

March Newsletter

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Renfrewshire
Climate Action
Network Hub



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2026. **What's New** at RenCAN Hub? It's been a busy start to the year. We've submitted a business case to the Scottish Government for continued funding. We contributed to Scotland's Climate Change Plan (CCP) consultation shaped by valuable input from local groups. In January we held a networking brunch, and our monthly workshops are underway, alongside preparation for upcoming tree planting season, and circular economy workshops.

Stay connected – for full event details, project updates, and climate news across Renfrewshire, visit renfrewshireclimate.scot and follow us on social media.

Want to get involved? Become a RenCAN member and join our mailing list to stay connected, support local climate action, and be part of the change. WhatsApp communities are also available to connect with other members, share ideas, and discuss the topics that matter most to you. Sign up today on our website.

Read on for RenCAN Hub's upcoming events, what we've been up to, and news from our partners.

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Upcoming Events

FIX & MEND

Lochwinnoch's community repair initiative

Wednesday 25th March, 6-9pm.

39 High St, Lochwinnoch



Get help repairing things such as broken electrical items, toys, smaller furniture pieces and more. You can also use the sewing machine and mending equipment.

Book here



Contact Svenja if you have any questions:
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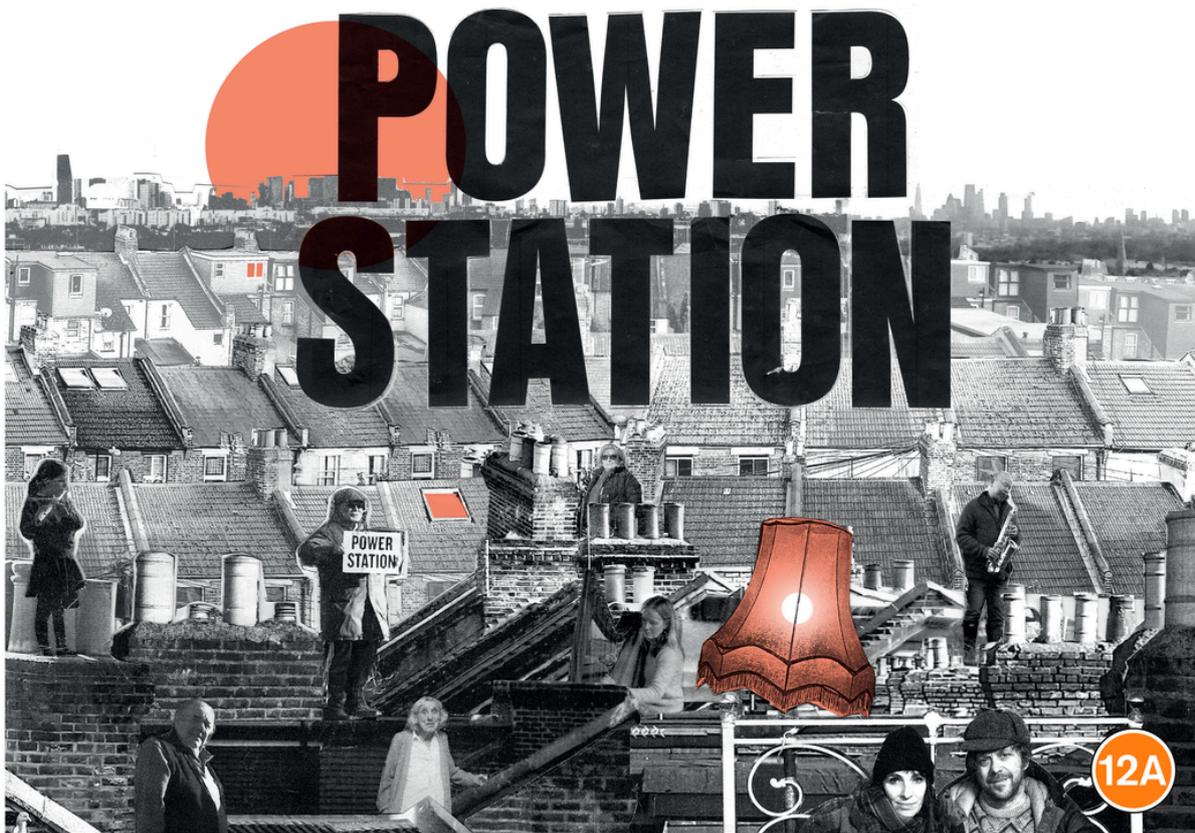
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REFRACTIVE PRESENTS

Two artists in Walthamstow set out to take their street off the grid, kickstarting a solar-powered energy revolution. Film, post-screening talk and discussion with Ellie Harrison (Glasgow Community Energy), hosted by Renfrewshire Climate Action Network.



