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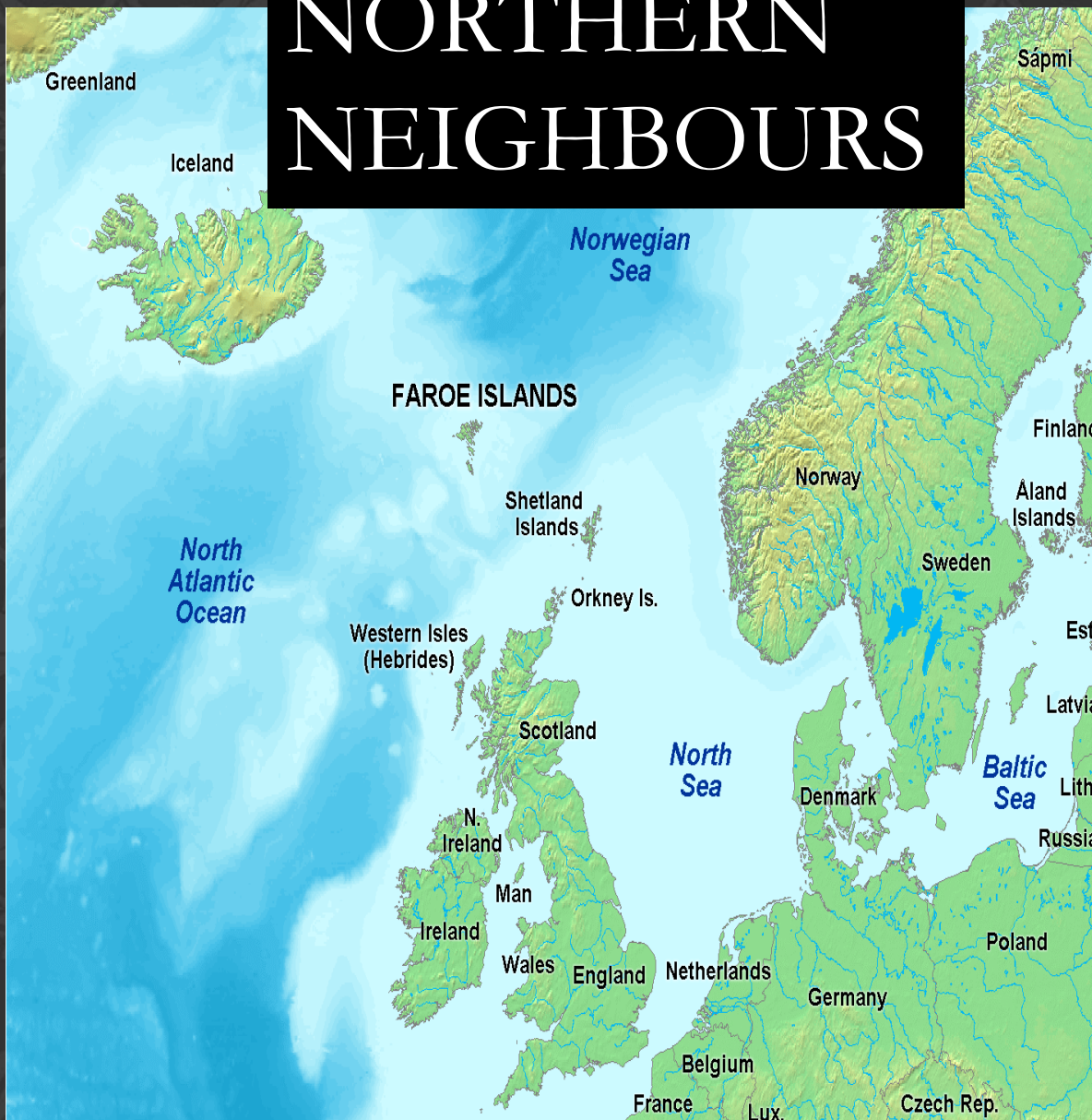
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**UNLEASHING THE
POWER OF COMMUNITY**

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NORTHERN NEIGHBOURS



NORDICS HAVE SYSTEMS THAT WORK

By 2015 nearly 50% of all journeys in Copenhagen are likely to be made by bike. In Edinburgh it is currently 4%. What can Edinburgh and other Scottish cities learn from Copenhagen?

