



# Scottish Environment LINK

## What is Scottish Environment LINK?

Scottish Environment LINK is where Scotland's voluntary environment charities work together. We are made up of over 40 different member organisations who all work towards building a more environmentally sustainable society. You might have heard of some of these – RSPB Scotland, the Scottish Wildlife Trust and WWF Scotland are some of the most well-known organisations who are part of LINK, but we are also home to smaller but equally as important organisations like Scottish Badgers, Planning Democracy and Froglife! LINK is a space for these organisations, to work together as a strong voice for the environment.

Acting at national and international levels, LINK supports all environmental charities in Scotland, enabling them to help develop policy and laws to protect and restore Scotland's environment.

To find out more about what we do [visit our website](#) or follow us on social media: we're on [X/Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Some examples of what we do are below.



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## Our work / key projects



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### Farm for Scotland's Future

One of the ways that we work to make Scotland more environmentally friendly and sustainable is through running public campaigns with our members. Currently, our flagship campaign, Farm for Scotland's Future, is focused on farming and agriculture. Our campaigns are designed to reach out to people like politicians, journalists, farmers, young people, older people, and anyone else who is interested!

Farming is vital to Scotland's future. As well as producing food, farmers and crofters manage three quarters of Scotland's land. But many of our current farming practices cause pollution and severely deplete our wildlife. Farming is also the second biggest source of climate emissions in Scotland.

The Scottish government spends more than half a billion pounds on farm funding every year. Yet this money isn't being used to help farmers and crofters to protect and restore Scotland's nature or tackle climate change.

#### **It doesn't have to be this way.**

This year, we are expecting new Scottish agriculture laws and we have a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a better system.

More than 20 environment charities, who are all members of Scottish Environment LINK, have joined with farmers' groups to demand change. We're calling on the Scottish government to:



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- Replace the decades-old farm funding system with one that works for nature, climate and people.
- Ensure at least three quarters of subsidy money is spent on farming methods that restore nature and tackle climate change.
- Support all farmers and crofters so they can become more sustainable in the future.

Find out more about this campaign and how to get involved at [www.farmforscotlandsfuture.scot](http://www.farmforscotlandsfuture.scot).

## Save Scottish Seas



Save Scottish Seas is another campaign, coordinated by LINK's Marine Group and supported by LINK marine project staff. The campaign started in 2007, and has continued through different funded phases, aiming to achieve healthy, well-managed seas, where wildlife and coastal villages are flourishing and marine ecosystems are protected, connected, and thriving.

Save Scottish Seas will be running again soon, more information will be available on <https://www.scotlink.org/link-campaigns/save-scottish-seas/>



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What's next?



# Making Waves: Sea Scotland Youth Voices

Aged 18 - 30 and passionate about the marine environment?  
Apply today to join the in-person event!

3rd June 2024, Stirling Court Hotel. Apply for free tickets before 16th February 2024.



## **Sea Scotland youth events - "Making Waves: Sea Scotland Youth Voices"**

"Making Waves: Sea Scotland Youth Voices" is a project dedicated to people aged 18 – 30. It provides a key platform for you to share ideas, learn from other people's experiences, and actively contribute to sustainable solutions for the challenges facing Scotland's seas. It runs events where young people can get together to foster connections, build confidence and learn skills.

Keep an eye on the [Sea Scotland website](#) to find out how you might get involved in the future, or if you are already 18 or have any older friends or siblings who might be interested, feel free to pass the link on to them!

Thank you from our Chief Officer, Deborah Long



“Thank you for all your efforts in fundraising for Scottish Environment LINK. LINK’s mission is to speak up for Scotland’s environment and to make sure it is heard in Parliament, in board rooms, sitting rooms and cafes. Your support is invaluable to us: you are helping us be louder and more effective so that together we can ensure Scotland’s environment is just as inspiring for young people and future generations, as it is to us today.”

## The Money

You have held your activity – we hope you enjoyed it! We’d like to say a big thank you for your hard work and donation. We have provided information below to make the process of making your donation as easy as possible for you but if you require any further information please contact our Finance and Office Manager at [finance@scotlink.org](mailto:finance@scotlink.org).

## Send a cheque to our office

Scottish Environment Link  
5 Atholl Place  
Perth  
Perthshire  
PH1 5NE

## Pay directly into our bank account

Name of account: Scottish Environment Link

Sort Code: 16-58-10

Account number: 20041411

Please make sure you put your name as a reference and also send us an email to let us know you have deposited the funds to [finance@scotlink.org](mailto:finance@scotlink.org).



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Go to [www.scotlink.org](http://www.scotlink.org) and click the orange button that says 'Donate' on the top right of the screen.

Here you can pay by card, paypal or CAF Account. Please reference your name and also send us an email stating you have made a donation to [finance@scotlink.org](mailto:finance@scotlink.org).

## Gift Aid it

Please encourage eligible sponsors to make Gift Aid declarations using their home address – We can claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated. However, there are strict rules relating to it. Gift aid cannot be claimed on ticket sales, raffle sales, winning auction bids and anything other than individual donations. More info can be found at [www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/giftaid](http://www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/giftaid).

## Funds we are not able to accept

Scottish Environment Link has policies in place to ensure fundraising activities do not damage the reputation or standing of the Charity and its members.

We cannot accept donations that are derived from companies which use animal testing, tobacco manufacturers, the manufacture of weapons, winnings from bets and any company or individual whose core activities are incompatible with our mission to be fair and sustainable for the future of people and the planet. If you have any questions about this, please email [finance@scotlink.org](mailto:finance@scotlink.org).