

NEWS

Boxroom Magpie Project Update



The Magpie Furniture Reuse project is now due to be launched in June - we are still looking for more people to volunteer for the project. Volunteering would involve a **couple of hours a week** working outdoors at the Banchory Crows Nest site, spotting any good quality furniture or household goods coming into the site and asking people to donate them to the Boxroom. A lot of people really want this great idea to go ahead so if you are interested in being part of it - or know anyone that might be - contact Alan Young at Alan.Young@cvsa.co.uk or call 01467 629072.

Boxroom Open Day - Saturday 8th May Speaker: Provost Bill Howatson

The Boxroom is holding an open day between 10am and 1pm on Saturday 8th May, to celebrate the official opening of the Boxroom extension. The day begins at 10am with a speech by the Provost of Aberdeenshire, Bill Howatson. The Boxroom directly reduces the amount of waste going to landfill by taking in and selling on good quality second-hand furniture, bric-a-brac and household goods - and with the new extension, they can now take and sell bikes, cots and prams. Waste Aware Grampian will be bringing along their publicity gazebo on the day, giving out information on re-use & recycling projects and initiatives across the area. The open day will also give everyone a chance to find out more about The Boxroom's 'Magpie' Project and as mentioned above, anyone wishing to volunteer for that can sign up on the day!

So come along and have a look - we look forward to seeing you all there!

Our CVSA Stonehaven office

Please note that our Development Officer, Linda Babbs will now be working from our new office in Stonehaven. The office is at 42-46 Barclay Street, Stonehaven and is on the top floor. If you need any support from Linda, please contact her at Linda.Babbs@cvsa.co.uk or on 01569 668055

New CVSA Governance Pack

The second in our series of Good Practice Packs, The Governance Pack is now completed and available for groups to use from all three of our offices in Inverurie, Banchory and Stonehaven. The pack gives an overview of the principles of good governance, roles of office bearers, legal responsibilities and loads more - a really useful tool for voluntary groups with trustees, committees and board members. It will be available to download from the website from Monday 10th May. Our Funding Pack has also recently been updated and is available for groups to use. The packs are produced on a borrow and return basis.

Young Writers Awards - Nominations Needed

Do you know anyone aged 14-17 who loves to write? Dreams of being published? Would like to work with a professional writer? We have just launched our new project the Young Writers Awards. We're looking for 3 teenagers to be mentored by teen author Cathy Forde. They will meet with Cathy several times over a 7 month period, develop their creative writing, meet agents and writers, go to the Edinburgh International Book Festival and visit a top London publisher.

Application deadline is Monday 31st May 2010.

Further details and how to apply at: www.scottishbooktrust.com/youngwritersawards

Choose Life

The new Choose Life suicide prevention campaign started on 5th April and it has achieved extensive media coverage across TV, radio, press and online. The key campaign message is that if you're feeling suicidal, the best thing you can do is talk, and the campaign adverts visually show the relief that can come with this. The online ads will all link to a bespoke campaign website www.suicide-prevention.org.uk which gives more information on Breathing Space and Samaritans, and includes information on what to do if you're worried about someone who might be at risk

Visit the website at www.suicide-prevention.org.uk

Multi Ethnic Housing Project - Housing Advice Service

If you are:

- ♦ from an ethnic minority community or have recently moved here from another country and
- ♦ looking for information and advice about housing in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire

contact the Ethnic Minorities Housing Worker:

LOUISE WREATHALL

Tel: 01224 628426 or 07982 823594

Email: lwreathall@tenantsfirst.com or visit: www.tenantsfirst.com

Do you know about K&D Befriending?

Kincardine & Deeside Befriending is a registered charity in its 14th year, providing volunteer company and support for socially isolated or lonely people over 55 who are living independently within the community. Sadly, more and more people are falling into this group. This year K&DB was re-accredited with 'Approved Provider Standard' which can reassure volunteers and clients of the quality of its working practices and policies. Volunteers don't need any special qualifications and, although it is helpful, don't always need a car. You just need to spare a minimum of 1½ -2 hrs every week or two. Volunteers are given introductory training, ongoing support and out-of-pocket expenses. As a befriender you may do a variety of things, depending on the individual client's need. You may visit someone at home, accompany them to access local facilities such as shops or library, share an interest, go for a short trip together and often fit in afternoon tea! On Deeside (from Drumoak to Braemar), additional volunteer befrienders are always welcome. Perhaps you could consider becoming a befriender and be ready to help someone when the need arises? Perhaps you need support yourself or know of someone else who might benefit from having a befriender? There is no charge for the service.

