



## NEWS

### **CVSA Christmas Opening Hours**

The CVSA offices in Banchory and Inverurie will be closed from lunchtime on 24th December for Christmas and New Year. Both offices will re-open on Tuesday 5th January 2010. CVSA would like to wish all our clients and readers a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year - we look forward to working with you all in 2010.

### **ACVO Office Move**

ACVO have now moved to their new offices in the City Centre at Greyfriars House, Gallowgate, Aberdeen. Phone: (01224) 686055, E-mail: [mduff@acvo.org.uk](mailto:mduff@acvo.org.uk)  
Web: [www.aberdeencn.info](http://www.aberdeencn.info)

### **Commission welcomes EU Council's decision to designate 2011 as the European Year of Volunteering**

At the end of November, the EU Council decided that 2011 will be designated the "European Year of Volunteering". The organisation of the Year had been proposed by the European Commission and received a positive opinion by the European Parliament. Welcoming the Council's decision, Mr Maroš Šefcovic, the Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, said: "Volunteering is a way for individuals to make a valuable contribution to society. At the EU level, volunteering promotes civic participation, social cohesion and provides learning opportunities for the volunteers as well as a multitude of benefits for society at large. I am pleased that our idea to have a European Year dedicated to promoting volunteering activities received such solid support from the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers."

For further information visit:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1836&format>

### **Pilotlight Scotland**

Pilotlight was set up in 2007 to address the needs of small charities and social enterprises who have expertise to address the needs of their beneficiaries but do not have, and could not afford to buy, the time and skills to develop their own infrastructure. Pilotlight brings together skilled professionals from the business community and harnesses their talents to create growth and sustainability in small to medium charities and social enterprises. They offer a uniquely managed capacity-building process, exploring your vision and giving you the skills to make it happen...and it won't cost you a penny because Pilotlight are funded by donations from their business partners. Two years after working with Pilotlight, the charities and social enterprises Pilotlight support:

- ◆ Increase the number of people reached by 57%
- ◆ Increase turnover by 54% (6 times voluntary sector average)
- ◆ Improved services provided to individual and communities by 60%

To find out more, call the Project Manager Team on 0131 243 2765 or visit <http://scotland.pilotlight.org.uk/>

## Local Citizens Advice Bureaux

Citizens advice bureaux have been providing advice and information to the Scottish public for almost 70 years. Bureaux give free, confidential, impartial and independent advice on a wide range of subjects, including:

- ◆ **Benefits** – questions about entitlements, support with applications and appeals against unfair decisions
- ◆ **Debt and money advice** – how to manage your debts, improve your financial situation and maximise your income
- ◆ **Work-related problems** – questions about terms and conditions, dismissal, redundancy, intimidation and unfair dismissal
- ◆ **Consumer issues** – everything from broken kettles to difficulties with gas and electricity suppliers
- ◆ **Relationships** – issues relating to splitting up, children, and bereavement
- ◆ **Housing** – your rights through to homelessness.

To find your nearest Citizens Advice Bureau, visit <http://www.cas.org.uk/>

## Aberdeen's Open Space Audit

Over a quarter of the land in Aberdeen consists of open space, including parks, gardens, playing fields, woodland, river corridors, play areas, allotments and civic space. 'Open Spaces' are the open, usually green areas within and on the edges of settlements.

Aberdeen City Council is undertaking an audit of open spaces, looking at the amount of each type of open space as well as their quality, and how accessible they are to the communities around them. The views and opinions of everyone who uses or would like to use Aberdeen's open spaces are being sought now, so that a strategy for the management, enhancement and development of open space can be produced in the New Year.

Evidence shows that quality, accessible open space delivers a wide range of social, environmental and economic benefits, which are priorities for communities, the Council and the government. Research also highlights the negative impacts of poor quality and degraded local environments on people's quality of life.

