



## LINK eBulletin - July 2010

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### LINK DIARY

**13 July** LINK Advocacy Training, Melting Pot, Edinburgh  
**15-16 Sept** Joint Links Seminar, University of Chester  
**21 October** LINK Board meeting  
**25 October** Fred Edwards Trust Launch, Edinburgh  
**18-19 Nov** LINK Annual Congress and Forward Planning  
**15 Dec** LINK Festive Reception, Edinburgh

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### LINK NEWS

**Avoiding Conflicts in the Marine Environment** – The report was launched by Duncan McLaren (FOES), and Sarah Dolman (WDCS) to an audience of LINK members, renewables industry and government agency representatives at a very successful meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June at the Scottish Book Trust. The event was hosted by Bill Wilson MSP, and useful discussions took place both in the Q&A session and on the fringes.

**Changes to LINK Board:** At the LINK AGM on 22 June, Deborah Long of Plantlife succeeded Ian McCall as the LINK Chair, and Dan Barlow of WWFS succeeded Deborah as Vice Chair. David Downie stepped down as Treasurer and Paul Ritchie of Scottish Wildlife Trust now takes up that position. Helen Todd of Ramblers was voted on to the Board. A warm thanks to Ian and David for all their work on the LINK Board.

**LINK's Annual Report and Accounts** are now available to read on the LINK website [here](#)

**LINK Memorandum and Articles** – the latest version of LINK's Memorandum and Articles approved at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting are available [here](#)

**Draft Minutes from LINK's Board Meeting held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>** are available [here](#)

**Draft Minutes from LINK's Annual General Meeting held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>** are available [here](#)

**Notes of LINK's June 22<sup>nd</sup> Networking Meeting** are available on the website [here](#)

### Parliamentary

**Advocacy Training**, There are still places available at LINK's Advocacy Training day on 13th July, at the Melting Pot, Edinburgh. Learn about how to help your organisation shape and achieve its strategy through advocacy. We will look at the role of government and the Scottish Parliament and how best to interact with them. Contact [Andy](#) or [Susan](#) at LINK's Parliamentary Office for more details.



**Manifesto** – consultation drafts of subsections of the LINK rolling policy manifesto have begun to appear on the [members section](#) of the website. Each will go through a formal process of approval before being transferred to the public part of the website. Any amendments, additions, corrections, or objections can be sent to [Andy Myles](#).

**Scottish Environment Week** – The theme that has emerged for Scottish Environment Week 2011 is *Active Citizens for the Environment*. A provisional programme has been drawn up for the first week in March and members will hear from the Parliamentary Officer as the programme is developed.

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## MEMBER FOCUS

**John Muir Trust** - as part of the [Wild Land Campaign](#) JMT has launched two petitions to call on the United Kingdom and Scottish Parliaments to provide greater protection for the last remaining areas of wild land. This will be through designation in Scotland, and through extending and creating national park areas in the rest of the UK. Sign the petitions [here](#)

**Living Streets** are hosting a one day conference, **Working Together to Create Healthy Environments : health enhancing built environments** on 28 September at the Surgeons Hall in Edinburgh. The conference will explore the relationship between health and the built environment and will look at how health can be better considered in within land use and transportation planning decisions. More information [here](#)

**Sustrans** - Earlier this year Sustrans Scotland collaborated with Stirling University researchers for this rapid research review for NHS Health Scotland entitled **“Community, school and workplace initiatives to encourage individuals to use the outdoor environment for physical activity”** The report collects together the international research evidence from the last 10 years on what gets people physically active in the 3 settings; community, school and workplace and looks at both the peer-reviewed and “grey” literature. To access the full report (118 pages) please go [here](#)

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## PUBLICATIONS

**The Economic Impact of Wildlife Tourism in Scotland** Scottish government research providing a current assessment of the economic impact of wildlife tourism in Scotland and an insight into the key trends affecting Scotland's wildlife tourism industry. Download [here](#)

**Getting There: a sustainable transport vision for Scotland** – Report from the Sustainable Development Commission. The Commission calls for radical action to reduce the demand for motorised transport and create a transport system which delivers on the aims of improving journey times and connections, reducing emissions and improving quality, accessibility and affordability. [Download](#)