If you are concerned about older people and would like more information about any aspect of the work of this forward-looking charity (SCO32594), please contact Linda Taberner on 01330 820008 /07816 958 839 or email: befriending@hotmail.com

Give & Take Day, Stonehaven

Aberdeen Forward, a local environmental charity, along with Aberdeenshire Council organised a "Give and Take" Day at Stonehaven Town Hall on Saturday, 27th March, 2010. Give or Take Days are a community waste exchange event - a chance for people to get rid of furniture and bric-a-brac they don't need and to pick up something they do need. And it's all free! By re-using things instead of throwing them away, we save on landfill space, reduce fly tipping and help to save valuable resources. Give or Take Days also offer people on low incomes the chance to pick up household items they may need.

Stonehaven Town hall was open from 8.00am for people to bring along their unwanted items, which included an almost new three piece suite, two dining tables and chairs, futon, gazebo, garden table with chairs, 4-man tent and an exercise bike. There were some more unusual items brought in - large model boat, budgie cage and collection of stoneware pots for cream and glass bottles. The toy/bike area filled up quickly, and had a good selection of both children's and adult bikes, which were all taken. Equally the book/cd/dvd table was rapidly packed with books - both areas though were left with very little, as they were both very popular. Any items not taken away were then donated to local charities for disposal through their shops.

The event attracted 328 people and it was estimated that 1.530 tonnes of material was diverted from landfill. The local cub troop supplied tea, coffee and baking during the morning. There was initially some puzzlement that items were free but when the concept of reducing landfill was explained, people agreed with the idea, although some did still want to give a donation of money. The consensus for the day from staff and public alike was that the event was worth repeating and was a huge success. Aberdeen Forward is currently looking at organising similar events in other locations around Aberdeenshire.

CVSA Charities Fair Sunday 13th June, Banchory

As part of the St. Ternan's Fair, we will once again be holding a charities fair in King George V park. This is an excellent opportunity for local groups and charities to raise money and awareness.

If your group would like to hold a stall email Valerie Cameron on Valerie.Cameron@cvsa.co.uk or call 01330 825027

Freegle - Don't throw it away – give it away! (formerly Freecycle)



You might not need your old sofa or wheelbarrow any more – but there might be someone just round the corner who does. Or if there's something you'd like, someone nearby might have one that they might just throw away if they don't know what else to do with it.

The AberdeenshireWest FREEGLE! group is open to all who want to re-home that special wotsit rather than bin it.

To find out more and start Freegling visit www.ilovefreegle.org

EVENTS & TRAINING

**DYSLEXIA Awareness Day -
Saturday, 22nd May, 2010
Kings Community Church, King Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5LL**

A very informative day for adults who want to know more about dyslexia. Whether you have difficulties yourself; are a concerned parent/carer or a professional supporting someone with dyslexia.

Tickets - £15; a light lunch is included and places are limited. Enquiries to; Jane (mobile 07502189736 or dyslexia.awareness@kimberley.net).

Violence Against Women: Domestic Abuse 2010 Training

These multi agency training sessions, developed through the Grampian Gender Based Abuse Training Consortium, will increase the participants' awareness and understanding of what Domestic Abuse is - the scope of the issue and who is affected. They will help to dispel common myths about domestic abuse and violence against women and enable potential case-holders/ line managers to be better equipped to support a person who is experiencing domestic abuse. The training will identify local and national support services for victims of domestic abuse and best practice

The sessions are aimed at: Social Workers, Health Professionals, Substance Misuse Staff, Clergy, Community Education Workers, Youth Workers, Mental Health Practitioners, Voluntary Sector Workers, Police & Criminal Justice Workers, Teachers any frontline worker who comes into contact with people who may be living in families where Domestic Abuse is an issue.

