

The LINK Newsletter

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Campaigning Together



LINK's **everyone** campaign was launched on 30 November. Representatives from the signatory organisations gathered for speeches and media interviews. The NGO heads contributed the first footprints to what will be a

national exhibition of green footprints from supporters closer to the May elections. Campaign signatories are organising opportunities for footprint collections at their properties and events over the next few months. If you would like to support the campaign, remember to send in your footprint, and you can get involved in other ways. For those with less access to the website we can provide leaflets promoting the campaign, with space for people to paint or colour in their footprint. Please get in touch with the office if you can help distribute these. For paint phobics, a 'virtual footprint' can be submitted from <http://www.everyonecan.org/campaigns.html>

There are many other ways to support the campaign, from contacting the parties and candidates on the issues, setting up a hustings in your area, or displaying a poster. The website has links to sites to help you calculate your personal environmental footprint and tips on how to reduce it. With the environment ranking as a 'most important issue' for voters (see December's Ipsos MORI Political Monitor) it is time to make every action count.

For a list of hustings, and all the information you need to contact the parties and the candidates see <http://www.everyonecan.org/fphustings.html>. If your area is already covered, you can join forces and help with publicity and by your participation. The biggest event will be **The Big Green Debate** at the Hub, in Edinburgh on 17 April to which all LINK Supporters and Subscribers are invited. Lesley Riddoch will be in the chair. As well as quizzing the parties on their green intentions, the

evening will feature live entertainment, instant electronic voting and will be available afterwards as a podcast.

Santa, in the form of LINK Chair, John Mayhew, cycled in full costume to deliver Christmas stockings of sustainably sourced food, drink and sundry ethical goodies to a representative of each of the Holyrood parties to help prepare politicians for the campaign. An 'everyone's watching' end of term report on the Government's environmental performance over the last 4 years will be available on the website later in March.

Scottish Environment Week

LINK's third Scottish Environment Week (5-11 February) has been very successful. This year LINK has worked with a wide range of partners and sponsors to deliver a holistic programme on the theme that investing in the environment is good for the nation's health.

The Week was preceded by a public event, *Wildlife, Spectacular Species and Castles: How sustainable tourism can make the best of Scotland's Environment*, at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh which discussed how the £3.6 billion tourist industry relies on Scotland's environment and heritage. See Bob Aitken's report on the evening on page 4.

The First Minister added his support to LINK's plans by launching the Week on Monday 5 February with a speech on environmental issues. His speech focussed on what has been achieved to date, the challenges that lie ahead and his vision for a greener Scotland in the future.

The focus of the Week was the mid-week Reception at the Parliament, where around 250 representatives from the business community, MSPs, environment NGOs and community organisations were offered a mouth-watering menu made from local, organic produce. The Reception followed a meeting of the cross party

food group where Professor Tim Lang, Chair of the Review of the Scottish Diet Action Plan, recommended we take a 'whole life approach' to diet, health and sustainable development.

Sarah Boyack MSP, Deputy Environment Minister, standing in for the First Minister who was called away at short notice, welcomed everybody to the midweek Reception. During her speech she commended the messages that the **everyone** campaign is promoting. Hugh Raven, Sustainable Development Commissioner, encouraged a focus on food for thinking about how to mitigate climate change. LINK President Fred Edwards concluded the speeches with a reminder that whilst economics and politics are negotiable, the environment is not.

Events held at the Parliament during the Week looked at ways in which our environment affects our everyday lives. These included seminars on flooding – with a presentation from a victim of recent storms in the Perth area; on health – considering how green spaces in urban as well as rural areas improves our mental and physical well-being; and education – with children from local schools talking about their experience of outdoor education. There was a LINK exhibition in the Parliament during the Week and a photo exhibition about the Cairngorms National Park.

The Week was also celebrated outside Holyrood. There were opportunities for people to volunteer for beach clean-ups, to take part in recording biodiversity, to give their bike a health check, to plant trees, to learn about climate change, and participate in a symposium *Changing the Dream*. LINK's parliamentary staff also assisted several MSPs to plan visits to environmental projects in their constituencies towards the end of the Week.

