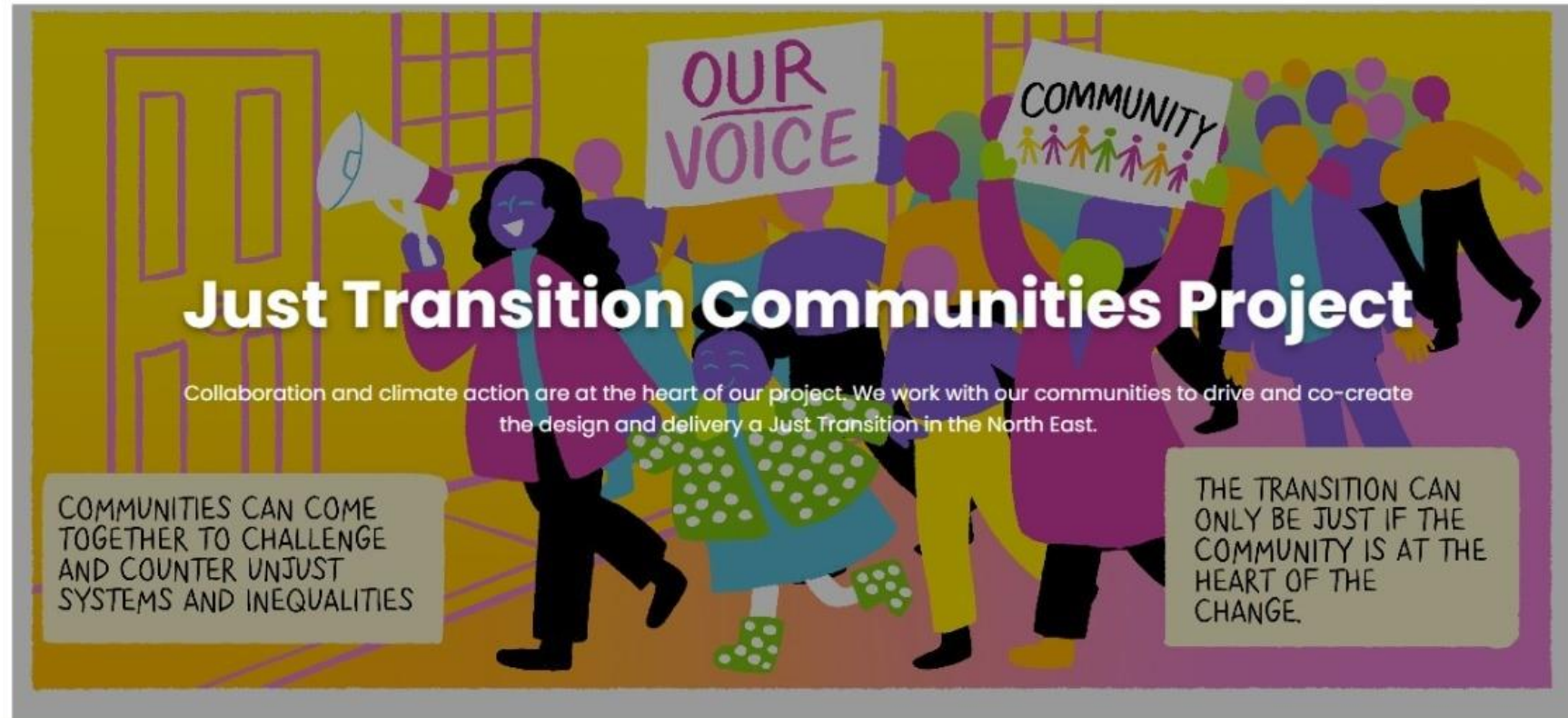




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## Our Resources

### Buildings & Energy

[District Heat Networks](#)  
[Community Energy Schemes](#)  
[Heat in Buildings](#)  
[Funding available to decarbonise community buildings](#)

### Land & Nature

[Nature, Biodiversity and Conservation](#)  
[Community Food](#)

### Organisational Development

[The Community Climate Adaptation Routemap](#)  
[How to Create a Community Organisation](#)

