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Shared Lives



The Shared Lives Scheme is available to adults with disabilities in Aberdeenshire. It is provided by Aberdeenshire Council and registered with the Care Commission.

The scheme is for people from 16 years with a disability who need day care, a short break or a residential placement. It provides occasional or regular breaks to enable the individual an enjoyable and needs led break whilst allowing their carers/family a break from caring. Long term placements to enable the individual to live their life in the community with a carer in their home may also be available through the scheme.

All the carers are individuals

with their own personalities and lifestyles. However, they are all chosen for the warmth of their welcome, their energy, flexibility, interest in people and the time they have to offer the Shared Lives Scheme. Carers are carefully selected, assessed, trained and supported by social workers. Their homes have been assessed to meet National Care Standards.

Individuals using respite will pay a contribution to the carers which is financially assessed dependent on their income and benefits, and the carers also receive a payment from Aberdeenshire Council. If you are interested in using this service or in becoming a carer for the Shared Lives Scheme, please contact Sue Mahony on 01569 768418 or by email on Suzanne.mahony@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Review of the Community Plan

The Local Community Plan for Kincardine and Mearns is a working document developed to ensure a coordinated approach to the work done in our community. It is currently under review with a new plan due to be published by summer 2010. The Local Community Planning Group would welcome any views on the draft plan which can be viewed on the Kincardine and Mearns pages

of the Community Planning website, www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk. Comments can be emailed to the Community Planning Officers, Karelia Wright or Emma Kidd, at karelia.wright@aberdeenshire.gov.uk and emma.kidd@aberdeenshire.gov.uk, or you can write to them at Aberdeenshire Council, Viewmount, Stonehaven, AB39 2DQ before the end of February 2010.



Health & Wellbeing Network

A new network for voluntary / community groups in Kincardine and Mearns working in the area of health and wellbeing has been formed. A really positive initial meeting was held at the end of November 2009 attended by representatives from various local voluntary organisations as well as from the statutory sector. The aims of the group to start with are to provide mutual support for those working in the area, to share information and contacts, to improve joint working and through all these improve how the third sector can contribute to increased health and wellbeing. It was decided to have an initial focus on older people's issues though this is open to change as the group develops. A second meeting to look at developing an action plan is due to take place on 26th January. If you would like to become involved in the network or would like to know more, please contact Karelia Wright, Community Planning Officer, on 01569 768327 or email at the address below.



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The Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership website is a useful source of information about the work that is being taken forward to develop community planning in Aberdeenshire. The site offers local groups and the wider public the opportunity to get involved in community planning to make a real difference in the area where you live.

Home Page

On the home page you will find frequently updated news and events involving partnership working and community engagement in Aberdeenshire. There is an A-Z and an interactive map to help you navigate around the website.

Get Involved

This section truly provides you with an opportunity to get involved in community planning. For example, you can:

- ♦ have your say by taking part in consultations currently ongoing in Aberdeenshire, such as commenting on your draft local community plan
- ♦ voice your opinion on local services and influence decision makers by signing up to our citizens' panel.

Our Priorities

The priorities which the community planning partnership is taking forward can broadly be categorised into five areas of work.

- ♦ Community Wellbeing - to enhance the quality of everyday life across Aberdeenshire by improving health and social care, housing and community safety.
- ♦ Jobs and the Economy - to improve the economy of Aberdeenshire and the employment prospects of its people.

- ♦ Lifelong Learning - to develop and improve learning opportunities and build stronger communities in Aberdeenshire by improving knowledge and skills, developing confidence, promoting inclusion and empowering communities.
- ♦ Sustainable Environment - to achieve sustainability by reducing resource use, protecting our environment, combating climate change and enhancing biodiversity.
- ♦ Developing our Partnership - to work together to make our partnership as efficient and effective as possible.

Further information on each priority can be accessed on the website. You will also be able to see how we are working towards these objectives in our local community plans in the Document Library.

Document Library

The library provides access to all key partnership documents, such as the local community plans, community profiles and Making it Real action plans. You can also view other relevant documents as well as minutes and agendas for partnership meetings in Aberdeenshire.

Tackling Poverty

Here you will find information and updates from our Tackling Poverty and Inequalities strategy group. The section focuses on local statistics and positive examples of tackling poverty in Aberdeenshire.

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