LINK is grateful to everybody involved in the major collaborative effort of staging the Week. Thanks to the Ministers and MSPs who hosted the events in Parliament and took part with great enthusiasm, and to the partners and sponsors and the Parliamentary Events Team who helped to make the Week such a success. Those who contributed financially to the Week included Historic Scotland, SNH, Loch Lomond and Trossachs and the Cairngorms Park Authorities, Greenspace Scotland, Paths for Health, the Sustainable Development Commission, SEPA and Triodos Bank. See the photos from the 2007 Week on http://www.scotlink.org/LINK_action/sew2007_pictures.php

Celebrations

LINK's Christmas reception was held on 12 December for member bodies and those whom the network has worked with over the previous year. As usual it was a well-attended and enjoyable social event with brief speeches from Fred Edwards, Ministers Ross Finnie MSP and Rhona Brankin MSP, reviewing the highs and lows of 2006 and hopes for the years ahead.

2007 marks the 20th year of LINK's existence as the forum for the voluntary environment sector. The AGM on 15 June will celebrate this with a supper and a Ceilidh. LINK will be contacting members past and present as plans firm up; in the meantime, please keep the date in your diary.

Constitutional changes agreed

LINK's member bodies agreed several changes to LINK's [Memorandum and Articles](#) at an Extraordinary General Meeting in November. The new Charity Act expanded the range of charitable purposes so LINK's Board took the earliest opportunity to amend these after consulting with members during the previous 6 months.

Members also agreed to change LINK's categories of membership, to phase out the category of Associate member, which requires current Associate Members to make the transition to Full member by June 2008.

The main reason for making the change was that the Associate category, which had a much lower subscription rate attached, was proving to attract previous Full members rather than being a means of attracting new bodies towards Full membership. As the funding commitment from members is a substantial part of LINK's income, in line with our Corporate Strategy, Full members were taking the strain.

All members were concerned that smaller organisations should not be priced out of LINK membership. The Board held a meeting with members in December to discuss various options and is confident that a system which is practical to administer, and fair to all members, can be agreed for adoption from June 2008 onwards.

News and Views from Members

The next four pages contain articles from LINK member bodies and guest contributors

Banking for the Environment

William Ferguson, Triodos Bank.

The world has finally woken up to climate change. The Stern Review, a Government report into the economics of climate change, pushed the environment to the top of the political and media agenda in November 2006, where it's remained ever since. The Scottish Green Party expects to make significant gains at Holyrood in May's elections. Business has realised the power of the 'green pound', with consumers' growing appetite for socially and environmentally responsible products prompting changes at big players including Marks and Spencers and Tesco. And this week environmentalists welcomed the announcement that every secondary school pupil in Scotland will get a chance to make their own minds up about global warming by watching Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth'.

People are more aware than ever of the global issues that face us, and increasingly looking for practical steps they can take in the fight against climate change. One of the most powerful thing we can do is to use our leverage as consumers, by buying goods and services that are less harmful to our environment - like eating organic or local food; switching to renewable energy, or choosing to avoid flights and holiday in the UK.

But few realise the impact their money could make when they're not spending it – the potential of their savings. Banks use the money people save with them to lend out to others. So if you've got savings in a bank you're effectively lending them money. Most banks won't tell you what they do with it, or who they lend it to.

But there is an alternative for conscious consumers. A small but increasingly popular number of social banks are using money in a way that benefits people and the planet. Triodos Bank, for example, has developed a truly sustainable approach to money. It delivers positive change by using savers' money to exclusively finance charities and social enterprises that benefit people and the environment.

Triodos is also the only commercial bank in the UK to provide a comprehensive list of all its loans,

so savers know exactly how their money is being used.

"It's a simple but effective relationship, that links savers' money with the progressive organisations they want to flourish," explains David Cousland, Triodos Bank's Regional Manager for Scotland. "While the organisations that work with us can benefit from a specialist banking partner that shares their values."

In practical terms this translates to millions of pounds mobilised from thousands of savers in Scotland alone, with over £14 million loaned to over forty businesses and charities across the country - from small-scale renewable energy projects to the remote Knoydart community on the West Coast.

