



## LINK eBulletin - November 2010

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### LINK DIARY

**18-19 Nov** LINK Annual Congress and Forward Planning, Dunblane  
**15 Dec** LINK Festive Reception, Edinburgh

#### 2011

**27 January** Board and Networking Meetings, Perth  
**1-3 March** Scottish Environment Week 2011

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### LINK NEWS

**Sustainable Land Use Strategy** – LINK is preparing its response to the consultation on the [draft Land Use Strategy](#) published in September by the Scottish Government, which LINK regards as inadequate. Take part in a debate on the strategy with MSPs at LINK's *Living with the Land* conference next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, at the Scottish Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh. Programme and booking details [here](#).

**LINK 2010 Members Congress** - 18<sup>th</sup> November, Dunblane Book your place at LINK's annual Congress. This year's theme is *Environment and the Law* and the programme will include a review of environmental legislation enacted since Devolution. For more information and to reserve your place contact [Alice](#) or see the [Members pages](#) on the LINK website.

**Strategic Planning meeting**, 19 November, Dunblane – This is the network's annual planning day and we hope your organisation will field someone to the discussions. Papers will be circulated shortly. LINK's current Operating Plan is available [here](#)

**LINK-SNH Chair-level liaison meeting** recently agreed the organisations should keep more closely in touch about their concerns and roles in relation to the environment in Scotland. Simon Pepper (SNH Board Member) was present. Simon is being tasked with exploring SNH relationships with the eNGOs and would welcome observations from members on where this is not as straightforward as they would hope (you can email him direct at [srpepper@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:srpepper@tiscali.co.uk)). Simon will attend LINK Strategic Planning on 19 November to discuss this with members. Meantime, LINK Board also hopes to liaise more closely with the senior management team at SNH with a view to ensuring the Agency and the network are more aware of each other's concerns and plans.

LINK Board has signed off Andy Myles' Political Strategy Report (view it [here](#)) agreeing that the focus of the next few months is rightly on governance and on how to press for the environment to be protected through a time of austerity. With the Scottish Budget Bill due around 18<sup>th</sup> November, our 'budget paper' is being developed further; there will be some press work around this as the Bill is published; members will be invited to a December meeting to discuss our asks and tactics further. LINK's two papers on the budget cuts and governance will be circulated to members shortly for feedback.

**LINK Manifesto** - Members can now check out published sections of the LINK Manifesto on the [public area](#) of our website.



**SOA task force** will launch our audit of SOAs (commissioned from CAG consultants; final report due with LINK in November) in mid January and are working with SNH to organise a seminar on the SOA process, with CPPs, CoSLA, Improvement Service and others, in February.

**Fred Edwards Trust** launched on 25th October with several excellent 'cameos' of Fred and the Inaugural Lecture by Prof Aubrey Manning. Audience of around 200, with good degree of interest in the Trust and its proposed Action Learning Programme and very welcome donations towards its work. For more details about the new Trust see [www.frededwardstrust.org.uk](http://www.frededwardstrust.org.uk) If you would like details about taking part in Action Learning contact [Kate](#)

**LINK President succession** - LINK Board recently agreed on a small sub group to initiate a 'president search' for a successor to Helen Zealley when she stands down next year. The group will convene before Christmas. Members' suggestions on potential candidates for the role would be very welcome to [Jen](#)

**Alan Wells, Marine Policy Advocacy Officer (MPAO)**, who has helped the marine task force to deliver its marine project plans over the last three and a half years, moves on at Christmas to take up the job of Policy and Planning Director with the Association of Salmon Fishery Boards. Many thanks to Alan for all his excellent work and support. The MTF will interview on 8 November for a new MPAO to work with Lindsay Roberts and the task force.

**LINK Festive Reception:** Our Festive Reception this year will be at St Augustine's Church in Edinburgh. Invitations will be following shortly.