Tickets £0-8

Friday 27th March at 7 - 9.30pm

More Info: <https://refractive.scot/cinema/>
The Wynd Centre, 6 School Wynd, Paisley, PA1 2DB

Film by Artists Hilary Powell and Dan Edelstyn

OPTIMISTIC

dartmouth films

TOGETHER FILMS

www.power.film

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RenCAN Networking Brunch

Our first networking event of the year took place on Thursday 29th January at The Wynd Centre, Paisley, bringing network members together for a relaxed morning of connection, great conversations, and sparking ideas for partnership working in the months ahead.

We're always grateful to see many familiar faces, alongside new connections being made, all with a shared commitment to supporting and strengthening the climate action activities across our Renfrewshire communities.

Thank you to everyone who joined us!



Scottish Government Climate Change Plan

Thank you to everyone who joined our online workshop in January, to help shape Scotland's Climate Change Plan to 2040.

This important consultation will influence how Scotland meets its carbon budget between 2026 - 2040 and impact how we live, travel, heat our homes and support nature recovery. It was vital that Renfrewshire voices were part of the discussion.

Participants and representatives from local groups and organisations shared thoughtful insights during group discussions around the Scottish Government's priority questions, highlighting the need for fair, practical climate action that delivers real benefits for local communities. All contributions will help ensure Renfrewshire is represented in shaping Scotland's journey to net zero.

What We've Been Doing

Monthly Climate Workshops at Paisley Library

Supporting local people with hands-on learning and helpful information through our recent workshops focused on 'Warmer Homes', fermentation techniques, and growing tips for 2026!



Nature Restoration & Community Food with NatureFix

Delivered a 'How to Start a Community Garden' workshop, joined by inspiring speakers from Broadloan Gardens, Sanctuary Garden, the new garden at Lady Lane, and a Funding Officer from Renfrewshire Council. And tree planting season 2026 has begun! To get involved, visit: www.naturefix.org.uk



Climate Learning with 'Sustain The Change'

Our new digital platform supporting practical climate action in Renfrewshire, will be live in March. With bite-sized lessons, and simple tools, it's designed to be easy and jargon-free for local groups and organisations. For more information email Scott Duncan: learn@renfrewshireclimate.scot

Visit: <https://www.rencanlearn.org/>



Circular economy

Celebrated International Women's Day with 'Birds of a Feather Sewing2gether' installation at Paisley Library, featuring birds made from upcycled fabric by refugee and asylum-seeking women. We also ran a creative bottle-top workshop with local school pupils and our monthly Fix and Mend Lochwinnoch drop in saw the repair of fairy lights amongst other household items!



Open Aye Photo Walks

Engaging participatory photography workshops are underway as part of 'Photo Mapping Climate Action in Renfrewshire'. Visual case studies will showcase local climate action across conservation, circular economy and social justice, featuring in the new Green List directory to highlight RenCAN members leading change locally.



Photo Credit: Becky Duncan, Open Ayr

Circular Renfrewshire

RenCAN Hub works to promote a culture that celebrates reuse, repair, sharing and remaking locally to build a local circular economy and reduce waste. We're lucky to have many brilliant local organisations and projects as members of RenCAN who are brimming with creativity and resourcefulness in doing this work.

We have developed a booklet to signpost local projects and services that repair, mend and share including community repair initiatives, tool libraries, textile projects and projects redistributing surplus food and much more. In it, you can also find links to a wealth of information about a circular economy, repair manuals, the right to repair and much more.

You can download it by visiting our website:

<https://renfrewshireclimate.scot/rencan-hub/circular-economy>



Pick up a postcard from your nearest Renfrewshire library, scan the code and download the booklet.



Thanks for reading & stay connected!