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LINK News

Notes on the [LINK Liaison Meeting with Ministers](#) on 27 February are available on the website. There will be further dialogue on SRDP, 3% year on year reduction target and wood fuel issues, and the agendas for future meetings remains fairly open. Would you please flag up any involvement to date in the rounds of meetings on Scotland's energy strategy (see point 2 in the note).

Ministers' Summer Tour - if you can bring together gatherings of 100-150 people outside the central belt and put on a cooperative showcase of your work, then Richard Lochhead and Mike Russell are willing to attend. Liaise with [Gabby Pieracinni](#).

Notes on the [LINK Liaison Meeting with CoSLA](#) on 6 March are available on the LINK website. Action Points include: LINK members are welcome to submit ideas and issues to their Executive Group and to keep these coming; and representations to the CoSLA Task Groups were also welcomed.

Consultations

You can sign up to [seConsult](#), the Scottish Government weekly email alert service for new Consultations.

In addition to the Scottish Government consultations on the Proposed Climate Change Bill, Flood Risk Management and National Planning Framework 2, new consultations received are:

Scottish Government	Implementation of Aquaculture Health Directive 2006/88	13 March fiona.mclellan@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)	Revised draft guidance for meeting the charity test	7 April consultations@oscr.org.uk
DEFRA	Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report for the European	10 April
Fishing Industry Management Division	Fisheries Fund UK Operational Programme.	emma.daniels@defra.gsi.gov.uk
Economic Policy Team	See the Draft UK National Strategic Plan for the EFF	
Scottish Government	Implementing the Water Environment and water services (Scotland) Act 2003: Promoting an integrated approach	25 April joyce.carr@scotland.gov.gsi.uk
Scottish Government Public Health Directorate	Taking Forward the Government Economic Strategy (GES) Discussion Paper on Tackling Poverty, Inequality and Deprivation Contact the LINK Perth office if you wish to see the paper.	2 May 2008 mike.palmer@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Scottish Historic Environment Policy on the Marine Historic Environment

The SHEP consultation sets out proposals for **30 May** Scottish Ministers' policies for the Marine Historic Environment, and also proposals for new legislation to protect the marine historic environment in Scotland, following publication by the Department of Culture Media and Sport in March 2007 of a **White Paper, Heritage Protection for the 21st century**

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LINK Diary

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March 27 Half-year Review and Forward Planning meeting, all day, Edinburgh
Convenors/Deputies, Trustees, Member Reps

April 24 Board meeting, morning, Perth. **Trustees.**

June 26 am Board meeting. **Trustees.**

June 26 pm Board and Convenors Networking meeting. Venue TBC.

June 26 pm AGM late afternoon with buffet and guest speaker. Venue TBC.

October 23 Board meeting, morning Perth. **Trustees.**

30 Annual Review and Forward Planning, all day - probably Edinburgh
Convenors/Deputies, Trustees, Member Reps

November TBC Annual Members' Congress. Venue TBC. **All welcome and Guests.**

December 17 Festive Reception, evening, Edinburgh. **All welcome and Guests.**

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Other Seminars and Conferences		
12 March Festival Theatre, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh	UK Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP) and the Scottish Climate Change Impacts Partnership (SCCIP), hosted by SNIFFER	UKCIP08 Familiarisation Workshop - the UKCIP08 will be launched in November 2008. By attending you will also be contributing to the development of the User Guidance that will be launched along with the main UKCIP08 reports in October 2008. Marion Mulholland, Project Coordinator, SNIFFER marion@sniffer.org.uk
12th March McDonald	SCVO National Conversation	This event aims to examine how changes to the constitution will affect the voluntary sector. Bruce