**Deer Count Report**, East and West Grampian, January March 2010: Deer Commission for Scotland. Download [here](#)

**Pack Enquiry, Short Term Recommendations:** Download [here](#)



**Energising Communities: Learning from Area-Based Energy Efficiency Projects in Scotland**, a report from the Scottish Consumer Council is available to download [here](#)

**Scottish Social Attitudes Survey 2009: Sustainable Places and Greenspace** Scottish Government report – download [here](#)

**Scotland's Environmental and Rural Services [SEARS]: Customer Perspectives and Experiences 2010** Scottish Government Report available [here](#)

**Identifying the historic environment in Scotland's forest and Woodlands**, Forestry Commission Practice Guide. Authors Matthew Ritchie and Jonathan Wordsworth. Email [publications@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:publications@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)

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## CONSULTATIONS

**Scottish Government 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. Contact:

[veronica.smith@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:veronica.smith@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

**Start date 01/07/2010 - End date 30/09/2010**

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## EVENTS AND SEMINARS

**Bringing People and Biodiversity Together**, SNH Scottish Biodiversity Forum Conference 2010, 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August 2010 Strathclyde University. The conference aims to make the connection between ecosystems and 'cultural services' such as improving the quality of our lives through better places to live and work, improved health and learning. The conference is aimed at biodiversity practitioners, researchers, educationalists, Local Authority staff, and health experts. To register, please use their [Doodle page](#).

**BEFS CONGRESS: Special Places – Special Relationships**, 2nd September 2010, The Roxburghe Hotel, 38 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh. The congress will explore the relationship between people and place by showcasing projects and initiatives with plenty of community participation. We will draw linkages between what is happening on the ground and the Government's national outcome for sustainable places. There will be keynote addresses from Ruth Parsons, Chief Executive, Historic Scotland and Sandy Robinson, Principal Architect, Directorate of the Built Environment. Book your place [here](#) (last booking date is 12<sup>th</sup> August).

**Sustainable Flood Risk Management 2010**, 5<sup>th</sup> October, Glasgow. Holyrood magazine is holding its annual conference on Flood Risk Management (FRM) to coincide with the implementation process of the FRM (Scotland) Act. The conference will be opened by Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Minister for Environment, who will provide an outline of where the Government is at in progressing the Implementation of the Act in Scotland. More information [here](#)

**Institute of Fundraising 2010 Scottish Conference**, 26<sup>th</sup> October Glasgow. Keynote speakers are Tony Elischer of THINK Consulting Solutions and Alan Clayton of Clayton Burnett Associates. More information at [www.scottishconference.org.uk](http://www.scottishconference.org.uk)



**Local Government Leadership for a Low Carbon Economy:** SSN Conference 2010, 4<sup>th</sup> November, Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh. Speakers include John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth; Lady Susan Rice, Managing Director of Lloyds Banking Group Scotland; Cllr Alison Hay, COSLA Regeneration & Sustainability Spokesperson. The conference will provide delegates with the latest information on Scotland's national plan for addressing climate change, and will highlight opportunities that climate change action presents for Scotland's economy, businesses and communities. More details [here](#)

**UK Landscape Conference**, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November, Liverpool. 2010. The aim of the conference is celebration of UK landscapes and the promotion of the principles of the European Landscape Convention. Contributors to the [programme](#) will include landscape practitioners and academics from the UK and beyond and will be heavily [case study](#) led. The 2010 [UK Landscape Award](#) winners will be announced at the conference. Register [here](#)

**Scottish Third Sector Research Conference 2010** – SCVO have issued a call for papers for this conference on December 3rd. If you would like to present a paper, please email a 300 word proposal and a short biographical note to [research@scvo.org.uk](mailto:research@scvo.org.uk) by Monday 13th September.