The Argyll hotel on Iona is just one example. With a sustainable approach to tourism, owners Daniel and Claire Bachelierie offer great rooms and food, providing welcome employment all year round for the local community.

"The island community and caring for the environment are equally important to us," said Clare. "We want to operate sustainably, and that means recycling, growing vegetables in the hotel's organic garden, buying locally produced food and creating jobs for the island."

Triodos Bank provided the Argyll Hotel with a long-term loan, allowing them to upgrade their facilities and plan for the future with confidence.

Encouraged by the demand for its services, last year Triodos increased its presence in Scotland, establishing an office in Edinburgh, to serve the country's growing number of enterprises with a social or environmental focus.

According to David Cousland. "We've seen a marked increase in the number of Scottish enterprises that deliver real values-led change. And now we're better placed than ever to link them to people who want their savings to work for a better world."

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Tourism & Environment Meeting

Bob Aitken, LINK Honorary Fellow

Scottish Environment Week got off to a rousing start with LINK's public meeting on sustainable tourism at the Royal Botanic Garden on the evening of Thursday 1st February. A large and lively audience heard a forthright and upbeat keynote speech from Patricia Ferguson, Tourism Minister. She was followed by wide-ranging presentations from Bill Wright of APRS, Dr Fiona Watson, Honorary Fellow in Scottish History at UHI, and Dave Sexton of RSPB's Sea Eagle Project, exploring different dimensions of the vital relationship between the Scottish environment and tourism. Under Louise Batchelor's deft chairmanship these talks combined into a rich mix of celebration, analysis and provocation.

In striving to sum up an inspiring and stimulating meeting, half-a-dozen key themes were drawn out. Perhaps the most important single point highlighted in different ways by all participants was the fundamental and inextricable link between tourism and the environment. This was far too often overlooked by the tourism industry, where a multitude of often small operators, focussed on their own activity, drew unthinkingly on what they saw as a public resource. Their failure to make the connection might be understandable; but it was less excusable in the case of VisitScotland, which LINK had found obdurate in its reluctance to engage with the environmental agenda, though that might change now that the Sustainable Tourism Unit was embedded within the agency.

We should remember that Scotland led the world in tying tourism to landscape - it was nearly 200 years since the publication of Walter Scott's *Lady of the Lake*, for which the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park was planning a major celebration in 2010. And if our environment had strongly shaped Scottish tourism, then tourism had also shaped our environment - after all, deer forest and grouse moor, such fundamental features of the rural landscape, economy and society over much of rural Scotland, are essentially the product of a specialised sector of tourism.

The speakers had given a strong sense that we are at a dynamic 'hinge' stage in the evolution of the relationship between tourism and its

environmental resource. The fiercely ambitious targets of the new national strategy for tourism should be set against the creation of the Sustainable Tourism Partnership and the recent acknowledgement by the Scottish Tourism Forum of the market advantages to be gained by a 'green' approach. The Scottish Landscape Forum, the European Landscape Convention, and the prospect of one or more Coastal and Marine National Parks were welcome developments on the resource side. However the huge pressure for renewables development with its extensive landscape impacts, and the dilemmas posed by the now manifest carbon footprint of tourist transport put undoubted strain on this 'hinge'.

The talks and discussion had illustrated a range of encouraging initiatives and models of good practice with real market and community benefits, from national to local schemes. But there were hard issues yet to be addressed, above all on transport but also in confronting issues of capacity, both physical capacity at single sites and social capacity in communities threatened by overwhelming expansion of tourism bedspaces. And we need to work on authenticity, to avoid the Brigadoon syndrome or the image of Scottish history as one long tale of strife and chaos.

A common strand latent in all the talks was the need to promote "slow tourism", a style of tourism founded on quality rather than quantity, on depth of experience rather than on superficial skimming over places and cultures, on longer stays and off-season visits - in which business tourism had a substantial role to play. Work by the Sustainable Tourism Partnership on sustainability indicators for tourism may yield practical pointers and a means of monitoring progress.

But as all our speakers had emphasised, we need a positive approach. Tourism is not just a major economic sector for post-industrial Scotland, it is a force for social good at the large scale, and life-enhancing at the personal level. We may face a major challenge in achieving a sustainable balance between tourism and the Scottish environment, but as Fiona Watson put it, all it needs is "the desire and the imagination".