For a full training calendar, please email: nhsg.grampiandevelopment@nhs.net
01224 556969 between 10.00 am - 3.00 pm.

**Clashmach Classic Tea Dance With special guests (members of) the Strathbogie Fiddlers
Stewarts Hall, Gordon Street, Huntly
Each month on Monday, 10th May 2010, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September
Between: 2.00pm - 4.00pm**



Admission Cost: £2.50 (includes entertainment, refreshments and cakes)
So why not come along, enjoy a friendly chat and share in the fun. For more information, contact Jayne or a member of staff at The Clashmach Centre on 01466 793732 or simply turn up on the day!

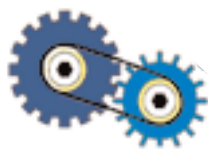
**Employability 2010 Conference
Tuesday 18th May 2010, 10am – 4pm, Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen**

The conference is a joint City and Shire event covering the North East of Scotland and will provide a focal point for Employability in 2010. The conference will draw on the experiences of the last twelve months, but be very much looking to the future, connecting people and services to support the growing economy of the North East. Book online at www.aberdeenworks.com

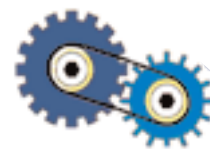
**Reshaping Care for Older People National Public Engagement Programme
Pittodrie Stadium, Aberdeen, May 24th 2:30pm - 4.30pm or 5pm - 7pm
Panel consisting of representatives from: NHS Scotland, Local Authority,
Scottish Government, Voluntary Sector**

If you would like to book a place at this event please telephone 0131 244 4020 or email: robert.mackie@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

EVENTS & TRAINING



CVS Training Initiative February - March 2010 Programme



Management Committee Skills

Wednesday 5th May, BRIDGE CVS, Mintlaw, 6pm - 9pm
£15 pp, Trainer: Sandy Mathers - ACVO

This course is suitable for committee members of voluntary organisations
or community groups and covers:

Role of the Committee	Role of the Committee Member
Roles of the Office Bearers	Before, during and after a meeting
Financial record keeping	Legal responsibilities
Recruitment and retention	

Fit for Funding

Friday 21st May, Dalvenie Gardens Resource Centre, Banchory
11.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m., £20, Trainer: Maureen Stephen

This course will help you and your group achieve success in your funding applications by following recognised good practices and good general advice and includes putting together a budget, writing fundraising applications, strategy and top tips.

Self Harm Awareness

Monday 24th May, Acorn Centre, Inverurie, 9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
£12, Trainer: Linda Paterson

This workshop, developed by Penumbra, aims to increase the knowledge and confidence of participants on the issue of self-harm, improve practice and reduce stigma. It covers the causes of self-harm, recognising it, responding to people who self-harm and alternative options.

Practical Stress Management Workshop

Wednesday 2nd June, Kirk Centre, Ellon, 9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
£20, Trainer: Ruth Matthew

This half-day workshop will provide you with a range of practical techniques to manage the everyday stresses of life. It includes massage techniques, relaxation, breathing exercises and other small ways to keep yourself calm, cool and collected. The session will finish with a sandwich and fruit lunch.

All training events are open to anyone who wishes to attend,
subject to the following pricing structure:

Voluntary/Community Groups - advertised price
Statutory sector - advertised price + 33%
Commercial enterprises - advertised price + 50%

For further information or to book a place contact:

Diane/Shirley 01358 722205 or admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

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Scottish Rural Equality Network - National Conference 16th June at a venue near you " Rural Diversity Uncorked "

Wednesday 16th June 2010, 09.30 - 16.30, at a venue near you - a national, 'virtual' event delivered using Web Eventcasting technology that links up local rural community groups who are keen to explore ways of working together so that the needs and desires of the full diversity of local people are actively looked for, listened to, and acted upon to create a 'sense of belonging' and good life experience for all.

'Eventcast' from Inverness with as many groups as possible participating from local venues across rural Scotland Venues will be dependant on demand and offers of local facilitation but we want discussions to take place within local community areas. We have already had interest from a few groups in Shetland, Western Isles, Badenoch & Strathspey, Ayrshire, Argyll, Aberdeenshire and Lochaber.

What is the conference about?

