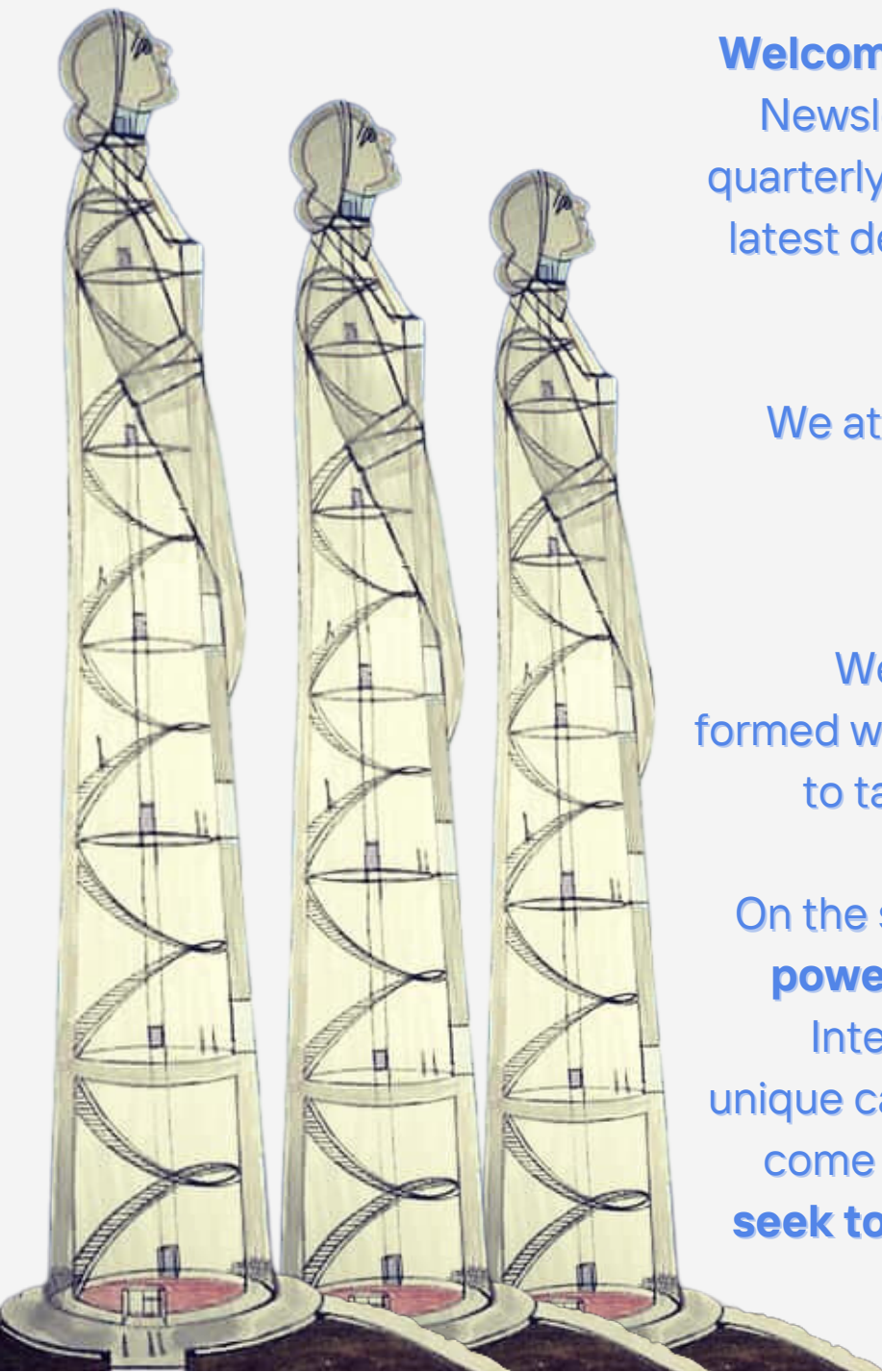


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INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE CENTRE

Stakeholder Newsletter – Issue 2



Welcome to the second Stakeholder Newsletter for the 360 Centre. Our quarterly newsletter will bring you the latest developments and updates on our progress.

We at the 360 CENTRE stand for a **greener, cleaner future for all.**

We are a **community initiative** formed with **pioneering partnerships** to tackle the climate emergency.

On the site of the former **Cockenzie power station**, we plan to build an International Learning Centre - a unique campus - somewhere for all to come together to **learn about and seek to address the climate crisis.**

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NEWS



NEW LOGO!

Work is underway to design a new logo for 360 - we expect it to look something like the one above!