With Søren Rasmussen of the Danish 'bicycle embassy'

Hosted by Alison Johnstone MSP

Chaired by Lesley Riddoch, writer and broadcaster

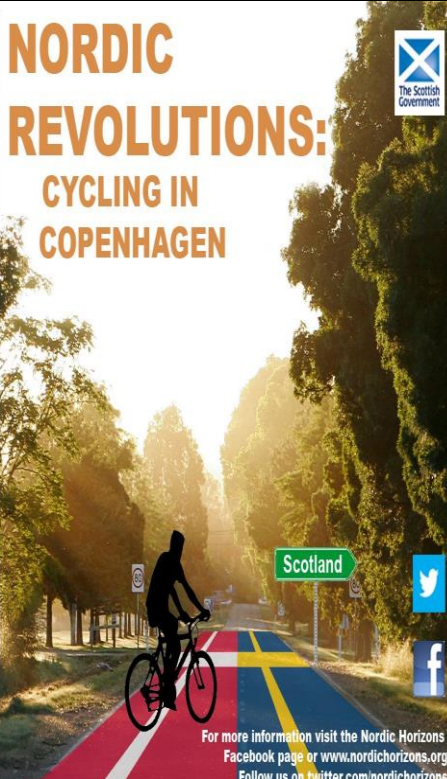
Tuesday December 4
6 - 8pm, Scottish Parliament

Organised by the Cycling Cross Party Group, with Nordic Horizons

To register RSVP Ben Miller
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**NORDIC
REVOLUTIONS:
CYCLING IN
COPENHAGEN**



The Scottish Government

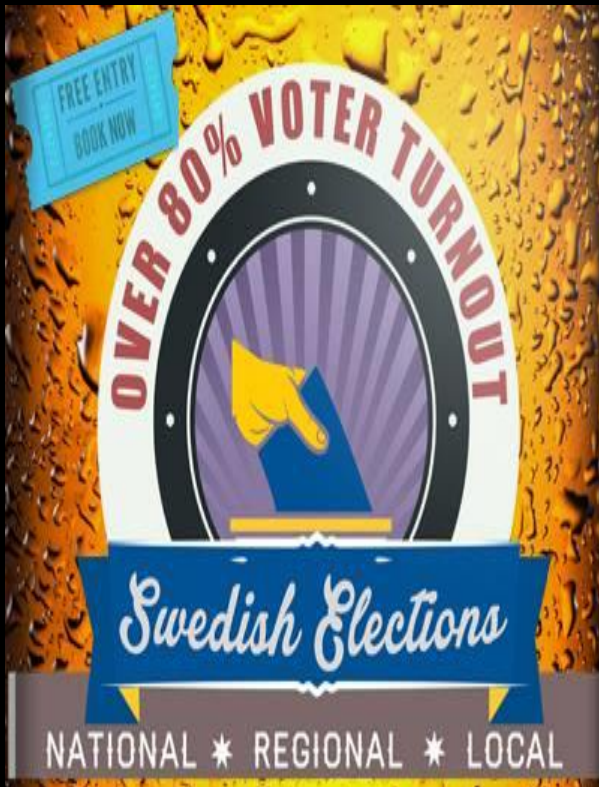
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SWEDISH ELECTIONS OVER 80% TURNOUT

