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## "With Inclusion in Mind"



Jill Sowden, Garioch Community Planning Officer, seen recently receiving an award in the Efficiency and Innovation Category of Aberdeenshire Council's Employee Achievement Awards. Jill received the award for work on driving With Inclusion in Mind and community-lead health through the local Community Planning process and is pictured here with Councillor Anne Robertson, Leader of Aberdeenshire Council; Bill Howatson, Aberdeenshire Provost and Colin Mackenzie, Chief Executive of Aberdeenshire Council.

### Garioch Community Plan 2010/14

The Garioch Community Plan is now available to view on line at:

[www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/images/stories/garioch/garioch%20cp%202010.pdf](http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/images/stories/garioch/garioch%20cp%202010.pdf)

## Handyperson Scheme

D2O (Disability to Opportunity/Aberdeenshire Disability Action) are making final preparations before launching the Handyperson Scheme in Inverurie at the end of the year. They will be recruiting and training volunteers and advertising the scheme over the next few weeks. For more information call Jill Sowden on 01467 628338.



### Activities for Older People

Taster Sessions will be held on 20 October 2010 at the Ashdale Hall from 11.00am - 3.30pm, to coincide with the Dementia Café and will allow carers, and those they care for, to try out some of the activities available in the Westhill area. For more information contact Jill Sowden, Community Planning Officer, on 01467 628338.

### Memory Fayre

The Memory Fayre took place at Inverurie Town Hall on 29 September and was a central-wide event organised by Social Work, NHS Grampian and Alzheimers Scotland to raise awareness about Dementia and living well with Dementia. The day included ways of improving memory and health, physical activities and advice stands were held by local agencies and Garioch Community Planning Partners.

### Dementia Cafe

Alzheimer's Scotland, Social Work and community volunteers ran a pilot Dementia Café at the Ashdale Hall on Wednesday 22 September. The cafes will be run on a monthly basis and if successful, it is planned to set up a second Dementia café in Inverurie.

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## Aberdeenshire Compact

### What is the Compact?

It is a document agreed by the Community Planning Partnership and the wider third sector. It sets out what the Community Planning Partnership and the wider third sector can expect from each other and the principles which will guide our work together.

### What are the principles of the Compact?

- ◆ Partnership: by working together we will achieve more for the people and communities of Aberdeenshire;
- ◆ Genuine partnerships require integrity, objectivity, understanding, accountability, openness, honesty and close working with recognition of the equal value of everyone's contribution;
- ◆ An independent and diverse third sector is fundamental to the wellbeing of the people and communities of Aberdeenshire and that voluntary action and community involvement improves social inclusion;
- ◆ Clear, open and accessible consultation improves policy development, builds relation-



ships and enhances the design and delivery of services and programmes;

- ◆ Promoting and developing the social economy in Aberdeenshire;
- ◆ Responding flexibly and sensitively towards each other and respecting confidentiality.

### What are we doing to make the Compact real?

The Community Planning Partnership Board agreed an action plan for the Compact in March 2010. The actions are:

1. Promote volunteering and participation in communities;
2. Identify groups who face difficulties in getting their voice heard;
3. Promote collaborative working between third sector infrastructure organisations;
4. Ensure the Compact reaches all known third sector groups and organisations;
5. Third sector representation on working groups and service user groups;
6. Equality of treatment for third sector organisations' funding and grants.