SCOTTISH COMMUNITIES CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK (SCCAN)

We were thrilled to be invited by the Scottish Communities Climate Action Network (SCCAN) to appear in the spotlight of **1000 Better Stories** as their feature Member of the Month for October. The feature included a podcast interview with 360's very own Andrew Crummy, which can be listened to on Spotify. The 1000 Better Stories campaign gives voice to stories of inspiring community action and organisations.

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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ON HEAT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Our steering group was represented at the inaugural **'Community Leadership on Heat and Energy Efficiency'** meeting held in Haddington in September. This is a really exciting, ELC-driven initiative looking at the possibility of providing community heating from a heat-source pump based on the Cockenzie site using the remaining infrastructure from the old power station. Simply put, green renewables would power a heat exchanger to capture the heat from the sea and concentrate it before pumping it out into the communities and beyond. The ethos behind both The 360 Centre and the community heating initiative - education, renewable energy, positive collaboration - suggests a perfect partnership between both projects.



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SCOTTISH SEA BIRD CENTRE VISIT

The 360 Steering Group met with the CEO of the Seabird Centre, Susan Davies, on 18 September. Susan was positive about the 360 Vision and welcomed the community initiative providing it embraced existing attractions and visitors' centres in the region, to avoid any competition. Her words of wisdom were to consider how to ensure sustainable funding over time, after the initial phase of setting up the centre. Susan also suggested contacting the Chamber of Commerce and writing to the Net Zero Technology Centre in Aberdeen to discuss their model for obtaining funding and forging partnerships with academia and business.

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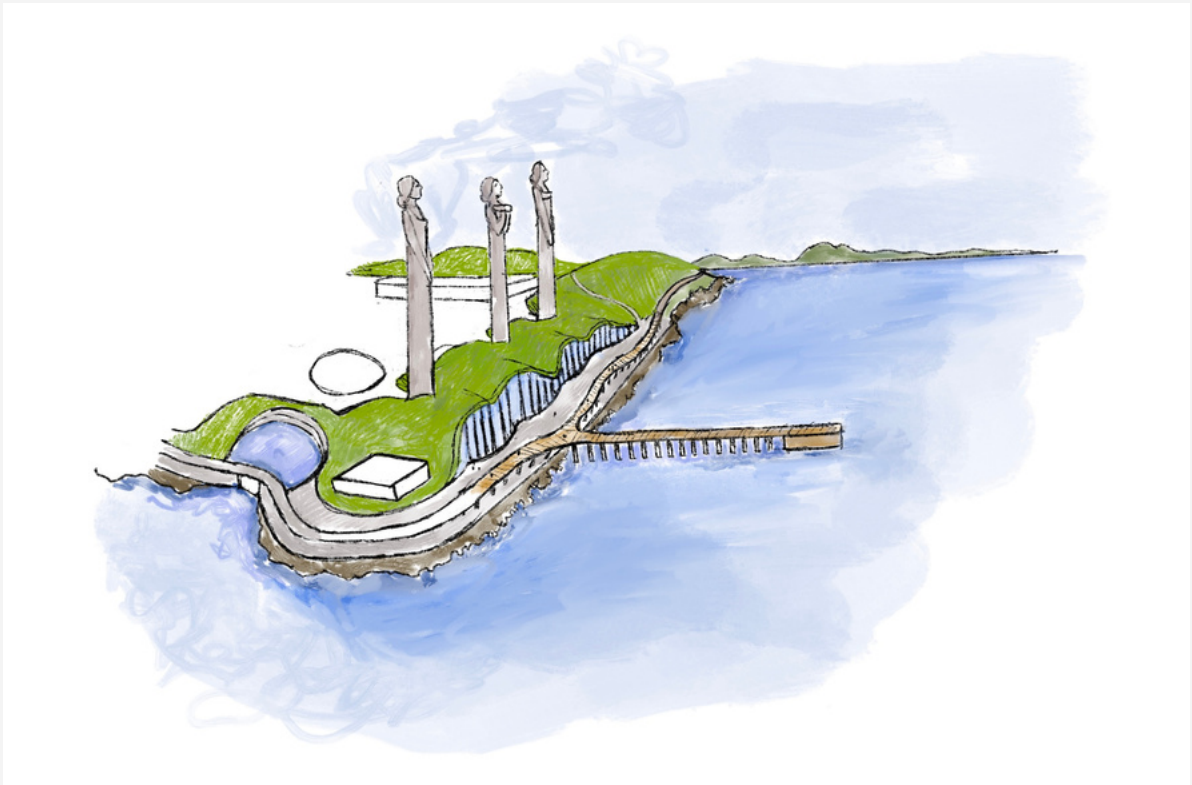
Our team has produced two new impression images of the 360 Centre. The first shows prospective plans on the Cockenzie site. The second is an artist's impression of how the 360 Centre might look once completed.



