Newsletter #4
April 2021



Welcome to Deeside CAN's Newsletter #4

Happy Easter! We hope that you and your families are all keeping well and enjoying Spring as it arrives.

You are receiving this because you expressed an interest in keeping in touch with what we are doing. Please feel free to forward this on to others who may be interested or let us know (deesidecan@gmail.com) if you no longer want to be contacted by us.

We have had a busy few months, despite being in lockdown:

- We continue to work on the **Wildlife Friendly Village** project in Banchory and Torphins, aiming to set aside 20% of all public and private spaces in the villages for wildlife. We have received support from the Community and Aberdeenshire Councils, as well as grants from the Co-op and the Marr Area Partnership. We have identified some areas to start working on and are putting a team together.

- Our **food waste** project has been put on hold during this current lockdown, but we hope to start work soon, picking up food from Tesco on a Monday night and setting up a stall at Number One on Tuesday morning to give away fresh food.

- We are developing an art installation called the **Deeside Travelling Mini Forest**, to raise awareness of the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss. We will be taking the Mini Forest to Farmers' markets and villages along Deeside and have applied to take it to the UN Climate Change conference **COP26** in Glasgow in November 2021. We aim to plant trees/Mini Forests to mark COP26 being held in Scotland in 2021.

- Together with the **Scottish Pilgrim Route Forum,** we are preparing various contemplative walks along the Deeside Way with themes including environment, biodiversity, history and religion.

- We are working with **NESCAN (NE Scotland Climate Action Network)** to bring together other community groups across the City and Shire in order to increase our impact and voice.

Upcoming events:

- **Wildlife Friendly Village project in Banchory** on Monday April 19th at 19.30
  Find out what we are doing, as well as what wildlife can be spotted in our village. Sign up on Eventbrite at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wildlife-friendly-village-project-banchory-tickets-148841229123

- **Climate Hustings** on Wednesday 21st April at 19.30
  Hear what the candidates for the upcoming Scottish Parliament election are planning to do about the Climate and Ecological Emergency and ask them questions. We have confirmations from Alexander Burnett (Scottish Conservative and Unionists), Fergus Mutch (SNP), Rosemary Bruce (Scottish Liberal Democrats), Andy Brown (Scottish Labour) and Maggie Chapman (Scottish Greens). Email your questions to us at deesidecan@gmail.com and sign up on Eventbrite at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/climate-hustings-tickets-149350634769

- **Everything you wanted to know about COP26** on Wednesday 19th May at 19.30
  Find out what COP26 is all about and how you can get involved. Sign up on Eventbrite at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/everything-you-wanted-to-know-about-cop26-tickets-149351820315

- **Carbon Footprint Workshop** on Wednesday 23rd June at 19.30
  Learn how to calculate your carbon footprint and hear tips on how you can reduce it. Sign up on Eventbrite at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/carbon-footprint-workshop-tickets-149353078077

We regularly post news, updates, interesting articles and tips on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DeesideCAN), as well as on our website (https://www.deesidecan.org.uk), and we encourage you to have a look.

We'd love to hear your feedback and ideas, and especially if you'd like to get involved in any of our projects! Please write to us (deesidecan@gmail.com) or join us at one of our **fortnightly meetings on Mondays at 4pm**

on Zoom. Everyone is very welcome to attend; just tell us that you'd like to come along, and we will let you know details of dates and agenda, as well as the Zoom log-in information.