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Hello

Welcome to the latest Forward Scotland bulletin, keeping you up to date with developments in the sustainable development community in Scotland and beyond in recent weeks. If you've been forwarded this bulletin and would like to receive it directly please email bulletin@forward-scotland.org.uk. You can download a pdf version of this bulletin from our [website](#).

Initiatives

Centre for social justice awards

Charities, small voluntary groups, or other projects tackling poverty in at the local level are invited to apply for the Centre for Social Justice Awards 2009. With a prize fund of £50,000, the Award aims to recognise and reward effective poverty fighting groups from across the UK. **Applications close: 17th March 2009.** [More info](#)

Community cash awards

Young people aged 14-25 can apply for awards between £250 and £5,000 to help tackle the dangers of drugs, crime and play a positive role in their community. The Royal Bank of Scotland Community Cash Awards will see £1 million of grants being distributed by youth charity, The Prince's Trust. **Applications can be made at any time.** [More info](#)

Student placement programmes

Do you have an environmental project you need to move forward? The student placement programme run by the Business Environment Partnership is now looking for businesses interested in 2009 placements. [More info](#)

Scottish Community Foundation awards

Express Grants are available to community groups looking for funding of up to £2,000. The scheme has a straightforward application process, and a short turnaround time. **Applications can be made at any time.** [More info](#)

Grants to promote walking

The Paths for All Partnership has announced that it has funding of up to £40,000 available to fund new and innovative ways of promoting walking for health. **Applications for large grants closes: 6th April 2009.** [More info](#)

Grant and award schemes that appear in this section are not managed by Forward Scotland. Therefore please check the 'More info' to ensure eligibility and gain more information.

News

Schools to go greener - 5 Jan

Scotland's schools are to become greener under a new Government initiative to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency. Education Secretary Fiona Hyslop has announced a package of measures which will work towards a lower carbon school estate and meet the Government's commitments to have renewable generation in every school.

[More info](#)

Climate challenge fund - 15 Jan

Communities across Scotland have been awarded over £4 million from the Climate Challenge Fund to help reduce their carbon footprint and save residents cash. Successful projects include using wool to insulate homes, a local food network in Fife and Community Power Down, the first cross-community project awarded cash from the fund.

[More info](#)

Bugs, snails and starfish to be protected - 20 Jan

A new vision for the conservation of thousands of Scotland's animal species has been set out. Invertebrates, such as insects and shellfish, make up around 98 per cent of Scotland's animal species and a new strategy will aim to ensure they are valued and conserved for future generations. [More info](#)

Plastics recycling key part of waste vision - 21 Jan

A new £5 million scheme to bring plastics recycling closer to home has been announced. With most of the plastics collected being processed south of the border or overseas in countries such as China, the Scottish Government's capital grants scheme seeks to improve recycling infrastructure in Scotland. [More info](#)

Scotland rules the waves - 22 Jan

One of the world's largest wave stations will be constructed off the Isle of Lewis in the Western Isles, creating up to 70 jobs and advancing Scotland's lead in renewable energy. [More info](#)

Station adopters recognised - 23 Jan

A dozen hard working individuals and local groups were recognised at a lunch in Glasgow this week by First Group. [More info](#)

Home heat helpline - 27 Jan

A new online service for practical advice to people worried about home heating bills has been launched to back up a helpline already provided by the Energy Retail Association. The new website is fund by Britains six major energy suppliers. The helpline number is 0800 33 66 99. Visit the website [here](#).

Construction of bioenergy plant - 28 Jan

Work has started on the construction of Diageo Scotland's £65 million bioenergy plant. The plant will generate renewable energy from spent wash - a mixture of wheat, malted barley, yeast and water - produced during distillation to replace 95 per cent of its fossil fuel usage with green energy. [More info](#)

Events

Fairtrade fortnight - 23 Feb-8 Mar, Nationwide

Fairtrade is a people's movement for change that aims to help poor producers receive a fair price. There are lots of events happening across the UK, [click here](#) to find your nearest.

SURF conference - 26 February, Dundee

The Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum's annual conference will look at the links between regeneration and health and wellbeing. [More info](#)

CRNS conference - 10 March, Perth

The Community Recycling Network for Scotland will be holding its annual conference and awards ceremony. This year will focus on the Scottish Government's zero waste strategy. [More info](#)

An introduction to CSR - 12 March, Edinburgh

This training, run by Scottish Business in the Community, is suitable for people from all sectors, and all areas of a business, who have a role to play in responsible business practice in Scotland. This [More info](#)

Publications

Attitudes to air travel on the change

The British Social Attitudes report has found high levels of public concern about the environmental impact of air travel, and a growing agreement that the cost of flying should reflect environmental damage even if this means fares rise sharply as a result. [Read more](#)

Biodiversity toolkit

SNH have developed an online resource to help organisations talk to the public and other audiences about Scotland's biodiversity. [More info](#)

Consultations

Climate Change (Scotland) Bill

The Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change committee of the Scottish Parliament is seeking views on targets and timetables within the Climate Change (Scotland) bill.

Consultation closes: 26th February 2009. [More info](#)

Scottish Marine Bill

The Scottish Government have published an analysis of the responses to the consultation on a Scottish Marine Bill. [More info](#)

Sustainable Scotland

If you're interested in what's happening with sustainable development in Scotland, then visit the new web portal designed by and hosted by Forward Scotland.

The site provides information for individuals, communities, businesses and policy-makers. For example, by browsing the through the sustainable communities section (which replaces the popular **Community Webnet**) you can access information on funding, best practice, tools and resources. It's mini-web pages provide the facility for every community group in Scotland to have a web presence. Visit now at: www.sustainableScotland.com

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