



### What is HEN?

HEN is the Highland-wide network for connecting people who are involved or interested in environmental matters. We share news, issues, support, opportunities and activities.

### Spreading the net

The HEN Project Officer shares regular news updates, using social media to reach the many remote and rural parts of the Highlands. An e-bulletin is published every two months to keep subscribers up-to-date on local and national developments. Quarterly newsletters focus in more detail on a single environmental topic. All the newsletters and e-bulletins are hosted on the HEN website.

### Working Together

HEN works with the Highland Council and Scottish Natural Heritage to develop the Highland Environment Forum, which promotes collaborative working across organisations in support of the environmental section of the Single Outcome agreement with Scottish Government. HEN also provides support to the Climate Change Working group and Highland Biodiversity Action Plan.

### Why is a Highland network important?

HEN is valuable to anyone with an interest in the Highland environment - from individuals to national organisations.

Our Highland-wide remit helps to meet some of the communication challenges of remote and rural areas and provides a single point through which organisations can communicate. We also share good practice and build partnerships.

The news and information we provide is useful to those already involved in environmental activity, and to those considering how to make it part of their lives and work.

The broad appeal of HEN means we are the ideal interface for agencies to connect with the wider public. In return, individuals, local groups and organisations are all able to keep up-to-date with what is happening in Highland, how they can get involved, and what support and expertise they can draw on.

### Agenda for action

We are delighted to have been successful in obtaining funding from Awards for All to carry out our 'Working Together' research project. We will be surveying groups and organisations that are already involved in environmental work and those that could potentially get involved. The results will help us to create projects that inspire across the whole of the Highlands, to see what support communities need to achieve sustainable, environmental ambitions, and to increase their involvement in decision-making.



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### Our supporters

- Over 700 hundred subscribers to the e-bulletins and newsletters, many other followers of our social media.
- More than 200 businesses and organisations in the HEN directory promoting their work and services to a wide audience.



### Champion HENs

HEN is recruiting volunteer Champions who will play a vital role in ensuring that we continue to improve the service we offer.

### What it takes to be a Champion

A Champion will be interested in environmental issues and happy to represent and promote HEN. They will inform local groups and organisations about where to find expert advice and support and let them let know about others with a similar interests and experiences.

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