



Our Aberdeenshire

Marr
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— Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership newsletter —

Welcome to the new Community Planning newsletter

This newsletter will keep you in the loop about anything related to Community Planning in Aberdeenshire. We are planning to publish several editions throughout the year with both Local and Shire wide info and articles. We'd really like to know what you think of it from the layout to the content. Please forward any comments, good, bad or ugly, to the central Community Planning team - contact details are at the bottom of this page and we'll take it from there...

What is it and what's in it for you?



Don't be fooled by the words - community planning is all about community. If you're reading this, then this means YOU! Let's get clear about the words - it's nothing to do with planning applications; community planning IS about community and planning for the future. It is simply a way of working.

In Aberdeenshire, there are nine full community planning partners including established voluntary and community sector bodies. These partners plan in partnership together in order to work towards meeting your local needs efficiently. You and your community are also important partners so that we can find out what those needs are. More info about the partners will

appear in the next edition of this newsletter!

Our community planning partnership has agreed to "work together for the best quality of life for everyone in Aberdeenshire".

We are keen to make links between local projects & the community planning partnership. To find out more contact your Local Community Planning Group, or your local Community Council, Council for Voluntary Service or Local Rural Partnerships.

For details and information visit our new website at:
www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk

Introducing the central Community Planning Team



*(l-r) Catharina Grimmer,
Erin Wood and
Ally McLeod*

We support the following groups in the partnership structure - Board, Executive and theme forums. We provide a central point of contact for Community Planning, work to promote Community Planning and improve communications between partners and between the partnership and local areas.

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Locally...



Marr Community Forums May 2008

The Marr Local Community Planning Group invites you to the Marr Community Forums for May 2008. The Forums are for all community councillors, elected members, community planning partners, community and community development groups, community safety groups, business associations, trusts and local partnerships.

The nights' programme will include a show and tell from the host community to give local partnerships the opportunity to tell us about the work they are doing, share their experiences and seek advice from other groups. For the May Forums we also have an underlying theme of "Local Flavour" and our refreshments will be sourced from the local community.

We are always keen to hear your views on how you want

the Forums to work. If you have any general issue that you would like to include in the night's discussions, please let us know in advance and we will do our best to allocate some time to it.

Please let us know whether you will be there, by phone or email. We hope to see as many of you as possible; the more people who attend, the more interesting and useful the Forums will be!

Hands On Communication



Where do you think you are with involvement in local community planning? This is your chance to raise issues important to you, ask for advice and receive feedback on actions taken.

To help you keep dates in your diary, here is the 2008 timetable and the May venues (all 6.45 for 7.00pm):

May	14th - Stewart's Hall, Huntly.
	15th - Logie Coldstone Hall.
	21st - The Byre, Woodend Barn, Banchory.
August	13th, 14th & 20th
November	12th, 13th & 19th

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Community Event

HUNTLY ARMS HOTEL,
ABOYNE

SATURDAY 21st JUNE
FROM 10am - 4pm

You are all invited to attend our Annual Community Event, again being held at the Huntly Arms Hotel, Aboyne. This year, for part of the day, our theme will be Youth and Young People and we will hopefully be joined by members of the Aberdeenshire Youth Forum and other local organisations. More details to follow!



A year-long celebration of a unique modern culture
Homecoming Scotland aims to motivate people of Scottish descent to come home in 2009 and celebrate. Get your community involved!

National Signature Events include The Clan Gathering. A regional Themed Events programme will soon be announced. What will inspire you? Could your community organise a local event, to benefit from The Homecoming's boost to tourism?