

News Release

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ACTING LOCALLY launched

The Scottish Environment LINK Manifesto for the Scottish Council Elections, 2012

LINK today launched their manifesto document for next year's local government elections – the first part of the civic sector to do so.

The document, *Acting Locally*, is designed to assist politicians at all levels ensure that environmental matters are at the heart of their manifestos for the elections to Scotland's Councils in May 2012.

Speaking at the launch, Maggie Keegan, Convener of LINK's Local Governance Task Force said: **"It can't be stressed enough how important Councils are in delivering a decent environment for local communities. We want to help them do this as easily and as well as possible. This manifesto is brimming with ideas to improve the present and to prevent future problems."**

Helen Zealley, President of LINK, added: **"The best way to enhance our environment is for communities of place and communities of interest to work together. This manifesto is about achieving that and accordingly, covers the whole range of social, economic and environmental issues that can be enhanced at Council level. We very much hope that our politicians will respond to our offer of help in a cooperative way."**

Acting Locally was published online on the LINK website at:

<http://www.scotlink.org/files/publication/LINKReports/LINKActingLocally2012.pdf>

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Editors' Notes

- (1) Scottish Environment LINK is the network for Scotland's voluntary sector environmental organisations. LINK has over 30 member organisations spanning interests across the natural environment and associated cultural heritage and supported by around 500,000 people. Further information on LINK is available at www.scotlink.org

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