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

**ComPEAT:** The IUCN UK Peatland Programme announces a competition for the most inspiring Communication of a Peatland Issue. The competition is being held in the run up to the IUCN UK Conference '[Investing in Peatlands – the Climate Challenge](#)' on 28-29 Sep 2010 in Durham. Deadline for submissions: 1 September 2010. The first prize is the opportunity to spend a day with the [2020 Vision](#) Photo Team documenting a peatland issue. More details [here](#)

**VIth IUCN World Park Congress 2014 Survey** The IUCN World Parks Congress is a landmark global forum held every ten years for setting the global agenda for protected areas. The five previous IUCN - WPCs have provided essential policy and technical guidance on protected areas planning and management leading to the evolution and maturation of protected area movement worldwide. IUCN Global Protected Area Programme (GPAP) and IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) are seeking input from interested parties on the objectives, theme, and content of the VIth IUCN World Parks Congress to be held in 2014. The survey will be open until 31<sup>st</sup> August – take part in it [here](#)

**Accessing European Funding: A reference guide to finance nature conservation projects.** Download [here](#)

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### **OTHER NEWS**

**Scottish Green Awards:** The Daily Record, together with sponsors Scottish Power, are organising the 2010 Scottish Green Awards which will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> September. The event will celebrate the achievements and initiatives of both corporate and individuals in reducing carbon emissions. Award categories include Best Green SME, Best Green Public Service or Public Sector Provision and Best Green PR Campaign. Nominations form [here](#)



**Scotland's Wild Landscapes – New Ways Forward:** interviews with the speakers and delegates from this conference organised by the Centre for Mountain Studies in May, are available [here](#).

**Scottish Parliament Land Reform Act:** the Scottish Parliament's Rural Affairs and Environment Committee has commissioned research into how the Land Reform Act is working. The researchers are gathering the views of community land groups on the "community right to buy" and "crofting community right to buy" provisions in the Act. They want to hear from groups that have used the Act, or tried to – *and* those who have purchased land without using it. If you would like to participate in the survey but have not received an invitation, please contact Tim Brauholtz-Speight at [tim.brauholtz-speight@inverness.uhi.ac.uk](mailto:tim.brauholtz-speight@inverness.uhi.ac.uk). The closing date of the survey is 9<sup>th</sup> July.

**UK Landscape Awards 2010** are looking for the best landscape projects in the UK to show the power of landscape to benefit the communities of which they are a part. The UK Landscape Award was created by the [European Landscape Convention](#) and helps to implement it in the UK. The winner will become the UK's entry to the [Landscape Award of the Council of Europe \(COE\)](#) which will be decided by the COE in March 2011. More information [here](#). The closing date for entries is 27<sup>th</sup> August.

**Central Scotland Green Network Development Fund 2010-11.** Funding is still available. The Scottish Government's second National Planning Framework (NPF2) designates the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) as one of only 14 National Developments. The CSGN is intended to deliver "a step change in environmental quality, woodland cover and recreational opportunities", to make Central Scotland "a more attractive place to live and do business, help to absorb CO<sub>2</sub>, enhance biodiversity, and promote healthier, more active lifestyles". Apply [here](#)

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## VACANCIES

**Project Coordinator, Putting Nature on the Map Project, IUCN UK** – The IUCN UK committee is leading a UK-wide exercise to identify the places that meet the IUCN definition of a 'protected' area and assign management categories to all sites in light of IUCN guidelines. The central task of the Project Co-ordinator will be to work with the IUCN-UK to draw up a revised list of protected areas, compiled according to the new IUCN guidelines and categories. The task is to be completed within one year (September 2010 – September 2011) on a part-time basis. A total fee of £16,000 is available – 25% to be paid on signing the contract and the remainder on deliverables. This fee includes travel expenses and office expenses. Applications should be submitted by email to the IUCN UK Secretariat ([IUCN@rzss.org.uk](mailto:IUCN@rzss.org.uk)) by July 15<sup>th</sup>. [Job Profile](#).

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## LINK CROSS CUTTING DELEGATE NEWS

**SCVO** are conducting a full survey of their work with voluntary organisations. LINK will be responding to this survey. Any LINK member with views on the performance of SCVO whether they are members of the organisation or not, is welcome to send feedback to [Jen](#) or [Andy](#).

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