Please get involved with this consultation at:  
[www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/Planning/pla/pla\\_open\\_space\\_audit.asp](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/Planning/pla/pla_open_space_audit.asp)  
or contact: Open Space Audit, Aberdeen City Council  
8th Floor St. Nicholas House, Broad Street, Aberdeen AB10 1BW  
Phone: 01224 523316 Email: [pi@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:pi@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

## Sharing Best Practice and Practical Solutions to Delivering Public Services in Scotland

Edinburgh and Edinburgh Napier Universities want to hear from Scottish organisations willing to participate in action research on delivering public services in employability, regeneration and social care. Commissioned by the Scottish Government, the research will provide opportunities to share good practice and practical solutions in delivering services. As part of this study, the researchers are also keen to engage with organisations working specifically in rural areas.

Further information from Colin Lindsay, Edinburgh Napier University: 0131 455 4315

Mearns Area Partnership working with Community Food Initiatives North East will pilot a  
**FRUIT and VEG VAN**



On Wednesday 16th December  
Fordoun (12.45 – 1.30)  
Edzell Woods (2.00 – 2.34)  
Luthermuir (3.00 – 3.45)  
Marykirk (4.00 – 4.45)



The van will carry a selection of produce including fruit, vegetables, pulses and health foods. They will also have order forms for future trips.

## **Invest to engage: enhancing connections with the NHS**

A series of one-day seminars to equip third sector organisations with the skills to engage with NHS Health Boards. The events aim to: assist you to develop strategies for increasing your influence on and engagement with the NHS and develop your own framework for achieving this.

19th January: Dumfries, 2nd February: Falkirk, 16th February: Inverness - *venues to be confirmed*

Who should attend? Members of voluntary and community organisations, Councils for Voluntary Service & Volunteer Centres, Members of Equality and Diversity groups and Social Enterprises

To register: Tel: 0131 225 7290 Email: [mail@vhscotland.org.uk](mailto:mail@vhscotland.org.uk)  
Online: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/6QXHWP3](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6QXHWP3)

## **Rocking all over... Scotland!**

John Nicolson, Youth Scotland Area Coordinator for Falkirk is currently involved in running a youth rock bands project. He would like to let all groups know that they are always looking for opportunities to travel to areas outwith Falkirk to put on gigs and run workshops (guitar, drums etc) with other youth groups and projects. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please get in touch with John Nicolson at [john.nicolson@youthscotland.org.uk](mailto:john.nicolson@youthscotland.org.uk) or call 01324 504 405.

## **Your Call counselling - National Freephone Telephone Counselling Service for Disabled People in Scotland. 08088 01 03 62**

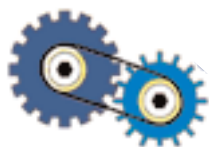
'Your Call' is a free telephone counselling service which is open to disabled people from all over Scotland. The 'Your Call' counsellors are all disabled people themselves, providing them with an understanding of what it means to live as a disabled person in Scotland. The counsellors work as volunteers, and are trained to a professional standard in counselling.

The service takes calls to its appointment line from 11am until 3 pm Mondays to Thursdays. Calls are free from a home telephone, and from most mobile networks (including T-Mobile, Vodaphone, O2, 3, Orange and Virgin Mobile). The number is withheld so it will not appear on the phone bill.

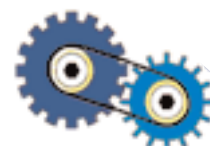
Counselling can help people who are trying to come to terms with painful events from their past, or who need support through a current crisis or change in lifestyle. It can also help people who are struggling to manage difficult feelings such as depression or anxiety, or who are seeking direction and meaning in their lives.

The 'Your Call' number is **08088 01 03 62**, and the service is open to all disabled people in Scotland who are over the age of 16, and their immediate family members.

# EVENTS & TRAINING



## CVS Training Initiative February - March 2010 Programme



### **Elementary Food Hygiene**

Delivered by: Sante Food Hygiene  
Thursday 4th February 2010  
9.30am - 5pm, £70  
Mintlaw Village Hall  
Closing date 21.1.10

### **Safetalk**

Delivered by: Choose Life  
Wednesday 10th February 2010  
10am - 1pm, £10  
Viewmount, Stonehaven  
Closing date 27.1.10

### **Accounting Requirements for Charities & Duties of Trustees under OSCR**

Delivered by: ACVO  
Wednesday 24th February 2010  
9.30am - 1.00pm & 1.30pm - 4.30pm  
Half day £20 Full day £40  
Woodhill House, Training Annexe, Aberdeen  
Closing date 18.2.10