### Activism & Justice

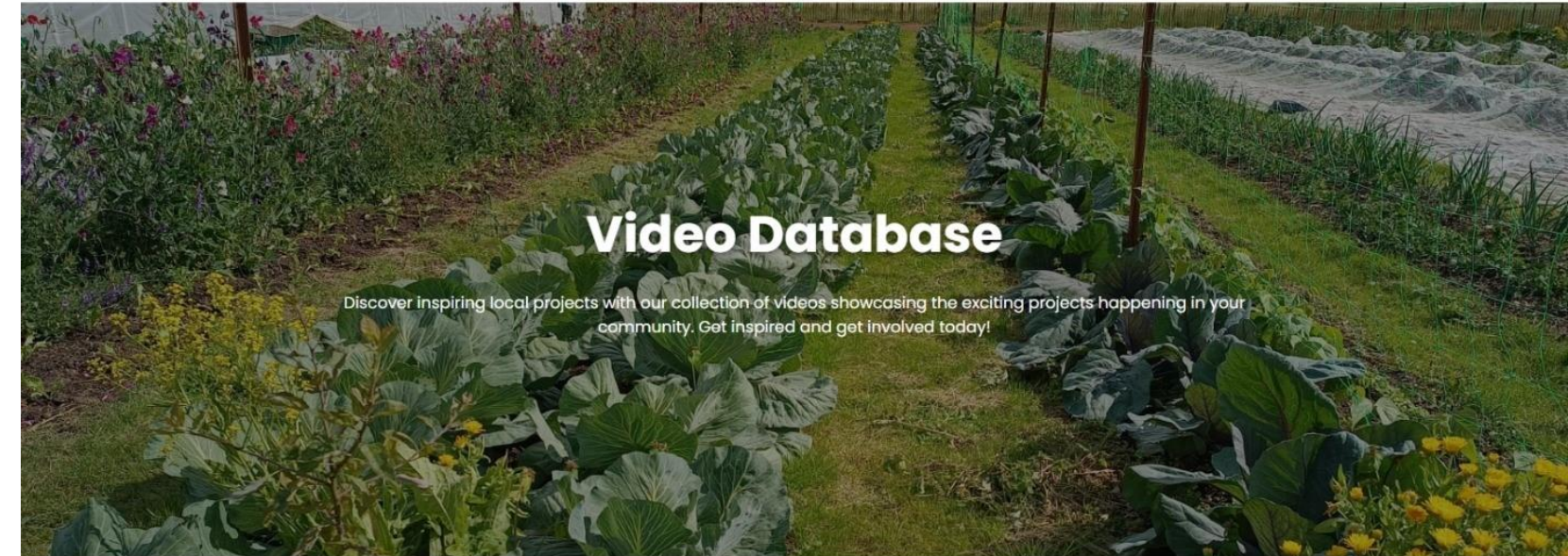
[Strategies for Effective Campaigns, Advocacy and Influence](#)

### Circular Economy

[A Guide to Community Circular Economy Initiatives](#)

### Climate Literacy

[Climate Change: Causes, Effects, and Pathways to Climate Literacy](#)



## Video Database

Discover inspiring local projects with our collection of videos showcasing the exciting projects happening in your community. Get inspired and get involved today!

### How to use the NESCAN Hub Video Database

We have compiled this video database to help you easily discover ongoing community projects in the North East and to help inspire you to take action of your own. Scroll through the sections, or use the below categories to jump to specific areas.

[Activism & Justice](#)
[Buildings & Energy](#)
[Land & Nature](#)
[Education & Awareness](#)
[Circular Economy](#)
[Transportation](#)

#### LAND & NATURE



### Tree Planting

Explore this video to discover the innovative tree planting initiatives led by members of Udney Climate Action, Action for Climate Environment (ACE) Newburgh, and Deeside Climate Action Network (CAN).



### Biodiversity

Watch this video to know about various biodiversity initiatives of Friends of St. Fittick's Park, Udney Climate Action, Action for Climate Environment (ACE) Newburgh, and Deeside CAN.



### Cromar Food Waste Project Tarland Food Bank

The representatives from Cromar Food Waste Project – Tarland Foodbank formed in alliance between local climate action group Tarland Climate Crisis Group and Tarland Development Group, talk about how the foodbank works tackling issues of food waste, how it brings people together creating a positive change and the impact on the community.



# Community Events

Come together for a light supper and a relaxed chat about Udny

## Mapping the Change

*Udny is a community making a real difference. Join us for an exciting session as we map the powerful impact local residents have had in shaping positive change in the area. This is your chance to contribute to a project that highlights the strength of our community, volunteers, and groups, showcasing how small actions lead to big transformations. Be part of the conversation and help us tell the story of Udny's incredible impact!*

16th April 6pm-9pm  
Medan Centre

Let us know you are coming  
(so we can order the right amount  
of food):  
<https://shorturl.at/tvLqX>



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Research Centre

Udny Community Trust  
Company Limited

UDNY CLIMATE  
ACTION



## Let's Talk Reuse

**working together – honest  
conversations – difficult  
challenges – practical solutions**

*Change is underway in the reuse sector, and its impact will be far-reaching. Join us to share your experiences and ideas on how we can adapt and support one another, working together to help people and the planet.*

**Date and Time:** 23rd April 2025  
10.30am-1.30pm

**Where:** Stella's Voice, Faith Acres, Inverugie,  
Peterhead. AB42 3DQ

**Register:** Scan the Eventbrite QR code



stella's  
voice

[www.nescan.org](http://www.nescan.org)



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## MEMBERS' GATHERING & AGM 2025

Join us in-person to connect, share ideas, and celebrate our sustainable journeys together.