Jane Herbstritt and Alex Hopkinson deserve huge credit for their efforts in setting up and running this very successful event.

Beauly-Denny Public Inquiry

Helen McDade, Policy officer, John Muir Trust

Six LINK organisations have come together under the banner of the Beauly-Denny Landscape Group to put the case for Scotland's landscapes at the Beauly-Denny Inquiry. The group is giving a voice to the 17,196 objectors who gave landscape and visual amenity concerns as their top issue. The Group will express their concerns to the Inquiry about this major infrastructure proposal which they believe is premature without a National Energy Strategy and a Strategic Environmental Assessment of energy production and transmission in the Highlands and Islands. The Public Local Inquiry investigating the Beauly to Denny 400kV Electricity Transmission Line will run from February to December at locations from Inverness to Stirling.

This project is part of the largest industrial development of the Highlands since the hydro-electric schemes of the mid-20th century, and 220km of new powerline on pylons up to 65m high - nearly as tall as the Wallace Monument in Stirling or the Scott Monument in Edinburgh - will have major implications for the incomparable landscapes of Scotland's mountainous spine.

The Group is bringing forward evidence on landscape and visual impact of the proposal; the need for the line; the economic justification for it; and whether it is sustainable development to transmit power hundreds of miles to where it's needed, with the loss of electricity and carbon emissions from infrastructure construction. The Group is also associating itself with an impressive range of technical witnesses. The members of the Group are Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland, John Muir Trust, Mountaineering Council of Scotland, National Trust for Scotland, Ramblers Association Scotland and Scottish Wild Land Group.

Can you provide expert conservation advice?

Morven Anderson, Conservation & Properties Directorate, The National Trust for Scotland

The National Trust for Scotland's Board has been reviewing the arrangements for conservation advice. Over many years a system of specialist

committees of conservation experts has advised staff on conservation policy, performance and practice. In order to bring the arrangements for providing conservation advice into line with the other changes in the governance of the Trust, a new system of Conservation Advice Panels will come into operation at the beginning of 2007. We are actively searching for conservation experts among Trust members and further afield who would like to be considered as members of these Panels. Your role would be to provide advice to staff and to the Trust's Committees on all aspects of heritage conservation including the development and review of our conservation policies and especially the care and maintenance of our substantial property portfolio. If you have conservation knowledge and expertise and are prepared to devote a few days of your time each year then we would like to hear from you or suggestions of others who might be interested.

We are looking in particular for skills and expertise on different areas of heritage knowledge and its application, conservation, restoration, management, maintenance and interpretation, and developing links with local partners in relation to:

- Archaeology, including cultural landscapes
- Architecture, including both historic and contemporary buildings
- Archives and Libraries
- Countryside and Nature Conservation
- Education and Interpretation
- Gardens and Designed Landscapes
- Interiors and Collections
- Economic Development and Communities

To register your interest, or to suggest others who might be interested, please contact Dr Peter Burman, The National Trust for Scotland, Wemyss House, 28 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, EH2 4ET, or Morven Anderson, email: manderson@nts.org.uk, tel: 0131 2439 423.

National Spring Clean Month

Valerie Carson, Campaigns officer, Keep Scotland Beautiful

There hasn't been an official Scottish litter pick for six years, but this April National Spring Clean is leaping back onto the event calendar. Keep Scotland Beautiful is now calling for volunteers to come out in force and sign up to taking part in

the nation's biggest litter pick. Fresh air and exercise are just two of the benefits of the Spring Clean but the biggest and best result will be that you, and all visitors to our country, will be able to enjoy our towns, cities, parks and countryside in all their natural glory once again.

Many groups already take part in voluntary clean-ups during the year, but Spring Clean provides an opportunity for schools, youth clubs, environmental organisations, voluntary groups, communities and businesses to play an important part in a bigger, coordinated campaign. Groups and individuals can register via the Keep Scotland Beautiful website. A free, custom-made Clean-Up Kit with all the information and materials needed to get started will then be issued.