### **Disability Equality/Awareness**

Delivered by: About Time Training  
Tuesday 2nd March 2010  
10am - 4pm, £50, Ellon Kirk Centre  
Closing date 18.2.10

### **Disciplinary and Grievance & Termination of Employment**

Delivered by: Zest HR  
Tuesday 16th March 2010  
9.30am - 1pm & 1.30pm - 4.30pm  
Half day £45 Full day £90  
Viewmount, Stonehaven  
Closing date 2.3.10

### **Appointed Persons First Aid**

Delivered by: Caroline Hay-Crawford  
Thursday 25th March 2010  
9.30am - 4.30pm, £45  
Harvest Church, Peterhead  
Closing date 11.3.10

All training events are open to anyone who wishes to attend, subject to the following pricing structure:  
Voluntary/Community Groups - advertised price, Local Authorities - advertised price + 33%, Commercial enterprises -  
advertised price + 50%

**For further information or to book a place contact:  
Diane/Shirley 01358 722205 [admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk](mailto:admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk)**

# EVENTS & TRAINING

## Introduction to learner support funding and benefit entitlement 2009/1

The Scottish Government, in association with Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) in Scotland, are offering this course FREE of charge to advisers across Scotland working with people who are considering taking up an education or training course. The course will be delivered by experienced staff from CPAG in Scotland, which is a voluntary organisation providing training, advice and information on welfare benefits and tax credits.

This half-day course will provide you with knowledge about funding for learners, and in particular learners' eligibility for benefits and tax credits. You will have the opportunity to explore the funding possibilities through case studies, and will be given reference guides and support for use in your day-to-day work.

DUNDEE	Thursday 28 January 2010	10.30am - 2pm	code: GEIL0809
ABERDEEN	Wednesday 20 January 2010	10:30am - 2pm	code: GEIL0609
AYR	Wednesday 18 February 2010	10:30am - 2pm	code:GEIL1009
INVERNESS	Thursday 18 March 2010	10:30am - 2pm	code: GEIL0709

This is a FREE course. To book a place contact CPAG on 0141 552 3303 or [staff@cpagscotland.org.uk](mailto:staff@cpagscotland.org.uk) with the delegate's name, course code, date and location.

## Invitation to Meet the Leading Statutory, Lottery and Trust Funders at 'Funding the Future 2010' Wednesday 10th February 2010, Central Hall Westminster

Join the chief executives of the leading statutory, lottery and trust funders, Government Ministers and Shadow Ministers at the 8th annual Funding the Future conference - Britain's largest 'Meet the Funders' event. There are 50 top-level speakers speaking in seven specialist streams to help you meet funders interested in your field of work.

The conference comprises a morning plenary session followed by your choice of seven specialised funding streams to help you meet funders interested in your field of work.

These are: 1. health, disability and social care 2. community regeneration and fighting disadvantage 3. children and young people 4. arts and heritage 5. international development 6. the environment and 7. faith-based projects.

For more information, please visit [www.actionplanning.co.uk/fundingthefuture2010.pdf](http://www.actionplanning.co.uk/fundingthefuture2010.pdf)

## On the Move - a Youth Scotland national training event for young leaders 20th - 21st February 2010, Carronvale House, Stirlingshire



In February next year, Girls on the Move is running a residential training event over the course of a single weekend. Places are available to book now! The event is aimed at young women, aged 16-25, who would like to develop their leadership skills in dance, sport or physical activity. A range of workshops and training sessions will be available, depending on level of experience. Successful applicants will be asked to pay a commitment fee of £20. All other costs are covered (excluding travel costs).

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis - to book or find out more, visit [www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/girls-on-the-move/on-the-move-training-event/on-the-move-training-event.htm](http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/girls-on-the-move/on-the-move-training-event/on-the-move-training-event.htm)

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## Listening to Children: research and consultation 2010

'Listening to Children: Research and Consultation 2010' is an advanced training course run by the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships (CRFR), designed for people who want to improve their skills in research and consultation with children and young people.

The course involves a combination of online learning and classroom sessions covering a range of topics from creative methods to ethical issues and dissemination practices. Based at the University of Edinburgh, the course is running from 25th January 2010 until 1st April 2010. There are 2 two day sessions at the University of Edinburgh on 28th and 29th January and 4th and 5th March.

