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LINK DIARY

21 October LINK Board meeting
25 October Fred Edwards Trust Launch, Playfair Library Hall, Edinburgh
18-19 Nov LINK Annual Congress and Forward Planning, Dunblane
15 Dec LINK Festive Reception, Edinburgh

LINK NEWS

Living with the Land Conference – debate Scottish Government’s recently published draft Land Use Strategy at this conference organised by LINK’s Sustainable Land Use Taskforce, on Monday 8th November, at the Scottish Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh. More information and a booking form are available on [LINK’s website](#)

LINK 2010 Members Congress - 18th November, Dunblane. This year’s theme is *Environment and the Law* and the programme will include a review of environmental legislation enacted since Devolution. For more information and to reserve your place contact [Alice](#) or see the [Members pages](#) on the LINK website.

The Fred Edwards Trust – LINK members are invited to the trust’s launch event which includes the Trust’s inaugural lecture by Professor Aubrey Manning: “*Only connect: Is a sustainable human ecology possible?*”. To reserve your place at the launch, please contact [Kate](#) by 19th October.

Invitation to meet with the EU Environment Directorate-Generale – LINK members have received an invitation via WWF UK to meet with the European Commission’s DG Environment on the 30th November in London to discuss general issues and/or problems with implementation and enforcement of EU environmental law. If you would like to take part in this meeting, please contact [Jen](#)

Joint Links seminar – a report on the Joint Link’s seminar held on 15th and 16th September is now available on the [LINK website](#). The seminar focused on and focused on the new UK coalition government, changing political landscapes, ongoing effects of recession, and EU level work. The four Link secretariats are currently reviewing the action points from the seminar and how to progress these and in what timeframe.

LINK-SEPA meeting, 18th August 2010 – Notes of this meeting are available on [LINK's website](#). Topics under discussion included state of the environment reporting; energy and climate change; Hunterston; and the Better Regulation programme.

Parliamentary

Ministerial meeting: LINK Members met with Roseanna Cunningham, Minister for Environment on 14th September 2010 and opened discussions about the general issue of pursuing sustainability in an age of austerity – further discussions will follow. Full notes of the meeting are available on the [LINK website](#)

LINK Manifesto – Finalised sections of LINK’s Rolling Manifesto are now available on the public section of [LINK’s website](#). View the sections still in draft on the [member’s section](#) of our website.

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MEMBER FOCUS

Woodland Trust - Carol Evans former director of the National Autistic Society (NAS) Scotland has been appointed as Scotland director of the Woodland Trust. Carol took up her new position on the 1st September 2010.

Safeguarding Species: a Strategy for Species Recovery – new report from the **RSPB**, identifies 100 priority bird species in need of urgent conservation over the next 5-8 years. Available to download [here](#)

Space for People: Targeting action for woodland access – an analysis from the **Woodland Trust** of the amount of accessible woodland in the UK relative to the Woodland Trust’s Access Standard, setting out targets that need to be met at a local regional and national level if everyone is to have the opportunity to access woodland within easy reach of their home. Report available [here](#)

Allotments - a Scottish ploholders guide – this guide from the Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society contains advice and information for existing ploholders and groups looking to create new allotment sites. Download a [copy](#)

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PUBLICATIONS

How well prepared is the UK for Climate Change? The first national assessment from the Committee on Climate Change Adaptation Sub-Committee of how prepared or otherwise the UK is for climate change. Read the report [here](#)

Scottish Government: Conserve and Save: Energy Efficiency Action Plan - The EEAP sets out a wide-ranging programme of activity on behaviour change, household, business and public sector energy efficiency, infrastructure, skills, and finance. Read the plan [here](#)

A Common Rural Development Policy? Report from Carnegie UK Trust which suggests that LEADER Local Action Groups have a central role to play in securing economic and social development of rural areas. Download [here](#)

Extending Permitted Development Rights for Domestic Wind Turbines and Air Source Heat Pumps: Analysis of Consultation Responses The report summarises the results of a consultation (issued on 5 February 2010 and closed on 30 April 2010) on proposals to expand the scope of permitted development (PD) for micro wind turbines (MWT) and air source heat pumps (ASHP) under classes 6G and 6H of the General Permitted Development Order (GPDO). [Read more](#)