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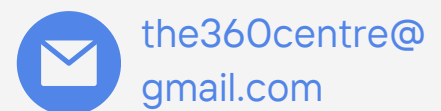
The existing Greenhills would extend along to Cockenzie on approximately 5 acres of the site, providing a rolling expanse of green space, and enhancing the environment and natural habitats. Nestled underneath the newly formed Greenhills would be the 360 campus and visitor centre, looking out to the Forth and beyond. A boardwalk would pick up the John Muir Way as it leaves Cockenzie and gradually rise above, over and beyond the sea wall, on through the site heading West to where John Muir Way picks up at the existing Greenhills. The community heating initiative currently being investigated is included and shows the necessary heat source pump linking to a community lido.

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SUSTAINING MUSSELBURGH EVENT 'HERE COMES EVERYONE'

The 360 Centre was one of 16 groups invited along to Sustaining Musselburgh's 'Here Comes Everyone' event on Saturday 9 September. It was the sunniest of days and the loveliest of locations at St Andrew's High Church in Musselburgh, where climate justice and sustainability were the focus of the day. The event started with a presentation on a community heating initiative which left everyone enthused and wondering how that might sit alongside The 360 Centre on the Cockenzie site. The answer was – easily! They are a perfect fit as we all work to make the necessary changes to promote clean, green renewable habits for the future. Participants were interested to hear more about the 360 project and the possibilities of what could be happening in their neighbouring community. Many signatures of support of 360 were collected along with positive suggestions to contribute to the 360 Vision. Our thanks to Sustaining Musselburgh for hosting such a great event.



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NET ZERO TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

Created in 2017, as part of the Aberdeen City Region Deal, with £180 million of UK and Scottish government funding, the Centre was established to be the go-to technology centre for the North Sea energy industry. The NetZero Technology Centre is a non-profit organisation which co-invests and collaborates with industry and government to develop and deploy new technologies. Their research enables the Scottish, UK and other governments to achieve net zero ambitions, deliver a decarbonised and net zero energy system, maximise economic recovery and compete in international markets.

The 360 steering group contacted the NetZero Centre on 26 September 2023 and has subsequently been put in contact with one of the technical team leaders who has worked on projects that include partnerships with industry and has led relationships with Scottish universities and academia.



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CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY (CAT),

Since our formation the 360 Centre has received recommendations in conversations with non-profit organisations and individuals, it was recommended the 360 Steering Group visit the Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT). This year the CAT celebrates five decades of environmental innovation and education and is outlining the next chapter in working together on solutions to the climate and nature emergency. Since opening in 1973, the CAT has evolved through many stages. The core focus is education with a range of opportunities, including a Graduate School of the Environment, a programme of short courses alongside a range of online webinars. It has on-site accommodation (eco-cabins) and eight internal spaces for meetings, conferences etc.

The CAT model is an interesting one, and one which the 360 Centre would like to understand more and possibly mirror. The 360 Steering Group are considering a visit to CAT in the Winter of 2023/24.



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COMMUNITY PLACE MAKING WORKSHOP

The 360 Centre organised a workshop for a student following the MA course in Design for Change from the University of Edinburgh, College of Art. We brought together members of the local community in Cockenzie for a 'Place Making Workshop'. The workshop gave participants the opportunity to create their place on the old site of the Cockenzie Power Station, rather than simply being consulted.

They were presented with both the Scottish Government's plan for a Data Centre expansion and the 360 Centre vision for the site. Via sketches and discussions, they were invited to imagine the future and describe the 'look and feel' of the site either as hosting a Data Centre or as an educational hub and community space, as is the vision of the 360 Centre[1].

[1] Unpublished dissertation 'An Ethnography of Data Centres'; April Barret, MA course in Design for Change; University of Edinburgh, College of Art, 2023.



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NEXT STEPS

- Continue working towards becoming a SCIO;
- Source seed funds to produce a professional Business Plan;
- Establish concrete partnerships with East Lothian Council and look for collaborative opportunities with proposed heat and energy efficiency projects planned for the Cockenzie site;
- Establish concrete partnerships with East Lothian secondary schools, Universities, Technical colleges and renewable businesses;
- Visit other organisations such as the Centre for Alternative Technology, Powys and the NetZero Technology Centre, Aberdeen to learn and understand the business models being used for funding and building the necessary partnerships;
- Bring other community initiatives on board in an official collaborative framework/network.

KEEP IN TOUCH!

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