- Have your say at our AGM
- Exchange ideas and learn from each other through talks
- Share thoughts & ideas at open mic
- Network with fellow members

Tea, coffee, refreshments and light lunch included

**SAT, 10 MAY, 2024 10 am – 3:30 pm**

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







# Envirolution





# A Just Transition for the Communities in the North-East of Scotland

*Building belief and strength in community voice and  
action.*

*Sharing expertise, power and creative solutions towards  
achieving a fairer greener future for all.*





# Community Assemblies



## **Past**

Woodside

Tillydrone

Seaton

Torry

## **Current Assemblies**

Kemnay

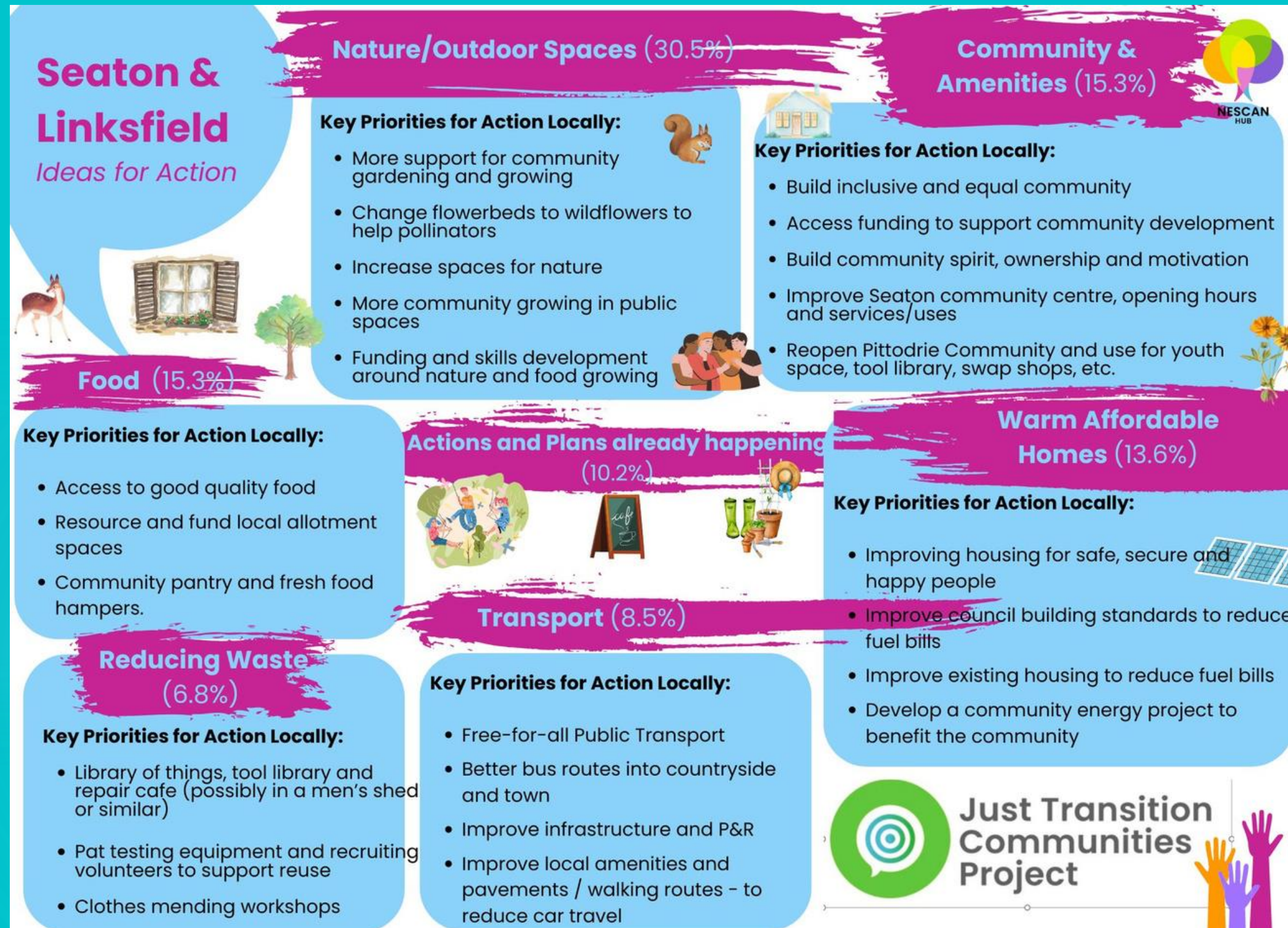
Banff & Macduff

Huntly

Banchory



# Themes and Solutions – communities sharing expertise, power and creative solutions



A “Just Transition” is an opportunity to encapsulate social justice and climate justice for people, places and communities and redress inequalities and improve life outcomes.

*“ I hear people talking about climate change – it’s all about carbon, carbon, what is carbon to me?, we want to talk about our direct reality: we don’t have a voice, we are not represented, we are not understood, we want our kids to have access to healthy food, I am a single mother I want to use a bus that is not so expensive every day when I go and pick up my children from school”*



# SEED

- Funding from Scot Gov
- Community groups & non profits with income < £50k
- Up to £500
- Aberdeen & Aberdeenshire
- Climate action & biodiversity projects

# LEAF

- Funding from Aberdeen City Council
- Community groups & Non profits with income < £200k
- Up to £3000
- Aberdeen City Only
- Natural and built environment: climate, biodiversity, greenspaces, social benefits, health and wellbeing

# NESCAN Seed Fund Priorities

- **Protect, enhance or increase local biodiversity**
- **Communities adapt and build resilience to climate change**
- **Mitigate climate change**
- **Encourage sustainability**
- **Raise awareness and promote action on climate through, education, information, publicity, campaigning**
- **reduce waste**
- **reduce energy consumption**
- **increase renewable energy sources**
- **promote active travel and public transport**