Delivering for Scotland: The Government's Programme for Scotland 2010-2011 The Government's Programme for Scotland 2010-2011. The document sets out the legislation for the



coming year, as well as summarising the Government's key achievements and main goals for the future - both legislative and non-legislative. [Read more](#)

Scottish Government Action Plan on European Engagement – Annual Report – Available to download [here](#)

Scotland: sustainable communities in 2030 – Scotland's Futures Forum's most recent project, a scenario project looking at what sustainable communities might look like, in Scotland, in 2030. The report describes 3 scenarios for the future (i) opportunities missed (ii) opportunities taken and, (iii) opportunities uninvented. Each scenario is accompanied by a short film as well as a podcast to describe what life might be like in 2030 Scotland. You will also find all the assumptions and research which the scenarios were based upon. See the report at the [SFF website](#)

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CONSULTATIONS

Public Bodies Climate Change Duties: Putting Them into Practice - Consultation on Draft Guidance Required by Part 4 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 Consultation on draft guidance for public bodies to assist them in complying with the duties placed upon them by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009. Consultation period 20/9 - 26 /11/10 [Read more](#)

Marine Scotland Consultation on Marine Licensing for Scotland under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 Consultation on Marine Licensing for Scotland under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. Consultation period 8/09 - 1/12/10 [Read more](#)

Land Use Strategy – the consultation on the Scottish Government's draft Land Use Strategy is now open. Once finalised, this Strategy will influence a wide range of land-use decisions across Scotland. The consultation is open until **17 December 2010**. [Read more](#)

Speak Up for Rural Scotland - Speak Up for Rural Scotland is a consultation document from the Scottish Government containing a series of recommendations from the Rural Development Council. The consultation seeks views on how rural Scotland can best contribute to the nation's sustainable economic growth. If you wish to make a formal response, copies of the consultation document are available from the Speak Up Team at: Rural Communities Division, C Spur, Saughton House, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD. Alternatively you can view the document and respond online by visiting <http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/en/join-in/consultations/speak-up>

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EVENTS AND SEMINARS

Stop Climate Chaos Harvest Ceilidh, 16th October, Rudolf Steiner School, Spylaw Edinburgh. Booking details at the [Ceilidh Collective website](#)

Addressing the skills gap for a competitive new energy future, 25 October, Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre. Organised under the headline "Europe in my region" of the EU Committee of the Regions' Open Days 2010, this event will explore the needs and ways forward to develop the necessary skills base for a competitive offshore renewables industry in Scotland, and for Europe. Hosted in Aberdeen, the centre of the UK's oil and gas industry, the session will

discuss the transferability of skills between the conventional offshore energy sector and the new, renewable technologies which the city is strongly engaged in developing. Registration details [here](#)

Woodland History Conference, 27th October, Birnam Institute, Dunkeld – The theme of the conference organised by the Native Woodlands Discussion Group is *Woods as cultural and working landscapes, past and present*. Speakers include Angus Winchester and Helen McDade of JMT. For more information please visit the [NWDG website](#)

Scottish Freshwater Group meeting, 28th October, Stirling University – sponsored by the Freshwater Biological Association. Theme of the meeting will be “Connectivity across aquatic landscapes”. More information at the [CEH website](#)

Sustainable Scotland Network 9th Annual Conference, 4 November 2010, Edinburgh
A Step Change: Local Government Leadership for a Low Carbon Economy will focus on the national plan for addressing climate change (Climate Change Scotland Act, Public Bodies Duty, Low Carbon Economy Strategy, and Report on Proposals and Policies especially), as well as highlighting the opportunities that climate change action presents for Scotland's economy, businesses and communities. Full details are available on the conference [website](#).