Further information and booking email Kathryn Dunne at [k.dunne@ed.ac.uk](mailto:k.dunne@ed.ac.uk)

**THE GATHERING 2010**  
*get involved!*

**The Gathering 2010**  
**18th & 19th February**  
**- Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC)**

Don't miss Scotland's biggest charity and voluntary sector event! Whether you are a volunteer, a board member or work for a charity or social enterprise, or just want to find out more, this is an event not to be missed, so get involved! Be the first to find out about the latest products, services and deals - hold your own fringe event and get people involved in your campaigns - take a stall and spread the word about your organisation. The Gathering is the largest voluntary sector event in the UK so make sure you and your organisation are part of it.

For further information please get in touch with our dedicated events team email at [thegathering@scvo.org.uk](mailto:thegathering@scvo.org.uk) or telephone 0131 474 6172

## Buchan Dial-a-Community Bus

Buchan Dial-a-Community Bus is a local transport charity based in the Buchan area. They run a number of training programs for MiDAS (Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme) . Courses in 2010:

Monday 15th February, Wednesday 10th March, Thursday 8th April, Monday 10th May, Tuesday 15th June, Wednesday 14th July, Thursday 12th August, Monday 20th September, Tuesday 19th October, Monday 22nd November, Thursday 16th December

For any information or to book training at your own venue, please contact the office on 01771 619191 or email [admin@dialabus.org.uk](mailto:admin@dialabus.org.uk)

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## Funding boost for community furniture projects

WRAP Scotland is launching a grant scheme designed to improve infrastructure for the reuse of household goods by community projects across Scotland. As part of its Zero Waste Strategy, the Scottish Government has identified a need to invest in the infrastructure for reuse of household items across Scotland. Grants are available to community sector organisations within Scotland and can be used to support up to 50% of eligible costs. The single round of applications to the programme closes on 8th January 2010, and all projects must be fully operational by 31st March 2011.

To find out more, visit [www.wrapsotland.org.uk/increasereuse](http://www.wrapsotland.org.uk/increasereuse)

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## Sports for Change

The aim of the programme is to understand more about the role sport can play in delivering positive change within the lives of individuals and communities. Maximum grants of £100k are available. All potential applicants need to complete an initial 'Letter of Interest' and then, if invited, submit a full proposal. The deadline dates for submission of Letter of Interest are 11 January and 21st May.

Further deadlines will be announced in due course. For more information or to apply visit the Comic Relief website at: [www.comicrelief.com/apply\\_for\\_a\\_grant/uk/sport](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/sport)

### Resilience Fund for third sector organisations

A £1.7 million fund has been launched by the Scottish Government to help charities and voluntary organisations survive the recession. Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 will potentially be available to Third Sector organisations which can demonstrate:

- ◆ How the recession has led to increased demand or significantly undermined their services
- ◆ Any increased pressure on their services is as a direct result of the recession
- ◆ That prior to the recession they were a viable organisation with a proven track record of delivery over two years
- ◆ What caused the problem, and their proposed solution including the submission of a detailed Recovery Plan
- ◆ They have unrestricted reserves equating to less than six months' running costs of the organisation
- ◆ The requirement for the Resilience Fund and their longer term viability with certification by an auditor or chartered accountant to that effect
- ◆ Appropriate safeguards are in place for both the expenditure of funding and, if the need arises, recovery.

The fund, which will be open for five weeks from late October, is being delivered as part of the £12 million Third Sector Enterprise Fund. Organisations seeking information on the fund, or potential applicants, should contact Mary Lyden on 0141 305 4176.