# Environmental

- Protect, enhance and increase biodiversity & nature
- Improve existing or develop new community spaces
- Help communities mitigate, adapt to and build resilience to climate change, including the use of nature-based solutions

# LEAF

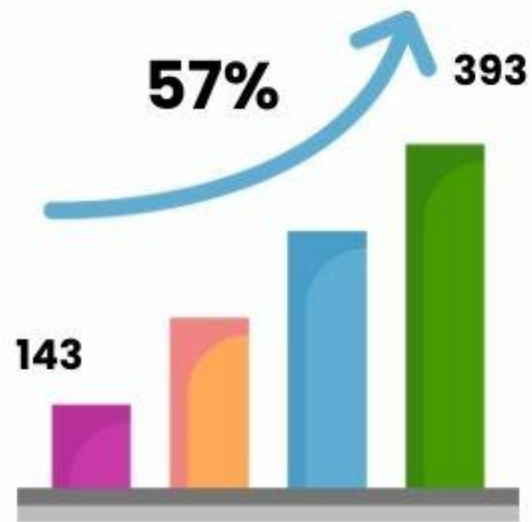
# Social

- Mental, physical, or emotional health and wellbeing
- Community priorities and needs
- Equity, inclusion, and diversity
- Marginalised, minority or disadvantaged communities
- Building skills and capacity
- Collaborative working
- The long-term viability of your organisation and initiative
- Community engagement and decision-making in relation to place

# NESCAN Funding Sustainability

- **Best value for purchases including longevity, sustainability, and support for local businesses**
- **Physical goods and products should be recycled, second-hand or reusable where possible**
- **There should be a plan as to how they will be disposed of after their use**
- **Trees, plants, and seeds should be native, responsibly and locally sourced where possible**

## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



**393 members**

## COMMUNITY IMPACT



**84** events



**3551** attendees

## SUPPORT & ADVICE



Supported **120+** groups with funding information and advice



Supported **182** groups and projects with community climate action advice

## RESOURCES



**21** new resources added to NESCAN Hub website



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aberdeen

**10** partner organisations  
**1000+** people attended

## FUNDING



**SEED FUND**

Funded **47** projects

## DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND EQUALITY



- Depth in capacity building & visioning with minority and youth groups
- Project development and funding support to **12** 'diverse' groups, 10 successful in accessing **JTPB Fund**



**JUSTTRANSITION**  
PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

Co-ran £1,000,000 JTPB Fund supporting community groups in project development, applications and voting



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# We'd love to hear from you



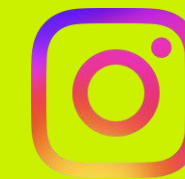
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