The **Freshwater Taskforce** has submitted its response to SEPA's Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 consultation: 'Planning for floods – planning for the future'. View the response [here](#)

**Keep Scotland Beautiful** has signed up as LINK's first organisational supporter, the category for organisations who aren't eligible for full LINK membership but who want to support the work of the LINK network and to receive a number of the benefits of full membership. For more information on organisational supporter status see LINK's [website](#)

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## PUBLICATIONS

**Stalled spaces – delivering community and environmental benefits through temporary greenspace**, report from Greenspace Scotland. Download the report [here](#)

**Mainstreaming the Economics of Nature:** a synthesis of the approach, conclusions and recommendations of TEEB (The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity), [Download](#)

**Climate Change: A summary of the science** from the Royal Society. The guide summarises the current scientific evidence on climate change and its drivers, highlighting the areas where the science is well established, where there is still some debate, and where substantial uncertainties remain. [Download](#)



**Health Planet Eating: how lower meat diets can save lives and the planet**, from Friends of the Earth, based on research by Oxford University's British Heart Foundation Health Promotion Research Group. Read the report [here](#)

**Climate change, environmental sustainability and health** – six case studies from LG Improvement and Development which exemplify the theme of addressing social determinants of health and environmental sustainability and/or climate change at the same time. The case studies support connections between public health and environmental health drawn out in the 2010 Marmot Review, 'Fair Society, Healthy Lives'. View [here](#)

**Good Practice During Windfarm Construction** – SNH publication prepared by a joint working group involving Scottish Renewables, SNH, SEPA, FCS and several representatives from companies with extensive windfarm development experience. Download [here](#)

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## CONSULTATIONS

**SNH Restructure** – SNH has announced a proposed restructure at senior and middle management levels, reducing the number of directors in SNH from five to three and creating a new operational structure of seven geographical units instead of the current eleven. The restructure will be effective from April 2011 and SNH are interested in input on the proposals from stakeholders. More details available from [Kate](#)

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## EVENTS AND SEMINARS

**Central Scotland Green Network Event**, 10<sup>th</sup> November, Edinburgh – hosted by the Minister for Environment, Roseanna Cunningham. An event for senior personnel in NGOs who have an interest in the delivery of the CSGN. LINK President, Helen Zealley, will be speaking at the event. If you would like to attend, please contact Christine Kelly at the CSGN Support Unit on 01501 824770 or by email to [Christine.Kelly@centralscotlandgreennetwork.org](mailto:Christine.Kelly@centralscotlandgreennetwork.org)

**UK Biodiversity Partnership Conference**, 23-24<sup>th</sup> November, Stirling, organised by the Scottish Government. An opportunity for the UK biodiversity partnership to discuss their response to new UN and EU targets for biodiversity which are now moving from a primary focus on preventing loss of species to an equal focus on ecosystem services. More details of the conference [here](#)

**Scotland's Towns Conference 2010**, 17 November 2010, at the Stirling Management Centre. Providing UK and international examples of proven good practice and policy interventions designed to protect, grow and support towns; showcasing successful towns in Scotland, the UK, northern Europe and Scandinavia; presentation and case study on the merits of Scotland's Town Centre Regeneration Fund. More information and booking details [here](#)

**Invest to Engage: enhancing connections with the NHS**, 30<sup>th</sup> November, Stirling. A one day seminar run by Voluntary Health Scotland to equip third sector organisations to engage with NHS Boards. More information and registration [here](#)

**2010 Scottish Third Sector Research Conference** 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Old College, University of Edinburgh. The title of the conference is '*Demands, Challenges, Opportunities: the changing third*



sector-public policy relationship'. Robert Black, Auditor General for Scotland, will be the keynote speaker. More information on the conference [here](#)

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## STOP CLIMATE CHAOS SCOTLAND LATEST

**Scottish Government Climate Change targets** – Scottish Government has announced its targets for emissions reductions to 2022. [More info](#)