Some of those working hard across rural Scotland to improve the lives of people who are currently overlooked, excluded and even discriminated against within their local communities, have told us they have become discouraged by many hurdles which block their efforts. We can visualise these barriers as the cork in our 'community bottle' which needs to be dislodged to let us all move forward with new purpose, direction and energy.

To view an outline of the Suggested Conference Agenda, please visit the HIEF Website/ Calendar of Events 2010 at www.hief.org.uk/id11.html

To register interest in facilitating or attending an event in your area, or to request more information contact the SREN Admin Team - Email: SRENadmin@scvo.org.uk

Carers Scotland- Training Dates 2010/2011

Carers Awareness and Assessment	11th May
Direct Payments	25th May
Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000	8th June
Carers and Their Rights	16th June
Carers Assessment	8th September
Carers Human Rights & Equalities	22nd September
Carers and Advocacy	6th October
Carers and Their Rights	20th October
Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000	10th November
Carers Awareness and Assessment	8th December

If you wish to reserve a place on one of these training days please contact Rena Friel on 0141 445 3070 or email rena.friel@carerscotland.org

Youth Engagement Event - 16th June, Wyness Hall, Inverurie from 10am - 4pm.

As part of the ongoing progression of the youth engagement strategy, Dialogue Youth will be staging a community partners / youth services event on the 16th June. The day will consist of presentations by the Chief Executive of Young Scot and also from Dialogue Youth, followed by a series of mini-workshops relating to methods and good practice in relation to positive youth engagement. The day will end with speed networking sessions to enable partners from different organisations to discuss their experiences, share opportunities and examine solutions with regard to youth engagement.

Places are limited and require booking. RSVP - douglas.findlay@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

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Is Alcohol Ever the Answer? Answers to Your Questions about Alcohol

- o How do I approach a member of staff who may have a problem with alcohol?
- o How do I develop an alcohol policy?
- o Can I refer an employee to a service where they can receive treatment and support for an alcohol problem?
- o When an employee is having time off for treatment for an alcohol problem, or is returning to work after treatment, how do I manage the other employees?

If you have ever asked yourself any of these questions, or would like to find out more about alcohol issues in the workplace, why not attend a FREE workshop and have your questions answered. The workshops last from 10.15am - 4pm and a free lunch is included.

Wednesday 26th May 2010

Newmachar Business Centre

Wednesday 25th August 2010

The Lodge on the Loch Hotel, Aboyne

Wednesday 10th November 2010

The Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh

If you are a manager, your organisation has less than 250 employees and you would like a place on one of the workshops, please fill in the attached booking form and send to Gemma Mitchell grampianhwl@nhs.net. Or for more information, please contact Jim Clark on jim.clark@nhs.net or 01224 558525.

CRBS Disclosure Awareness Sessions

General Awareness

Half Day Session - Monday 3rd May and Friday 11th June. Times 10:00am – 12:30pm

This session is suitable for individuals/organisations who are wishing to register with CRBS.

The event will give detailed information on the following:

The registration process, identifying positions within your organisations that require a disclosure check, dealing with disclosure information, CRBS Support Services, good recruitment practice.

Signatory Training

Half Day Session - Monday 3rd May and Friday 11th June. Times 13.30pm – 16.00pm

This session is both newly registered signatories and existing signatories registered with CRBS who are looking for further support, information and guidance on the following:

Registered Organisation and Signatory requirements, how to correctly complete Disclosure application forms & multiple coversheet, correct procedure for checking the Identification of potential staff/volunteers, how to reduce Disclosure application error rates.

Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003 (PoCSA)

Full Day Session - Monday 17th May and Wednesday 23rd June. Times 10:00am – 15:30pm

This session is suitable for individuals/organisations who are registered with CRBS and work with and/or have a child protection role within an organisation. The session is also suitable for individuals/organisations not registered with CRBS but want to learn more about the Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003 legislation. Each delegate will be provided with an information and training pack and sessions will cover the following:

Why PoCSA was introduced, the purpose of this legislation, identifying childcare positions, dealing with child protection allegations, making a referral to the Scottish Government, good recruitment practice

If you would like to book on any of these training courses please contact afotheringham@crbs.org.uk. This training is free of charge.

