

Welcome to the second edition of the Community & Coast newsletter where you'll find the latest updates and information about ETZ Ltd's Community & Coast programme and skills linked activities.

Discover the full Community & Coast programme on [our website](#).

Community
& Coast Fund



ACVO Community & Coast Fund - Year 2 Now Open for Submissions

Applications are now open for the second year of the Community & Coast Fund with £100,000 available to support community projects in Torry and Cove.

Managed by ACVO and building on the success of its pilot year, community organisations are now invited to submit applications for projects that align with at least one of the Community & Coast [six pillars](#).

This year, projects that address community safety, social isolation, mental health, and opportunities for engagement are encouraged to apply.

Find out more and apply on the [ACVO Community & Coast Fund](#) webpage.

The fund is open for applications until the 7th of November.

[Find out more and apply now](#)

Last year, 16 local organisations in Torry and Cove received support for projects ranging from skills development and upgrades to facilities to support community gathering, to biodiversity improvements.

[See what we have supported](#)

You can also read the full Community & Coast Fund – Year 1 Project Stories [here](#).

St Fittick's Church Investigative Works

In conversation with Joanne McLelland, Conservation Accredited Architect RIBA RIAS ARB and founder of not-for-profit Eala Impacts CIC, who is leading the investigation works at St Fittick's Church that took place in September under the supervision of Historic Environment Scotland.



What were the aims of the investigations?

“The small opening up works aimed to confirm the condition of the stone behind the cement harling. This was so we could identify the work required to repair the church and inform the broader Scheduled Monument Consent.”

What were the key findings?

“The most exciting find was that some of the lime ‘tec’ coat pointing – the lime mortar closest to the surface – was still intact. This is mortar from masons hundreds of years ago, and it’s always great to find material this old. Alongside this, we found that some of the stone was worse than we expected, and some was better, but across the piece what we had assumed would be needed was about right.”

Why is it important to do the conservation works?

“St Fittick’s Church is a Scheduled Monument and helps to tell the story of the community around it. Sadly, the use of cement in the harling in the 20th century has led to the stone structure deteriorating and if that isn’t attended to, over time, it could be lost completely. This is a great opportunity to help it endure into the future.”

Community Project Spotlight

The Denis Law Legacy Trust (DLLT) has installed a secure shipping container next to the Cruyff Court Neale Cooper at Tullos Playing Fields. Serving as a dedicated storage unit, the installation supports the Trust's expanding programme of activities for young people in the Torry area.

Outlines Creative, an Aberdeen-based street art CIC, led a youth consultation during DLLT's summer community day, to gather ideas from local young people about how they envisioned the container's appearance. Based on their input, Outlines Creative returned with a series of vibrant mock-up designs and collaborated with a young girls' group, who have been actively involved with DLLT, to help bring those designs to life, alongside the artists.

This project was supported by the Community & Coast Programme.



[Read more about the container project](#)

Skills and Learning

Energy Transition Skills Hub Launches in Altens



Scotland's largest Energy Transition Skills Hub was officially opened on the 29th of September by First Minister John Swinney MSP. The state-of-the-art facility features a welding academy, advanced manufacturing zone, and future technology digital training suites.

Energy Transition Vehicle Visiting Schools



The 'Energy on the Move' outreach vehicle began its school tour with over 25 schools booked in this academic year. Housing the 'Net Zero Challenge', the vehicle expands into a mobile classroom, providing a unique learning experience for the next generation.

By refurbishing an existing building, within a formerly derelict brownfield site, carbon emissions were 50% less than a new build, and the facility operates to the latest energy efficiency standards by integrating heat pumps and solar panels.

The Hub is providing accessible training for students, blending full-time opportunities for upskilling and reskilling through part-time, evening and weekend courses.

[Read more about the container project](#)

The innovative vehicle is a repurposed 7.5-tonne lorry that transforms into a bespoke learning environment with extended platforms and a glass front. It uses a hydrogen dual-fuel engine to significantly reduce its emissions, and learners can see the hydrogen storage tanks displayed on board.

Operated by NESCol, 'Energy on the Move' is available to visit schools in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, as well as events across Scotland.

[More information on the vehicle](#)



Planning Updates

ETZ Ltd is taking forward multiple projects to support the city and region's transition to low carbon energies.

[Find information about our project planning applications on our website](#)

The Six Pillars of *Community & Coast*



JOBS & SKILLS



WELLNESS & PLAY



NET ZERO



YOUNG PEOPLE



HERITAGE & PLACE



BIODIVERSITY