THURSDAY APRIL 9TH



The Scottish
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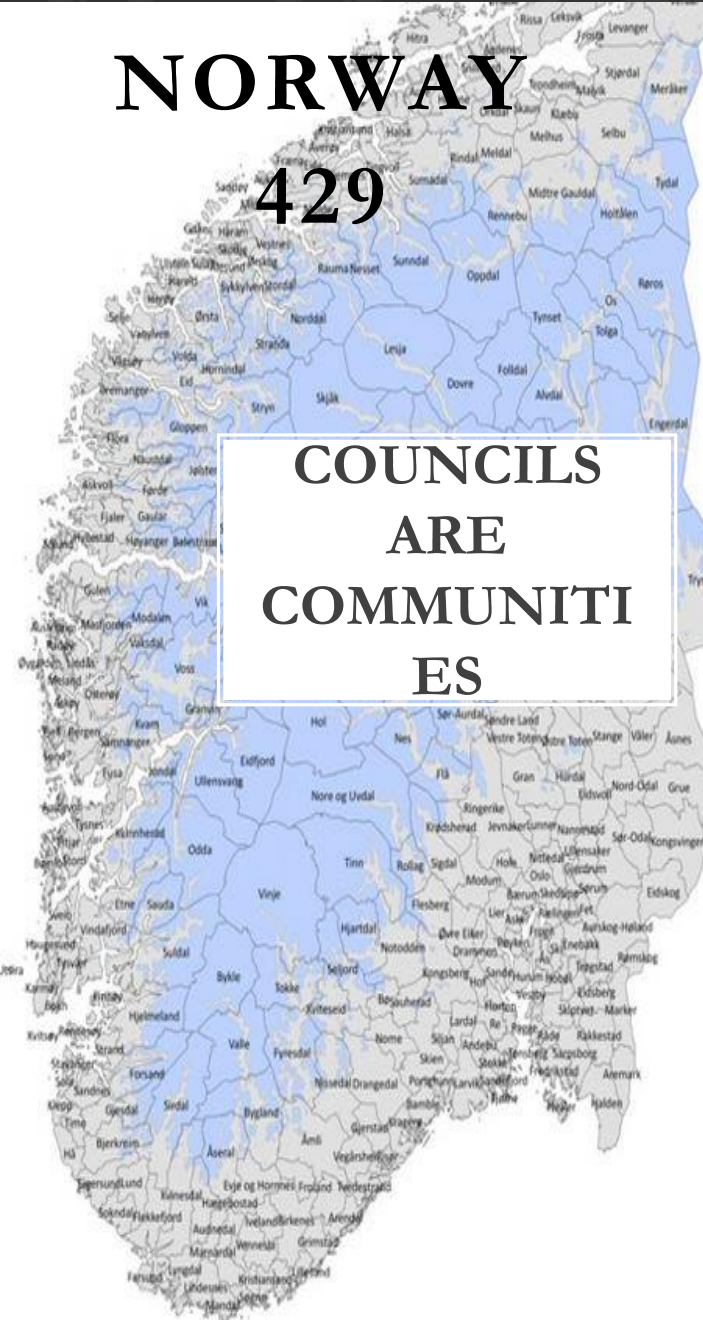
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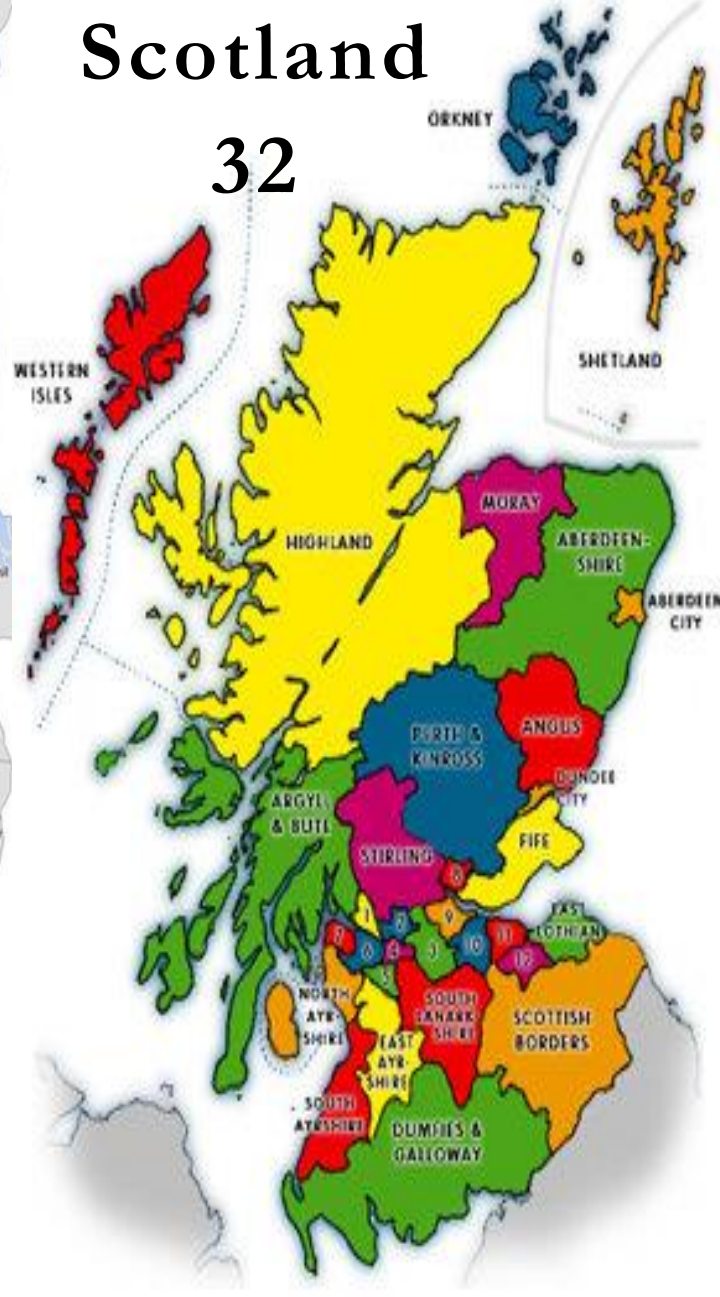
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A TALE OF TWO TOWNS

