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Making the Most on the Coast - Regeneration Priority Area - Focus on Volunteering



Aberdeenshire Council has allocated funding of £68,000 for the Regeneration Priority Area on the coastal strip of Kincardine and Mearns this financial year and the money was prioritised into the four themes, Physical Environment, Transportation, Social Enterprise and Community Work.

Many of the projects on the coastal strip have identified the need for and value of volunteers in communities. Volunteering provides both an opportunity to the volunteer and the organisation. There are lots of different opportunities for groups to take on volunteers including, serving on a committee, creating websites, driving vehicles, gardening etc. These opportunities offer great benefits for the organisation as well as the individual, for example; building local links with others in the community, access to a wide pool of skills and expertise, new and fresh ideas.

Volunteering in Kincardine and Mearns

Volunteering provides people with the chance to work and interact with people from different walks of life, while providing valuable opportunities in teamwork, leadership, and commitment to something above and beyond our daily existence. While many volunteer placements are available both here and abroad, people tend to choose local organisations where they have a contact.

The Community Planning Partners in Kincardine and Mearns are developing a database listing volunteering opportunities on the coast from Inverbervie south to St Cyrus. If you are part of an organisation looking for volunteers it might help your cause to send us your information for the database. In submitting your information to the database you are more likely to attract people most suited to your organisation. Forms are available from:

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Area Office. Aberdeenshire Council, Viewmount
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Howe o' the Mearns Heritage Association

Howe o' the Mearns Heritage Association are running two projects, funded by Aberdeenshire Council LEADER, Heritage Lottery Fund and the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts - an independent body with a mission to make the UK more innovative. The projects combined will look at the history of the Mearns over the last 30 years, things that have been introduced and local impacts. There will be a focus on people with Learning Disabilities and the intention is to focus on 30 locations in either communities, or heritage sites and assemble a brief summary of the information gathered from the project to be buried in a time capsule on 30 March 2013. The Maggie Law Museum is included as one of the 30 sites and in addition to this the Museum is also the focus of refurbishment, not only to make the building wind and water tight to preserve the artefacts and improve the displays, but also with a view to becoming a sustainable social enterprise.



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Ancestral Tourism Workshop

Aberdeen 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 or call (01224) 522116. To register for the event visit www.northeastscotlandroots.com

Cash In Your Pocket Partnership



CIYPP 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 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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