### Recession response - BIG Lottery Fund

As part of the BIG Lottery's UK response to the recession announced in June this year, an additional £5 million is being made available from Friday 23rd October to a number of our existing grant-holders in Scotland who are working with people and communities most in need following the economic downturn. Funding is being channelled through existing grantholders to ensure help can be provided quickly to communities most in need. This recession package is available to current Life Transitions, Supporting 21st Century Life, Growing Community Assets, Young People's Fund and Primetime grantholders with projects that are not due to end before March 2010. All eligible projects have been contacted and advised to request a "changes to your grant" form if they wish to apply. These forms can be requested by contacting the Information Team on 0870 240 2391 and further details about the recession response can be found on their website at [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/newsroom-sco](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/newsroom-sco)

### Volunteer Arts Scotland - Make A Splash!

This grant making trust has grants of £250 to £2K for small voluntary groups to create new opportunities for more people to participate in creative activities. Funding can be used to help pay for a wide range of things such as equipment, publicity, venue hire, staff time, volunteer training or materials. A total of £210k is available for 3 years up to 2012. For more information or to apply visit their website at <http://www.peoplemakingwaves.org.uk/makeasplash>

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## Enterprise Fund and Credit Union Fund

The Scottish Government has invested £12 million in the Third Sector Enterprise Fund to help the third sector to contribute towards Scotland's success. The Fund aims to help established third sector organisations to become more sustainable and increase their capacity and capability. The fund offers awards of between £25,000 to £100,000 to third sector organisations who can demonstrate how they intend to make transformational step changes to their capacity, capability and sustainability. Credit Unions can also apply to the Enterprise Fund where the level of funding being asked for is more than £25,000.

They expect to make the majority of awards from both funds throughout 2009. However all funding must be claimed in full before 31 March 2011.

The application process for both funds is the same; you can access information and guidance on how to apply at: [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/funding/enterprising-skills-fund](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/funding/enterprising-skills-fund)

For more information regarding the Third Sector Enterprise Fund email the Enterprise Fund Administrator at [enterprisefund@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enterprisefund@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or contact the relevant team member for your area : Grampian, Highlands & Islands (including Argyll): Joanne Newton 01224 332 979.

For more information regarding the Third Sector Credit Union Fund email the Enterprise Fund Administrator at the email address above or contact: Guthrie Handley 0141 305 4172 or Margaret Smith 0131 244 0460.

## The Climate Challenge Fund

The Climate Challenge Fund is all about giving communities the means to tackle climate change by reducing their carbon emissions. If you have an idea for a project the Climate Challenge Fund could help make it a reality. Individually, we can do our bit to reduce our carbon footprint, but just think how much we could achieve by working with others. That's why this fund aims to empower communities to work together to make a real difference. Next deadline for applications to the Climate Challenge Fund is 13 January 2010.

For more information and Project Ide Forms, visit:  
[www.infoscotland.com/gogreener/303.322.189.html](http://www.infoscotland.com/gogreener/303.322.189.html)

## Community Trees and Trees for Schools

This fund has grants for Community Trees and Trees for Schools. Grants of 75% of planting costs are available for projects costing between £100 and £700. Applicants need to contribute the remaining 25%. Deadline for applications is 31 May 2010.

For more information visit their website at <http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/>

## Big Lottery surprises Scotland with cash boost

SCOTTISH charities are set to benefit from an extra £50m in money from the BIG Lottery Fund Scotland next year and a further £50m the year after. It will be focused primarily on organisations supporting vulnerable children and young people, such as those leaving care, and older people living in poverty. For the full story, visit:

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/NewsAndEvents/ViewArticles.aspx?f=h&al=t&pid=9856>

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## Big Lottery Fund - 2014 Communities



Does your local sports club need extra money or volunteers to help realise its ambitions? Is your group trying to encourage more people to take up healthier lifestyles? Does your project encourage young and old to come together for sport or physical activity? If so, then 2014 Communities could be for you. It is this project's ambition to create a lasting legacy from the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow to help people live longer, healthier lives. Local sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, community councils and schools can apply for a six month grant of between £300 and £1000 (including VAT).

For more information visit [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/2014](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/2014) or call the hotline on 0870 240 2391.

### Energy Assistance Package - funding for fuel poverty

As winter approaches, the Scottish Government would like to raise awareness of their Energy Assistance Package. The package includes a range of measures with the aim of supporting those having difficulty in heating their homes, including:

- ◆ Tackling low incomes through benefit and tax credit checks
- ◆ Reducing high fuel costs through advice on social tariffs
- ◆ Improving the energy efficiency of the property through advice, insulation and heating measures.

