



Stronger Together: How Men's Sheds and the Nescan Hub can build a better future

The SMSA connected with the Nescan (North East Scotland Climate Action Network) Hub, recognising the strong alignment between their values and the goals of Scottish Men's Sheds in building a more sustainable future. Here, Nescan CEO Alison Stuart dives a bit deeper into the topic.

Alison said: "At the Nescan Hub, we're truly inspired by the amazing work being done by Men's Sheds all across the globe. The Shed model focuses on community, wellbeing, and purpose and fits naturally with our vision.

"That's why we're proud to already have some Sheds involved—and we'd love to welcome even more Shed groups and their individual members—into our growing network.

"Men's Sheds are making a real difference: supporting men's health and wellbeing while also helping to protect the planet at the same time.

"Whether you're fixing up old furniture, repurposing materials, building bird boxes, or simply offering a cuppa and a chat to a fellow Shedder, you're already helping build healthier, more sustainable communities.

"At the Nescan Hub, we want to support you to do even more—without changing what makes your Shed special."

What is Nescan and the Nescan Hub?

The Nescan is a regional network of local people, community-led organisations, and non-profits that are or want to act to reduce and adapt to climate change in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

Whereas, the Nescan Hub is a registered Scottish charity that supports communities in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire to take action—big or small—on climate change.

Some of the ways we do this are:

- sharing resources and news
- running events and webinars
- offering small-scale funding and larger grants advice
- providing in-person and online networking opportunities
- giving expert support through our local and national partners

Whether you're just curious or already running a green project, we're here to help. Joining Nescan is **free** and brings you together with over 400 other groups and individuals driving real change.

Why Should Men's Sheds Get Involved?

You may not see your Shed as a climate group—but many of the projects that Sheds do strongly reflect climate-friendly living. Reusing materials, reducing waste, sharing tools, and building strong social networks are all actions that benefit people and planet.

By joining Nescan, you'll gain access to practical support that can help you enhance what you're already doing.

Here's 10 great reasons to join Nescan

1. Did you see that it's free to join? Membership costs nothing and opens the door to a wide range of benefits.
2. Funding support. Eligibility to apply for [SEED](#) and [LEAF](#) grants to help bring your ideas to life. Please note both funds are currently closed but keep checking the webpages for updates.
3. Greater impact. What you do already matters—joining amplifies your voice and reach (you can do this by sharing stories and photos with us for our newsletters, on our website and across our social media channels).
4. Skill building. Free training, toolkits, and guidance to strengthen your Shed's [capacity](#).
5. Peer support. Join our relaxed bi-monthly online gatherings to share ideas and learn.
6. Annual event access. Network and celebrate progress at our members' gathering.
7. One-to-one help. Book a free 15-minute social media session to boost your visibility.
8. On-the-ground support. Our Community Development Officers are here to help you grow.
9. Join flagship events. Take part in Climate Week North East and Envirolution Aberdeen.
10. Make a difference. Every contribution—no matter how small—adds up to real impact.

Let's Build More—Together

If you're part of a Men's Shed in the North East of Scotland, now's the time to connect.

[Visit the Nescan website](#) to find out more and [join for free](#). And if you're already a member, Nescan would love to hear what you've been up to. Together, we can build stronger, more connected communities that are good for people—and the planet.

So, what are you waiting for? [Join Nescan today](#) and help shape a greener, more resilient North East—one Shed at a time.