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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 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

Free Family Conference, 4th June, Hilton Treetops, Aberdeen, 11am - 5pm

The Managed Clinical Network (MCN) for children with renal and urology problems is having a family Conference to encourage families in having a say in how they wish to be involved in the family network, sharing their experiences within the NHS and discussing how services can be planned for the future. The rest of the day will be an interesting blend of informal discussions related to kidney and bladder health care issues.

The event is free and the MCN will reimburse any expenses for travel incurred.

Lunch will be provided on the day.

Attendance can be flexible and children and siblings are also more than welcome to come along.

For further details and to register contact: Linda Watson on 0141 232 1851 or email:

Linda.Watson3@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Mental Health First Aid

Scotland's Mental Health First Aid has been developed as part of a national approach to improving awareness of mental health problems in Scotland. The 2-day course will teach you to:

- Give initial help to someone experiencing a mental health problem
- Deal with a crisis situation or the first signs of someone developing mental ill health
- Guide people towards appropriate self and professional help

Courses have been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday 12 and Wednesday 19 May 2010 - Aberdeen Sports Village

Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 June 2010 - Spynie Dental Practice, Elgin

Wednesday 08 and Thursday 09 September 2010 - The Living Rooms, Inverbervie

Monday 04 and Tuesday 05 October 2010 - Fraserburgh Hospital

All sessions will last from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm and attendance on both days is required.

The cost is £60 per person for public/voluntary organisations and £90 per person for private organisations (inclusive of sandwich lunch and delegate pack). For further information contact Gemma Mitchell on 01224 558677 or e-mail: gemma.mitchell@nhs.net.

Building Up Boards - 12th May, 10am - 4pm Ellon Parish Church, The Kirk Centre, Station Road, Ellon

- To explore effective board meetings and managing conflict within and out with meetings
- To gain an awareness of charity finance as appropriate for charity trustee induction to the board
- To look at possibilities of getting diverse groups on boards

Contact Nina Martyka at nina.martyka@evoc.org.uk or telephone her on 0131 555 9121/9100

FUNDING

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 next deadline for submission of Letter of Interest is 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



CSV (Community Service Volunteers) Action Earth 2010

Action Earth provides grants of up to £50 (funded by Morrisons) to assist groups in England, Scotland and Wales in carrying out environmental projects. The purpose of the campaign is to enable people to take part in local practical conservation projects that will not only improve their environment but also give them a sense of empowerment.

There are also a limited number of £250 grants, only available in Scotland and funded by Scottish Natural Heritage, specifically intended for biodiversity projects. Action Earth 2010 will run from 1st March through to 31st July.

Visit www.actionearth.org.uk

'see me' Local Grants Scheme

Awards of up to £5,000 available in Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Dumfries & Galloway, Highland, Grampian and Ayrshire & Arran.



'see me's new Local Grants Scheme will grant awards of up to £5,000 to local groups who can come up with fresh and innovative ideas and projects to tackle stigma and discrimination associated with mental health.

They will fund projects that aim to:

- ◆ Change public understanding, attitudes and behaviour so that the stigma and discrimination associated with mental ill-health is eliminated
- ◆ Enhance the ability of people to challenge stigma and discrimination
- ◆ Ensure people with mental health problems and those who support them are valued and included
- ◆ Improve media reporting of mental ill-health

Applications opened on 19th April and close on 28th May 2010.

You can download a copy of the guidelines and application form from their website at: www.seemescotland.org or email info@seemescotland.org or call 'see me' on 0131 554 0218 and they will send a copy out to you.

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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 www.treecouncil.org.uk

INCREASE III FUNDING UPDATE:

INCREASE SMALL - Open for applications 1 April 2010 – 14 May 2010

Grants up to £5,000 available to not for profit community waste sector organisations with an annual turnover of less than £150,000.