Those most vulnerable to fuel poverty are eligible for most assistance, potentially including free insulation and central heating. These groups are: families with a child under 5 or a disabled child under 16 living in an energy inefficient property and in receipt of income or disability-related benefits; those over 60 with no central heating; those 60-74 living in an energy inefficient property and in receipt of income or disability-related benefits, or those over 75 living in an energy inefficient property.

**The Energy Assistance Package scheme is being managed for the Scottish Government by the Energy Saving Trust and you can find out more about it by visiting:**

**[www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Scotland-Welcome-page/At-Home/Energy-Assistance-Package](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Scotland-Welcome-page/At-Home/Energy-Assistance-Package)**

### Tudor Trust

This grant making charitable trust has funding for youth; older people; community; relationships; housing; mental health; substance misuse; learning; financial security and criminal justice. It makes grants in the region of £19 million per year and aims to support smaller community, voluntary and charitable organisations. Grants can take the form of core funding (including salaries and running costs), development funding, project grants or capital grants for buildings or equipment. There is no maximum or minimum grant amount that an organisation can apply for. Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information or to apply visit their website at: <http://tudortrust.org.uk/>

### The Voluntary Action Fund

The Voluntary Action Fund Scotland's leading independent grant-making body investing in small voluntary and community based organisations throughout Scotland has announced its funding priorities for 2010-2011 for its Community Chest grants programme. Applications for the Community Chest programme are welcome throughout the year with the next deadlines being the 31 December 2009, 1st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December 2010.

Groups wishing to apply for a Community Chest grant can download an application form and guidance notes from the VAF website at [www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk](http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk).

Alternatively call 01383 620780.

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## Children 'Go Play'

Funding totalling £4 million is to be provided by the Scottish Government to improve play opportunities among five to 13 year-olds. 'Go Play', which will run over two years, will help improve facilities and services in areas where children have the least opportunities to develop through play. Voluntary groups will be able to submit funding bids from mid-September, with support available for regional bodies, small grassroots community organisations and medium and large scale charities. Inspiring Scotland - the national charity which uses skills and money to improve the lives of Scotland's most vulnerable people - will manage the fund and work with these groups to increase their capacity for providing play opportunities.

For the full story, visit: [www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/08/11101002](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/08/11101002)

## Community Foundation Express Grants Scheme

The Scottish Community Foundation new grants scheme is aimed at community groups based in Scotland looking for funding. The new Express Grant scheme replaces the small grants scheme and offers grants of up to £2,000 to groups where small amounts of funding make big differences in their communities. As the name suggests, Express Grants have a straightforward application process, and a short turnaround time, meaning that within six weeks, applicants will know if they've been successful.

Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information, visit <http://www.scottishcf.org>

## Funding for Kincardine & Mearns Community projects

The Local Community Planning Group for Kincardine and Mearns has a small budget for funding community projects in the area. Applications for funding must relate to a community need which has been highlighted through community engagement, and must be sent in by the end of January 2010 if possible.

Any group wishing to apply should contact

Linda Babbs on 01330 825027 or [Linda.Babbs@cvsa.co.uk](mailto:Linda.Babbs@cvsa.co.uk)

or the Community Planning Officer, Emma Kidd at [E.Kidd@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:E.Kidd@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

## Youth Scotland No Messin'! Programme

Has your group got an idea? If you do, you can get money to make it happen. It's not always easy to find somewhere safe to play or hang out. This is your youth group's chance to get something going.

It's simple. Your group identifies the problem (could be that they get bored and end up playing in dangerous places, or get pushed around by an older group) then you come up with a project that solves it! This could include the chance to play a sport or other things to do locally. Then NO MESSIN'! could give your group the money, support and training to make it happen.



This is your group's chance to get up to £200 to turn your idea into reality, and to go on a three-day residential training course with other teams from Scotland, Wales and England. The training will help make your project a success as your group learns skills in teamwork, problem-solving and communication.

To find out more visit the Youth Scotland website at:  
<http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/no-messin.htm>

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## Vodafone's World of Difference Programme



Vodafone is giving people 18 years old and over anywhere in the UK the opportunity to make a World of Difference in the Community. Successful applicants could spend two months working at the charity of their choice. Vodafone will pay the charity £2,500 and the applicant will receive the balance left after the charity has paid all National Insurance and Tax contributions for their placement. Vodafone will also give successful applicants a new mobile phone, with a pre-loaded SIM.