**The Big Climate Connection in Scotland** - SCC's mass lobby of UK MPs is taking place on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November. Do you have any keen supporters or contacts in the following areas that might like to take part?: Aberdeenshire West, Banff & Buchan, Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross, Dundee East, Glasgow South West, Kilmarnock & Loudon, Livingston? Please encourage them to sign up via the SCC online map: [www.stopclimatechaos.org/10/aug/big-connection-climate-map](http://www.stopclimatechaos.org/10/aug/big-connection-climate-map)

**ACTION: Demand Public Bodies act on Climate Change** – Please help ensure that public bodies in Scotland are required by law to report on their activities to tackle climate change by emailing the Scottish Government during their current consultation. [Take action](#)

The **SCCS Manifesto** has been published at [www.stopclimatechaos.org/sccs\\_manifesto.pdf](http://www.stopclimatechaos.org/sccs_manifesto.pdf)

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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 Union Pulse – October 2010**

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## OTHER NEWS

**Funding Scotland** - is a new free funding database of funding opportunities with information on Lottery funders, statutory and European organisations, corporate foundations and charitable trusts. Opportunities include grants, contracts, loans and in kind support. Visit their [website](#)

**Peoples Postcode Lottery Dream Fund** - The Dream Fund will offer £600,000 over two years, with £300,000 available for 2011, and £300,000 for 2012. Registered charities and community organisations in Scotland can apply for up to £100,000 to deliver a new and innovative 12-month project that meets one of three criteria, including *Helping to Tackle Climate Change* (linking with 2020 environmental targets). More information [here](#)

**Launch of Community Land Scotland** – a new umbrella body representing 17 community groups with half a million acres in community ownership held its inaugural meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October in Inverness. Short report of the meeting [here](#)



**Six new Special Protected Areas for Golden Eagles** - Scottish Natural Heritage has announced that following the consultation earlier this year on Golden Eagle SPAs, 6 sites were classified by Scottish Ministers on 28 October 2010. More information on the locations of the sites at the [SNH website](#)

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## VACANCIES

**Soil Association Scotland, Director, salary £45,310** – Soil Association Scotland is seeking a Director to take their message to the public and stakeholders in Scotland. They are looking for someone with experience of working at a senior level within the environmental food or farming sector; experience of successfully shaping or changing Government policy, particularly in relation to food and farming, or environmental sustainability; experience of leading campaigns which engage with the wider public as well as local and national Government; direct experience of leadership and management of interdisciplinary staff and volunteer teams; experience of growing and developing an organisation, with a track record of strategic planning, fundraising and donor management. For more information and details about how to apply, please contact [recruitment@soilassociation.org](mailto:recruitment@soilassociation.org). Closing date: **15 November 2010**. Interviews are likely to be held in Edinburgh on 1 December 2010

**Bumblebee Conservation Trust, Fundraising Officer, 21 hrs per week. Salary £20-24k**  
BBCT is looking for an experienced fundraiser to secure funding for their work conserving bumblebees and the flower-rich habitats which they depend on. This is a general fundraising post to include grants, trusts and foundations, legacies, corporate, community and donors. The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate excellent research skills, have a positive track record in securing funding and be able to recognise and pursue new funding opportunities. They will be well organised and able to see the bigger picture, while retaining an eye for detail with enthusiasm and commitment to our vision. For an application pack, please visit their [www.bumblebeeconservation.org/news.htm](http://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/news.htm) **Closing date:** Friday 26th November 2010  
**Interview date:** To be announced

**WWF Scotland, Earth Hour Volunteers and Interns** - New part time and full time volunteer opportunities and internships with WWF Scotland working on WWF's Earth Hour to start in January 2011 for three months.

- Earth Hour Mobilisers (1/2 day a week in your local community)
- Earth Hour Media Intern (2 days a week at the WWF Scotland Office)
- Earth Hour Campaign Intern (Full-time at the WWF Scotland Office)

Deadline for applications is Friday 12 November. For more information visit: [www.wwfscotland.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.wwfscotland.org.uk/volunteer)

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