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## Ward Forums

The roll out of the Ward Forums in Formartine continues this year with 3 forums happening in the early spring across the area. This year's theme will focus on identifying local issues and potential solutions. In attendance will be the local councillors and the Community Planning Partners including Grampian Police, Grampian Fire and Rescue, NHS Grampian, Community Councils, Volunteer Centre, Formartine Partnership Ltd and Aberdeenshire Council. If you live, work or participate in a group in the Formartine area you are welcome to attend the relevant forum. Please contact Mark Mitchell, [mark.mitchell@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:mark.mitchell@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

## Community Research Projects

Two research projects are near completion in Newburgh and Rothienorman. Funding by the Formartine Community Planning Group allowed for community action researchers to be employed in the two villages. The researchers consulted and engaged with the community to establish if any improvements were needed and to identify opportunities for people to get involved in their community. Both projects are near the end of their research and are in the process of establishing an action plan to drive forward the outcome of their research.

### .....Dates for Your Diary.....

#### Mid Formartine Ward Forum

Thursday 1st March 2012, 6.30pm, Meldrum Academy

#### Ellon and District Ward Forum

Monday 5th March 2012, 6.30pm, Ythan Centre

#### Turriff and District Ward Forum

Wednesday 14th March 2012, 6.30pm, Gateway Centre.

## Ellon Community Wellbeing Week

Ellon Community School Network Health Improvement Group will again be hosting Ellon Community Wellbeing Week from Saturday 17th March to Saturday 24th March 2012. There will be a variety of activities happening throughout the area to encourage people to become active and healthy and to participate in their community. We hope to replicate the success of last year's event and to encourage more people to feel good about themselves and their community.

## Life Through A Lens

A steering group has been formed to highlight barriers to inclusion in the town of Ellon and surrounding area. The project named "Life Through A Lens" will employ a photographer/artist to work with vulnerable individuals and groups to highlight barriers to everyday inclusion using photography to capture the issues. The project also aims to boost social interaction as well as developing skills in photography. Anyone interested in taking part in the project should contact Mark Mitchell 01358 726406, Carla Angus 01467 628577 or Nicola Twine 01358 721946.



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## Ancestral Tourism Workshop

**A**berdeen and North East Scotland Ancestral Tourism Partnership will host a free all day workshop on ancestral tourism on Thursday 15 March 2012 at the Kintore Arms Hotel, Inverurie.

The workshop is aimed at stakeholders across the tourism sector that will see this as an exciting opportunity to enhance their business profile and look for opportunities to work with the partnership, by raising awareness of the economic potential of ancestral tourism for the north-east of Scotland. It is also aimed at establishing



further partnerships for future joint working.

Guest speakers for the event include author and broadcaster Nick Barratt from BBC TV's "Who Do You Think You Are?" and Gillian Swan, ancestral marketing manager from Visit Scotland and will also include local case study presentations.

**For further information on the workshop please email [info@northeast-scotland-roots.com](mailto:info@northeast-scotland-roots.com) or call (01224) 522116. To register for the event visit [www.northeastscotlandroots.com](http://www.northeastscotlandroots.com)**

## Cash In Your Pocket Partnership



**C**IYPP is a free, all age referral service for all residents of Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire and they work with organisations that encourage the take up of benefits and services that can improve health and wellbeing.

Funded by the Fairer Scotland Fund, Cash In Your Pocket Partnership's aim is to reduce financial hardship. They also want to discourage people from going to disreputable companies which can often just exacerbate the situation. The one-stop-shop can organise single or multiple referrals for individuals who need help with things such as rent arrears, benefit

checks, budgeting, debt & borrowing, savings, house repairs, heating and insulation work. CIYPP can also refer for health checks, advice on healthy eating and help to stop smoking.

The referral form is simple to use and referrals can be made by individuals themselves, by their family members, or front-line support workers. Referral forms can be completed online, printed off from the website: [www.ciypp.co.uk](http://www.ciypp.co.uk) or leaflets can be posted out on request by contacting the telephone number below. It can sometimes be difficult to know who and where to go for advice. If you get in touch with CIYPP, they will ensure you are put in touch with the right people making it easier to get the help required. You can contact Cash In Your Pocket Partnership by using the details provided below :

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