Chief Executive of Keep Scotland Beautiful, John Summers OBE, said: 'National Spring Clean is making a welcome come back for the month of April. Not only will the involvement of the people of Scotland make a marked difference to the cleanliness and environmental standards of their neighbourhoods, but it will also help to kick start our summer tourist season by cleaning Scotland to a standard that our visitors deserve.'

See www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/springclean for details or contact Valerie Carson, email: valerie.carson@ksbscotland.org.uk tel: 01786 468242.

Sus it Out update

Jeni Mackay, Development Officer

Since Scottish Environment LINK last reported on the Future Scotland Partnership and *Sus it Out*, the *Sus it Out* project has been successful in receiving a sustainable action grant. This has enabled the employment of a development officer, the production of a tool kit, development of an educational website which is almost complete, facilitator training sessions which have been over-subscribed and sessions with community groups.

Sus it Out is a facilitated discursive tool which has been designed to help community organisations recognise the contribution they already make and how they might do more. It invites community groups to participate in a

process of awareness raising, exploration and learning about the significance and potential of a sustainable approach to development; it attempts to empower community organisations as agents of sustainable change and is intended as a medium to long-term contribution towards the creation of a culture of sustainability and not as a quick fix.

The *Sus it Out* team are currently training facilitators to deliver the *Sus it Out* sessions to grass roots organisations. Facilitators are recruited through the Future Scotland Partnership networks and are people who already work with and are connected to community groups. The *Sus it Out* tool is a complementary tool to the work that is already being carried out by the facilitators in their full time capacity.

There is a data gathering and monitoring element to the project which will aim to produce information on the sustainable development activities communities are currently involved in, and produce a baseline knowledge of the subject.

So if you are a community capacity builder or work with the community sector and would benefit from the use of a sustainable development tool within your work, or if you would like more information, please contact Development Officer Jeni Mackay, jmackay@civicforum.org.uk or call 0131 554 4012 or visit the [website](http://www.susitout.org.uk) www.susitout.org.uk

Further Information

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LINK Task Force and other news

Agriculture The task force (TF) has continued to contribute to the development of the new Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) and Land Management Contracts (LMCs), through attendance at SEERAD stakeholder groups on SRDP and LMCs and further written submissions on the detail of LMC measures. Progress with development of LMC structure in particular has been slow, although individual measures are now looking better. The TF is contributing to the development of the European Union community initiative, LEADER, for the new SRDP, through that stakeholder group.

The TF continued to contribute to the Less Favoured Areas Scotland Scheme interim scheme 2007-2010 through the stakeholder group, and further written and verbal communications with SEERAD and other partners. The TF is finding the process frustrating as there has been good progress in achieving consensus between the stakeholders, but not taken forward by SEERAD.

An open letter was sent to Ross Finnie by 6 LINK member organisations on the need to maximise the voluntary modulation mechanism to fund rural development, which was covered in the farming press and some other media. There was a positive response from SEERAD and the Minister, recognising the need for modulation to allow a rural development programme that delivers for the environment. Decisions will not be made on levels of modulation until at least the end of February.

Biodiversity Over the last 3 months, the TF has been focussed on producing the Scottish Results of the UKBAP Report. This has involved contracting a previous BTF volunteer to produce the report; editing this and producing an advocacy plan to go alongside its publication, planned for early April.

Other work has covered the ongoing changes to the UKBAP process, invasive species and input into the annual UKBAP Conference to be held in Scotland this year.

The TF has also been planning for post-election advocacy work on the 2010 target and working with LINK's delegate to the IUCN UK Committee, Mark Huxham, to increase our

effective biodiversity advocacy in this forum.

Sam Gardner, TF Convenor, wrote an article for SEPA View magazine providing examples of the work TF member organisations are involved in for biodiversity.

Sam is moving on from RSPB to start a new post as Senior Policy Officer at SEPA in February. He will be working on sustainable development issues and can be contacted via SEPA's Stirling office. We heartily thank Sam for his tireless work for the TF over the past 2 years, and look forward to working with him in his new role. Deborah Long (Plantlife Scotland) will take over as convenor, and Stuart Brooks (SWT) as depute.