In order for applications to be considered, the applicant will need to; have discussed their intention to apply for World of Difference with their chosen charity and have a plan for what they would like to achieve in their two months with that charity; provide contact details for their chosen charity; be available for an induction day in London either on the 11th January 2010 (for placements beginning on the 12th January 2010) or 12th April 2010 (for placements beginning on the 13th April 2010).

For more information visit: <http://worldofdifference.vodafone.co.uk/aboutWOD.html>

## BBC Children in Need

The BBC has announced that the next funding round of the BBC Children in Need is now open for applications. BBC Children in Need provides grants for up to three years to properly constituted not for profit organisations working with disadvantaged young people aged 18 or under.



The next closing date will be the 15th January 2010, with grant decisions and notifications in late April 2010. For more information, please visit:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general\\_grants.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml)

# CONSULTATIONS & PETITIONS

## The City Square Project

ACSEF is spearheading a transformational city centre project that will be vital to delivering the redevelopment of Aberdeen city centre. In its action plan, shaped by 1,300 businesses, ACSEF states that Aberdeen city centre needs to be the vibrant heart of the region, the hub for all those that live, work and visit it, be that for business or pleasure. The proposal is to create a new public space – a city square with gardens – by redeveloping a strategically located central area of the city centre - Union Terrace Gardens and the Denburn Valley, the adjacent railway line and Denburn dual carriageway. Read the briefing note on their proposals at:

<http://www.aberdeencn.info/uploadedfiles/CitySquareProjectDec09.pdf>

It provides background to the project, the current situation and details on the public consultation. The aim of this note is to ensure that as many people as possible are in possession of all the facts as there are many misconceptions currently circulating. It also seeks to ensure that recipients are fully briefed on the project prior to the public consultation. The public consultation will commence on 11th January 2010 until early March. The public will be asked to rank what they consider the most important features and activities for the City Square project. They will also be asked to register if

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# CONSULTATIONS & PETITIONS

they support the development or not. A mix of public events, focus groups, mailed leaflets and emails will be used to attract every citizen to take part. There will be ongoing radio and street advertising throughout the period to encourage maximum participation. The consultation will be managed by Scottish Enterprise for ACSEF. If you would like more information, to be put on their stakeholder database or to act as a champion for the project to help ACSEF demonstrate support, then please contact Zoe Corsi on 01224 615014 or 07973983243 or [zoe.corsi@bigpartnership.co.uk](mailto:zoe.corsi@bigpartnership.co.uk)

## Petition - Safeguard funding of charities

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to make representations to the banking and other private funding sectors to ensure that funding which they provide to charities is maintained in order to protect the jobs and services they provide, many of which are carried out on behalf of public bodies, and to outline how it will address any funding shortfall as a result of the current financial difficulties faced by banks and others.

To sign the petition visit: [http://epetitions.scottish.parliament.uk/view\\_petition.asp?PetitionID=360](http://epetitions.scottish.parliament.uk/view_petition.asp?PetitionID=360)

## Scottish Government Consultations

Consultation is an essential and important aspect of Scottish Government working methods. Given the wide-ranging areas of work of the Scottish Government, there are many varied types of consultation. However, in general consultation exercises aim to provide opportunities for all those who wish to express their opinions on a proposed area of work to do so in ways which will inform and enhance that work. Consultation exercises may involve seeking views in a number of different ways, such as written papers, public meetings, focus groups, questionnaire exercises or on-line discussion forums

To view current, forthcoming or archive consultations, visit:  
[www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations)

## next newsletter

The next CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South newsletter will come out on the week beginning 25th January 2010.

The deadline for **pre-arranged** contributions for this edition is Monday 18th January.

We are always looking for local groups across the shire to contribute to our newsletters.

Whether it be to advertise an event, showcase your work, appeal for volunteers or celebrate a successful funding bid - whatever it is, we'd love to hear about it!

If you would like to include any information in future editions, please contact Lindsay Allardyce on 01330 825027 or email [Lindsay.Allardyce@cvsa.co.uk](mailto:Lindsay.Allardyce@cvsa.co.uk)

Alternatively, if you would like to be removed from this mailing list, please let us know.

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