Wick 1900



Hammerfest 1900



HAMMERFEST TRANSFORMED BY ENERGY...

ENERGIHUSET



KVALSUND STRAIT

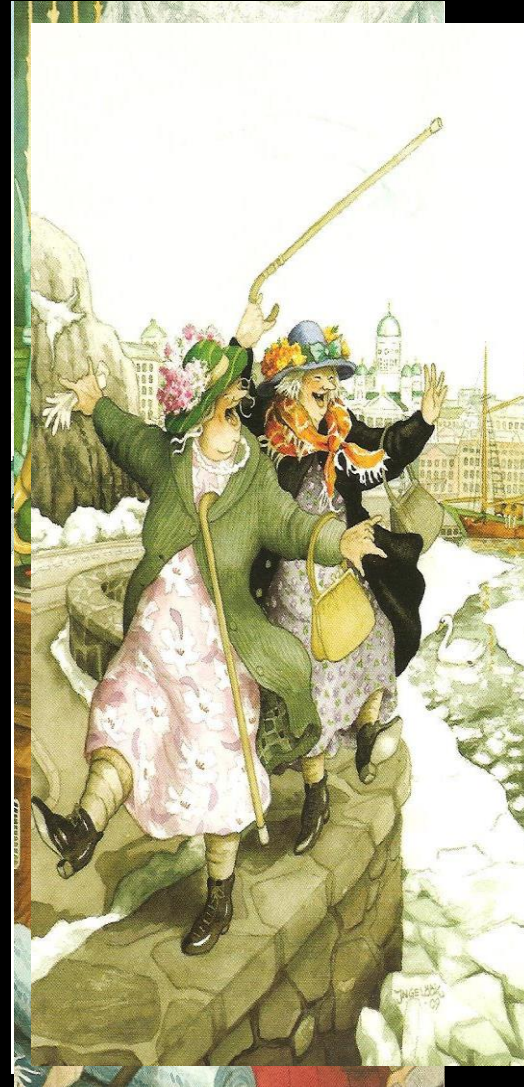


AND HOUSING

Destruction reconstruction
and...