Cycling Scotland Annual Conference, 5th November, Edinburgh City Chambers - This year's conference will be based around three themes: cycling strategy and policy; cycling events and participation; active living and cycling. Keynote speakers include David Middleton, Chief Executive of Transport Scotland and Marshall Poulton, Head of Transport for City of Edinburgh Council. Register at the [Cycling Scotland website](#)

Connecting Social Innovation 2010 (cosi10), 6-7th November, Melting Pot, Edinburgh – a global collaborative event for social innovators and social entrepreneurs who are committed to changing our world sustainably. More info [here](#)

Central Scotland Green Network Event, 10th November, Edinburgh – hosted by the Minister for Environment, Roseanna Cunningham. An event for senior personnel in NGOs who have an interest in the delivery of the CSGN. LINK President, Helen Zealley, will be speaking at the event. If you would like to attend, please contact Christine Kelly at the CSGN Support Unit on 01501 824770 or by email to Christine.Kelly@centralscotlandgreennetwork.org

UK Biodiversity Partnership Conference, 23-24th November, Stirling, organised by the Scottish Government. An early opportunity for the UK biodiversity partnership to discuss their response to new UN and EU targets for biodiversity which are now moving from a primary focus on preventing loss of species to an equal focus on ecosystem services. More details of the conference [here](#)

Freedom of Information: the case for openness and transparency, Holyrood conference 15th December, Sheraton Hotel, Edinburgh – speakers include Lord Tom McNally, Minister of State for Justice, UK Government, and Kevin Dunion, Scottish Information Commissioner. Book [here](#)

Reorganising Government: Merger, Restructure or Reform?, 6th December, QEII Conference Centre, London - this conference will aim to initiate a debate about public sector restructuring and to also provide a forum for specialists to share their knowledge and experience with all delegates. More details and registration information [here](#)



IUCN (LINK is a member International Union for Conservation of Nature)

IUCN documents received by LINK. For copies of any documents which aren't linked directly, please contact [Kate](#)

[IUCN Species Survival Commission Newsletter](#)

[IUCN Environmental Law Centre \(ELC\) "Rights-based approach to conservation" web portal](#)

[IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy \(CEESP\) newsletter](#)

[IUCN Commission on Environmental Law Newsletter](#)

[IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas \(WCPA\) newsletter](#)

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OTHER NEWS

More money for Community Wildlife - SNH has teamed up with the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) to double the money available to Scottish groups to improve and protect the natural environment through BIG's Community Wildlife funding scheme. The deadline for application is 24 November 2010. For more information on the scheme, or to apply, visit the [Big Lottery Fund website](#) and download an application form or call 0845 367 0610 for an application form to be posted out.

The **Daily Mirror** *Welcome to the Weekend* section is looking for environmental projects which their readers can volunteer to take part in at the weekend. Recent items have included clearing a river, mending fences and collecting litter at the beach. If your organisation has an environmental project that you would like to be included in this section, please contact [Adrian Monti](#) with a brief description by the 29th October.

The **Scottish Government Go Greener Campaign** is looking for environmental news and information for the News section on their [Go Greener](#) website. Organisations can send in details of upcoming events, other developments, publications etc, in short, anything which will be relevant and of interest to their site users. If you have items that you would like to see included, please contact Gillian.Stuart@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Stop Climate Chaos Scotland is calling on political parties to ensure that climate change is a priority in their manifestos for the Scottish Parliamentary elections next year. Over 300 people have emailed the party leaders in this last week about this. Can you help? Send an email to party leaders today via the SCCS email action: www.stopclimatechaos.org/scottish-election-action SCCS is also organising the **Big Climate Connection**, a mass lobby of MPs by organisations and individuals scheduled for the 5th and 6th November. For more information on the lobby go [here](#)

UK Climate Change Risk Assessment - The CCRA will draw together evidence and analysis which will enable all UK Administrations to understand the level of risk (including opportunities as well as threats) posed by climate change for the UK, where risk is a consideration of the likelihood of an impact and the magnitude of the consequences; compare the risks posed by a changing climate with other pressures on the Government; prioritise adaptation policy; assess the costs and benefits of adaptation actions. To register your interest please visit [Defra's website](#)

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VACANCIES

Marine Policy and Advocacy Officer - LINK is recruiting a Marine Policy and Advocacy Officer to work with LINK's Marine Taskforce on the robust implementation of marine legislation in Scottish seas. Salary c. £24,000, contract, fixed term – 32 months. For more information please see our [vacancies page](#)

RSPB Scotland is recruiting a **Land Use Policy assistant**, to collect evidence to assess the performance of the current Scotland Rural Development Programme. Fixed term 6 month contract, salary £16-18,000, closing date 29th October. For an application pack, see [RSPB's website](#).

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If you would like to see news, information or upcoming events from your organisation featured in LINK's monthly bulletin, please contact [Kate](#) at Scottish Environment LINK.

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