



LINK eBulletin - September 2010

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LINK DIARY

15-16 Sept Joint Links Seminar, University of Chester
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

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LINK NEWS

Wildlife and Natural Environment Bill – LINK's evidence submitted to the Rural Affairs and Environment Committee on Stage 1 of the Bill and signed by seventeen LINK members, is available [here](#)

The **Single Outcome Agreement Taskforce** have commissioned an audit of SOAs from Tim Maiden at CAG Consulting.

The **Sustainable Land Use Strategy Taskforce** has produced ten case studies demonstrating multifunctional land use, available [here](#), which will be presented at LINK's [Living with the Land Conference](#) on 8th November in Edinburgh. For more information please contact [Vicki Swales](#)

We are very pleased to welcome **Scottish Badgers** as new members of LINK. Steve Jackson will be representing the organisation within the network.

LINK 2010 Members Congress - 18th November in Dunblane. Draft programme and booking form available [here](#)

LINK 2010 Strategic Planning Day 19th November - LINK Taskforces have been asked to submit their forward plans for November 2011 to March 2012, and LINK members have been asked for their annual priorities for 2011, which will be presented at LINK's Strategic Planning Day and will inform LINK's 2011 Operating Plan.

The Fred Edwards Trust – work continues on planning for the Trust's launch event at the Playfair Library Hall in Edinburgh on the 25th October where Aubrey Manning will be giving the address "*Only connect: Is a sustainable human ecology possible?*". The Trust is also planning to establish a peer to peer Action Learning mentoring programme based on the four principles which underpinned Fred's activism: social justice, ecological integrity, economic literacy and a global world view. For an invitation to the launch event or for more information on the Action Learning programme please contact [Kate](#)

Biodiversity Taskforce – Rob Thomas of RZSS is the new convenor of the BTF, Craig McAdam of Buglife remains the depute.



Parliamentary

LINK's Election Planning meeting, 5th October, Friends of the Earth, Rose Street, Edinburgh. Planning for the 2011 Scottish Parliamentary elections, including manifesto work, party conference plans/strategy, campaigns and hustings. If you would like to attend, please contact [Susan](#)

In August Andy Myles attended the 9th **CIVICUS World Assembly** in Montreal. The theme of the Assembly was "Seeking out solutions: Economic Justice". He spoke up on behalf of the environment and LINK's interests. A full report will be available on LINK's website shortly.

Manifesto - Latest sections in the LINK Manifesto are Agriculture, Housing, RBM, Schools, Environmental Justice, Roads and Climate Adaptation. View the draft Manifesto [here](#), please pass your comments to [Andy](#)

Independent Budget Review – LINK's paper on budget cuts and the environment has been sent to the Minister for the Environment and a small LINK delegation is due to meet her on 14th September to discuss. The next LINK ministerial meeting will be on 19th January where we also hope to meet with the Cabinet Secretary.

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MEMBER FOCUS

The final report on the Strategic Review on the **National Trust for Scotland** led by the Rt Hon George Reid is now available to read online [here](#)

Living Streets Creating Healthy Environments Conference, 28th September, Edinburgh. On the day the new Scottish Health Survey 2009 results are published, Living Streets is hosting a conference in Edinburgh to bring together great ideas and practical action on how our built environment affects people's health. Join keynote speaker Dr Harry Burns, Chief Medical Officer for Scotland in identifying ways that the health, environment, transport and planning sectors can work together to create better, healthier communities. For more information and to book visit www.livingstreets.org.uk/healthy

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PUBLICATIONS

The Special Qualities of National Scenic Areas, SNH Commissioned report No. 374, One copy is available from the LINK office. Contact [Kate](#)

Scottish Household Survey 2009 - a survey of households across the whole of Scotland, and is designed to provide information on the composition, characteristics and behaviour of Scottish households and individuals on a range of issues, both nationally and at a sub-national level. Download [here](#)

Zero Waste Scotland's 2010/11 Operating Plan is now available for download at their [website](#)

Great Outdoors: How our Natural Health Service Uses Green Space to Improve Wellbeing – a Faculty of Public Health report in association with Natural England. Download [here](#)



Measuring progress: sustainable development indicators 2010, Defra publication.