Climate With the help of other LINK task forces the TF is planning a LINK seminar on *Climate Change and Land Use* for 26 March in Perth, which will be relevant to all members. The TF is meeting external players, including trades unions, to explain LINK's energy policy as outlined in LINK's environment manifesto. The TF will be seeking to engage with the government's review of the Scottish Climate Change Programme on its first anniversary later in the Spring. The TF continues to work with the Stop Climate Chaos coalition; a joint press release was issued around the Scottish Environment Week tourism event.

Deer The TF held meetings over the quarter with the Deer Commission Scotland (DCS), and the Association of Deer Managers Scotland on sustainable deer management. Members contributed to the recent DCS Sustainable Deer Management definitions exercise, and await the DCS Future Strategy, now expected later in the year. LINK members also attended the Deer Management Round Table meeting in November which is a useful liaison opportunity for stakeholders organised by the DCS.

Freshwater The TF responded to the Scottish Executive consultation on Proposals for Water Framework Directive environmental standards, and the River Basin Management Plan objective setting process. The responses raised a number of concerns about the appropriateness of the proposed standards and their compliance with WFD requirements. The TF subsequently met SEPA and the Scottish Executive to discuss the issues.

RSPB and WWF Scotland responded

separately to the consultation on measures to control diffuse pollution from rural land use. Both responses highlighted the need for a more strategic vision of achieving improvements in areas that are at risk from diffuse pollution and the need for further measures, such as free advice and better integration of funds. The TF subsequently met the Scottish Executive to discuss these proposals.

Landscape The TF continues to take part in the Scottish Landscape Forum and its three sub-groups. The sub-groups are looking at implementation of the European Landscape Convention; the economics and value of landscape; and the revision of NPPG14, planning policy on natural heritage. These areas are absolutely key to protecting our landscapes.

Helen, McDade, TF convenor, attended a meeting with Scottish Executive staff to discuss consultation responses to the Scottish Planning Policy on Renewable Energy, SPP6. She remains concerned that the Policy will be very weak on landscape protection. TF members will be working together during the Public Inquiry into the proposed Beaulieu-Denny electricity transmission line (see Helen's article on page 5).

Marine The Ministerial Advisory Group on Marine and Coastal Strategy (AGMACS) is drawing to a close with a final meeting in February. LINK has been an active stakeholder throughout the process. Through the AGMACS nature conservation workstream LINK and other stakeholders, including fisheries interests, have proposed the establishment of Nationally Important Marine Areas. The Minister is expected to comment on the proposals shortly.

Through the Marine Biodiversity Working Group on which the TF is represented, LINK has contributed to the planning of the Scottish Marine Biodiversity Conference which will be held at Battleby, by Perth, on 22 March.

Scottish Environmental Fundraising Forum At a meeting of LINK fundraisers in December. Helen Corbett from the Crown Estate,

gave a presentation about the CE Marine Stewardship Fund for marine and coastal projects. She encouraged members to apply and gave advice on the types of project that could be considered. The application process is fairly simple and there are no deadlines.

Members then decided on the future of the group. Due to high staff turnover among member bodies the group had experienced a period of instability with no convenor since July. LINK staff explained the role and responsibilities of task forces within the LINK structure, after which members unanimously decided to remain a LINK group. Steven Gardner (SWT) was elected Convenor and Susan Watt (RSPB) as Depute.

Formerly FORGE, the group has been renamed the Scottish Environmental Fundraising Forum, and has circulated the draft programme of meetings and speakers for 2007 to all LINK members to encourage greater participation. The meetings are a very useful exchange both for full-time fundraisers and those for whom fundraising is a vital though small part of their responsibilities. The next meeting will be on 21 February.

Sustainable Scotland The TF participated in a Sustainable Development Strategy evaluation workshop that the Sustainable Development Commission is co-ordinating, highlighting strengths and weaknesses of the Strategy implementation to date, in particular the extent to which commitments have or have not been reflected in Scottish Executive policies, consultation and decisions since the Strategy was published in late 2005, and the strengths or weaknesses of the current indicator set.

The TF meeting in January included discussions with Simon Pepper, external member of the Cabinet Sub-Committee for Sustainable Scotland, and with Jeni MacKay, development officer for the Future Scotland Partnership, of which LINK is a partner (see Jeni's article on page 6).

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