INCREASE Small is specifically designed to provide speedy intervention to encourage new ideas and build capacity. This could be in the form of developing new services or extending existing work via the purchase of capital equipment, but regardless of the content of the application it must demonstrate clearly -

- ◆ How many new tonnes of materials this activity will diverted from landfill
- ◆ How the grants represents value for money
- ◆ What the social, environmental and economic impact of the grant will have

For further details of the INCREASE Small fund including application form and guidance notes visit <http://crns.org.uk/increase/small.html>

STUDENT PLACEMENT PROGRAMME - Open for applications 1 March 2010 – 28 May 2010

INCREASE Capacity III Fund will pay for a student to work on a specific project for 8 weeks during the summer, placements commence 1st week in July 2010. The students will either be in there 2nd/3rd or 4th year at university depending on the level of expertise you require for your organisation. The student's training allowance will be covered by the INCREASE fund so there is NO salary cost to the host organisation. The CRNS in partnership with EPP will assist you source a student but the final decision of who to engage lies with you.

Project types include:

- ◆ Develop or build your website
- ◆ Develop databases and manuals/guides
- ◆ Research and develop new services/products
- ◆ Develop marketing or business strategies
- ◆ ISO 14001 Management
- ◆ Green Tourism Business Scheme
- ◆ Feasibility studies
- ◆ and many more.....

For further details of the student placement programme visit www.crns.org.uk/increase/capacity_bep.html

Applicants must comply with the INCREASE III Programme Eligibility Criteria before submitting an application to any of the strands to download the eligibility criteria visit

www.crns.org.uk/increase/capacity.html

If you require any further information or just wish to discuss your ideas contact: Joyce Walsh, CRNS Increase Development Officer Email: increase@crns.org.uk

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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 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.

Alternatively call 01383 620780.

BIG Lottery Fund Scotland - Investing in Communities - 30 June 2010

Following their consultation and the publication of their Strategic Framework last year, it has been confirmed that Investing in Communities has been refined and re-engineered, and will be re-launching on the 30th June 2010

LLOYDS TSB Foundation for Scotland to restart its grant-making programmes

The foundation is to restart its grant-making programmes after the charity defied one of the country's biggest banks and raised £2m through the sale of shares. The news is a major victory for the funder which has been fighting for survival since Lloyds Banking Group tried to change its terms and conditions last year when the bank announced record losses.

For further information on the Foundation, visit www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk

European Funding Opportunities for Aberdeenshire

Given increasing pressure on limited Council resources, exploring external funding opportunities for projects is more important than ever. The European Union funds a wide range of grant programmes, many of which can support the work of Aberdeenshire Council. In order to highlight the opportunities of European funding, the Council's European team are holding a series of workshops around Aberdeenshire. These 1-hour sessions are targeted at Council Officers, Councillors and Community Group Representatives tasked with delivering projects and aim to provide:

- ◆ An overview of European funding opportunities
- ◆ Examples of how European funding can contribute to the delivery of Local Community Plans
- ◆ Guidance on the application procedure

The following workshops are currently scheduled and are open for Officers, Councillors and Community Group Representatives to attend:

Formartine

Tuesday 18 May 2010 10am -12pm in Slains Hall
Kirk Centre, Station Road, Ellon

For further information on the workshops or European funding in general, please contact Stuart Bews at stuart.bews@aberdeenshire.gov.uk (01224 664 754)

CONSULTATIONS & PETITIONS

Scottish Government Consultation: A Strategy for Self Directed Support

The purpose of this consultation is to seek views on the wider roll out of Self Directed Support in particular the use of Direct Payments, the most enabling form of Self Directed Support. The national strategy for self-directed support in Scotland has been developed to help take forward the personalisation of health and social care services in Scotland. The closing date for the consultation is 7th May 2010.

For further information and to access the online questionnaire visit:
www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/02/05133942/0

Consultation on Alcohol Labelling

The Scottish Government, along with the other devolved administrations and Department for Health, has today launched a consultation on alcohol labelling. Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon said that if compliance with the existing voluntary code does not improve, then mandatory labelling will be a 'strong option'. The consultation includes three options: do nothing and continue with the current voluntary agreement; renew and strengthen the existing self regulatory agreement; or introduce a mandatory requirement on labelling.

Deadline: 9th May 2010. Please visit:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/PublicHealth/Healthimprovement/Alcoholmisuse/DH_112472

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

next newsletter

The next CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South newsletter will come out on the week beginning 24th May 2010.

The deadline for **pre-arranged** contributions for this edition is Monday 17th May.

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

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