OLD LADY RESILIENCE

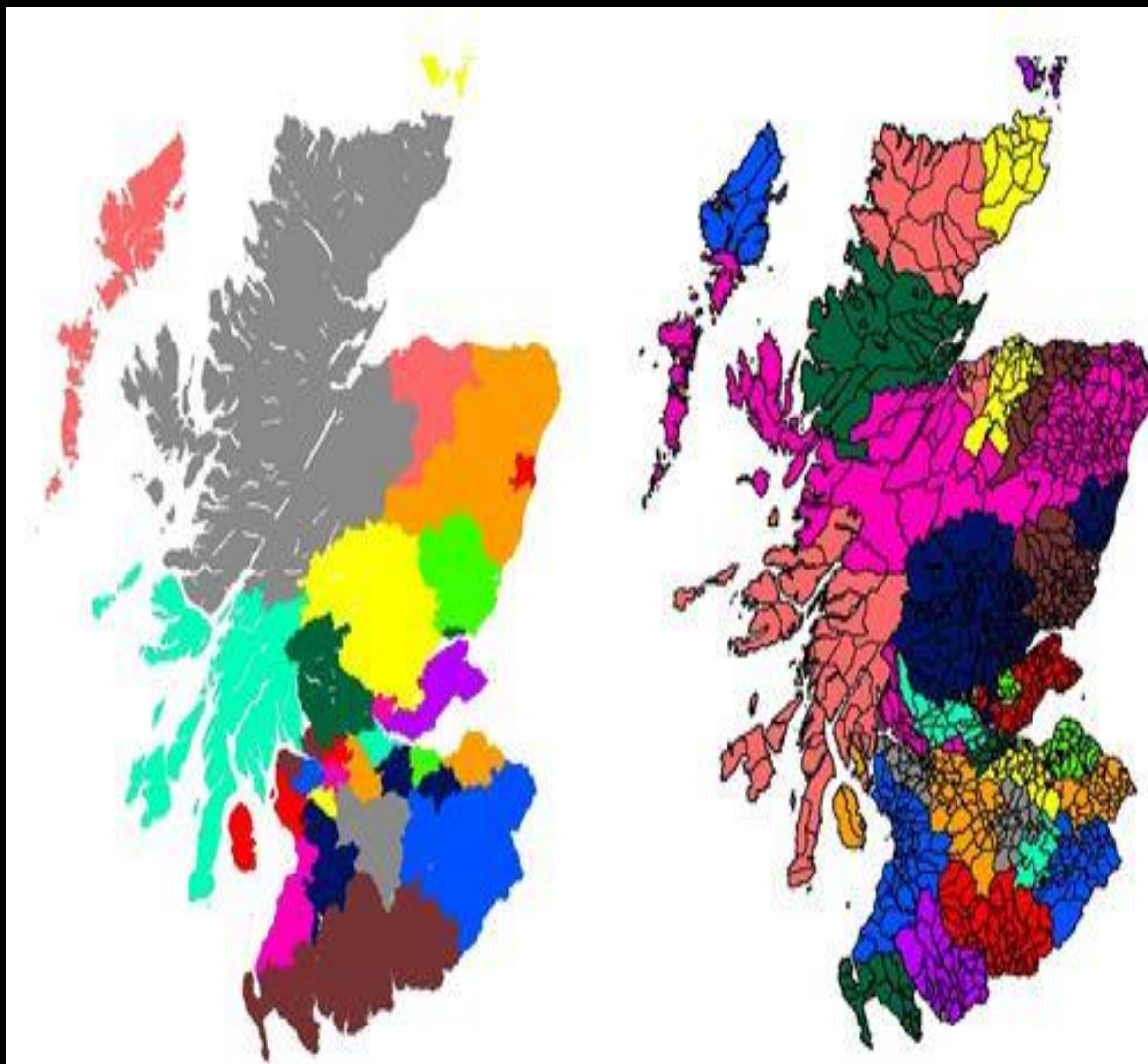


AND WICK ?



SCOTTISH COUNCILS

STATUS QUO & EUROPEAN AVERAGE





**COMMUNITIES TO
THE RESCUE**

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DIY SUPPORT



DIY SOLAR PANELS



DIY INSULATION



BEFORE



AND AFTER





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THE HOUSE BUILT IN 3 DAYS



LAIG BAY BREWERY



EIGG MIRACLE; 2 BED FOR £40K



SELF BUILDING WITH NATIVE WOOD



NOT ALL SUCCESS



From left: Martin Coyle, Alan Kemp, Richard Booth, Terry Forey, James McConnell, Davie Best, Tommy Riley.

Picture: Alan Milligan

THE DRUMCHAPEL GROUP

“It’s hard to look at a fag and think it can do any more harm than what’s already been done”

So stands Scotland where it did? Not on your nelly.

The professional classes in Scotland may be busy with Commissions, vows, deals, submissions and General Election planning but the wider Yes Movement is busy with huge spontaneous meetings involving hundreds, even thousands of people – gatherings like birds flocking before winter or starlings swooping to throw shapes into darkening skies. Because they can.

Wee White Blossom is a post-indyref, poppandom-sized version of *Blossom* for folk who've already sampled the full bhuna. It updates *Blossom* with a new chapter on Scotland's Year of Living Dangerously. Lesley Riddoch shares her thoughts on the Smith Commission, the departure of Gordon Brown, the return of Alex Salmond and the latest developments in land reform and local control. She considers the future of the SNP, the Radical Independence Campaign, Common Weal, Women for Independence and Scottish Labour in the aftermath of the referendum. This is a plain-speaking, incisive call to restore equality and control to local communities and let Scotland flourish.

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