Rooms, 95 McDonald Road, Edinburgh.	Seminar Event	<p>Crawford, Minister for Parliamentary Business will give the keynote speech; Stephen Maxwell, SCVO, will contribute a voluntary sector perspective; Hamish MacDonell, Political Editor of the Scotsman will give his views.</p> <p>To book a place email Jill Flye, SCVO</p>
17 March Mariott Hotel Glasgow	Society of Specialist Paralegals and University of Strathclyde	<p>Annual Conference including 'Directors' Duties for Charitable Companies' and 'Being Reviewed by OSCR'</p> <p>www.clt-scotland.co.uk</p>
19-20 March Sheraton Hotel, Edinburgh	Scottish Renewables Annual Conference	<p>How Scotland can maintain the momentum in renewables. Speaker: John Swinney MSP and Cabinet Secreary.</p> <p>www.annualconference.co.uk</p>
26 March SOAS, London	CIWEM and Environment Agency	<p>Critical Infrastructure and Flooding</p> <p>www.coastms.co.uk</p>
31 March-3 April Liverpool	International Coastal Dune Conference	<p>This event is part of the UK Dune Network, supported by Natural England</p> <p>See www.hope.ac.uk/coast</p>
3 April University of Stirling	Scottish Freshwater Group	<p>The theme is Carbon in Freshwaters Poster presentations welcomed.</p> <p>Laurence Carvalho</p>
15 April Scottish Churches House, Dunblane	SDE Annual Networking Day	<p>For anyone engaged in any aspect of Sustainable Development Education to network with fellow professionals, find out about the latest developments, share new ideas and pick up practical skills at the workshop sessions.</p> <p>The keynote presentation is by Naresh Giangrande, co-founder of Transition Town Totnes</p> <p>www.sdenetwork.org</p>
30 April-2 May Glenmore Lodge, Cairngorms National Park	Hill Land Use and Ecology Discussion Group 2008 Field Meeting	<p>'Land Use Challenges in the UK's Largest National Park'. Field discussions at the Northern Corries, Rothiemurchus, Abernethy and Glenlivet.</p> <p>To join the group or book a place, email Professor Bob Naylor, Convenor</p>
14-15 May Edinburgh	SNH Sharing Good Practice with Scottish Climate Change Impacts Partnership	<p>Adapting to Climate Change, taking action to safeguard Scotland's natural heritage.</p> <p>How to sell the climate change adaptation story.</p> <p>For more information email sgp@snh.gov.uk</p>

		or phone Tess Darwin on 01738 458559
6-8 June East Lothian	Native Woodlands Discussion Group	NWDG Annual Excursion to a number of local woods including SWT Woodhall Dean and the Pishwanton Project near Gifford. Email Alison Averis

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OTHER NEWS

SNH Health and the Natural Heritage Case Studies

Scottish Natural Heritage recently commissioned a short study to:

1. map activity in Scotland that links the natural heritage with maintaining and improving people's health and well-being
2. develop a number of case studies that illustrate how links identified in research are being applied in practice.

We want to get beyond well known projects such as BTCV's Green Gym and Paths to Health, and are looking for projects across a wide spectrum of target groups.

If you know of any activities that could be a case study subject please send a short description to **Vyv Wood-Gee**

Scott Ferguson, SNH Advisory Officer, Communities and Greenspace

Scotways Heritage Paths Project

This new two-year project hopes to identify, research and promote as many Heritage Paths across Scotland as possible. They will be promoted through publishing them in a book and website, and appropriate paths will be signposted.

Our biggest challenge is in encouraging people to help us identify routes. LINK members are welcome to engage with the project - for more information contact **Neil Ramsay**.

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Publications Received

SAC Rural Policy Centre Outlook for 2008

The first report from the Scottish Agriculture College **Rural Policy Centre** which produces research and policy briefings on the environment and rural development.



Carnegie Trust UK

Drawing on the findings of their report '**The shape of civil society to come**', this summary looks forward to what the future might hold for civil society in 2025.



Cambridge University Press **Our Changing Planet, The View from Space**

In this book, remote sensing experts, brought together by an editorial team from NASA, showcase beautiful satellite imagery together with informed essays on the science behind the images and the implications of what is shown.