Download [here](#)

The Highland Council's **Highland Coastal Development Strategy**, has been published on the council's website [here](#)

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CONSULTATIONS

Speak up for Rural Scotland – Scottish Government Consultation. End date 25th October 2010. More information [here](#)

Consultation on the marine licensing regime under the Marine (Scotland) Act and the UK Marine and Coastal Access Act This consultation seeks views on the new marine licensing regime which we wish to create through secondary legislation or existing provisions within the Acts. End date 24th November. More information [here](#)

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EVENTS AND SEMINARS

Food Standards Agency Open Board Meeting – Wednesday 15th September, Aberdeen Douglas Hotel, Market Street, Aberdeen, 9.00am onwards. More information [here](#)

SSDF Autumn Conference Challenges for the Green Economy: Shaping the UN Earth Summit 2012, 21st September, Radisson Blu Hotel, Edinburgh - How can Scotland's experience of local green economies inform global policy discussions on sustainable development? More information [here](#)

Hard Rain Documentary Presentation, 22nd September, 14.00-15.45 at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh. The Scottish Government is hosting a free seminar on 'Hard Rain', the internationally renowned documentary presentation project. The seminar will be led by the developer of the project - environmental photographer Mark Edwards. Places are limited, so please register your interest before 15th September with Jonathan Waite, Environment Social Research, Rural & Environment Analytical Services, Tel: 0131 244 0093. More info on the Hard Rain project [here](#)

EU Rural Cooperation Fair 23rd – 24th September 2010, Murrayfield, organised by the Scottish Natural Rural Network in partnership with the European Network for Rural Development. Keynote speech by Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment. Register [here](#)

The Big Event 29th September, Edinburgh – the Centre for Scottish Public Policy's All-Party-No-Party Conference. More information and booking details [here](#)

Scottish Government Review of the Effectiveness of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) within Scotland stakeholder workshops, 29th September Inverness, 4th October Glasgow, 8th October Edinburgh. These workshops will also be used as an opportunity for practitioners to contribute to the review of the SEA Tool Kit. If you would like to take part please email SEA.Gateway@scotland.gsi.gov.uk



Sustainable Flood Risk Management 2010, 5th October, Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow. Holyrood conference. More information and registration details [here](#)

Human Rights NGO Forum, 7th October, Edinburgh - Campaigners, activists, charities and voluntary sector organisations are encouraged to apply for a place to join the debate and discussion at the event. The Forum is being organised by a Steering Group that includes the Office of the High Commission for Human Rights and the Scottish Human Rights Commission. More information [here](#)

The Green Blue Conference 2010, 9th October, Glasgow – an event for marine and inland waterways, businesses, clubs, marinas, and RYA instructors to learn more about the environment and how to improve efficiency. For more information or to book please contact sarah.brown@thegreenblue.org.uk

SCVO Bank Training Day - RBS Conference Suite, Gogarburn, Edinburgh, Friday 8th October with Peter Ibbetson, Chairman of Business Banking at RBS. How do you make a successful finance application in the current climate? What do banks really mean when they talk about credit control and risk? What about the particular challenges which Unincorporated Associations or Trusts face? To reserve a space, contact FSB on 0141 221 0775 or email: scotland.policy@fsb.org.uk

SSDF Fostering Sustainable Behaviour Workshop, 25th October, the Albert Hall, Stirling. This one day workshop provides a comprehensive introduction to community-based social marketing and how it is being applied throughout the world to foster sustainable behaviour. To book your place register [here](#)

Environmental and Clean Technologies: Scotland's Green Revolution – Holyrood Conference, 26th October, Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh. Keynote Speakers Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Mark Johnson, Innosight. More information [here](#)

Sustainable Scotland Network Annual Conference 2010 – 4th November, Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh. Keynote speakers include John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary, Finance and Sustainable Growth and Lady Susan Rice, Managing Director of Lloyds Banking Group, Scotland. Download conference brochure [here](#)

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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 Global Sustainable Tourism Council draft manual review

[IUCN Science Bulletin – August 2010](#)

Highlights of the July 2010 Report of the Director General Commission on Education and Communication (CEC) Newsletter

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OTHER NEWS

Biodiversity Toolkit Pilot Website – the Association of Local Government Ecologists (ALGE) is in the process of creating a new online resource aimed at helping users incorporate biodiversity into the planning system and into new development. The pilot version will run until 10th September, view it online [here](#)

Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowships 2011 – Travelling Fellowships give the time and space, with full financial support, to learn, reflect and develop in your chosen field, returning revitalised and with renewed enthusiasm for your subject. Categories include Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Citizen and Civil Society plus an open category. Closing date October 2010. More information [here](#)

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VACANCIES

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust which is responsible for managing the community owned island of Gigha is looking for an Assistant Manager, Estate Maintenance to work with the Gigha community to build upon the excellent work to date and ensure sustainable development into the future. For an application pack please contact admin@gigha.org.uk or download from www.gigha.org.uk/recruitment Tel: 01583 505390 Salary £22,000 per annum, 35 hours per week worked flexibly **Closing Date – 12 noon, 15th September 2010**

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