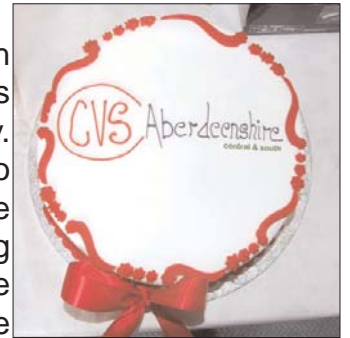


NEWS

CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South

Now that we are now officially one CVS working across Central and South Aberdeenshire, we would like to invite local groups and organisations across the area to our AGM on 24th September, 7pm at the Burnett Arms in Banchory. This particular AGM will celebrate and launch our shiny new CVS and look to the future, working with and supporting new and existing projects across the shire. We hope that many of you can join us to celebrate the launch - this being a historic juncture in the life of CVS in Aberdeenshire. Following the AGM we will be enjoying fine food and drink - we hope to see you there! We also have a new website address - www.cvsa.co.uk. Visit the website for lots of information about what we do, past and present newsletters, good practice guides, policy templates, links and much more! Please also note that our email addresses have changed from @kdvoice.org.uk to @cvsa.co.uk.



Disclosure check price rise



From 1st August 09 Disclosure Scotland have increased the cost of checks for paid members of staff from £20 to £23. Disclosure applications for volunteers working in the voluntary sector with children or adults at risk will still be provided at no costs to the individual or the voluntary organisation concerned. This means that if your group has their Disclosure application processed through CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South, the charges will now be £30.50 for paid

members of staff and £7.50 for volunteers. This includes our administration fee for handling Disclosures.

Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Structure Plan approved

The Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) has received notification from Scottish Ministers that they have approved the recently submitted structure plan with no modifications and no requirement for an examination in public. The plan, which aims to capture a vision and ambition for Aberdeen City and Shire, has established a clear land use strategy for the next 20 years.

This strategy sets out locations for sustainable growth for housing and employment uses and emphasises the importance of providing public transport links, community facilities and other infrastructure necessary to build sustainable mixed communities. Alongside strategic growth areas where the majority of development will take place, areas identified for local growth and regeneration have also been established. This allows both local authorities to respond to the different opportunities and challenges in these communities.

The plan came into force on Monday 17 August 2009 and now there is a six-week period, ending on Friday 25 September, during which any legal challenges can be lodged. A published version of the approved plan is likely to be available in October.

Green Butterfly Award 2009



The Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum welcomes applications from individuals, groups, organisations and businesses. All applicants must show that they are actively engaged in caring for and/or enhancing the environment. It is these people who work to ensure that the precious environment is maintained and enhanced for all forms of life, that the Green Butterfly Award aims to recognise. If you feel that the work you are engaged in is worthy of recognition, please complete an application form - these can be downloaded from the CVSA website homepage at www.cvsa.co.uk.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation launches Housing Market Taskforce

JRF has brought together leading housing and economics experts to look at ways of creating a more stable housing market that is less damaging to vulnerable households. The JRF Housing Market Taskforce will put forward a series of policy recommendations that will tackle extreme rises and falls in house prices in the long term. The Taskforce will build on existing evidence with new analysis, ideas and consultation with other experts, and is due to deliver its recommendations in late 2010.

Julia Unwin, Chief Executive of JRF, said: "There is a desperate need to protect the most vulnerable households from the devastating consequences of extreme fluctuation in the market. It is vital that we establish a long-term vision for the housing market that is both sustainable and just."

For further information on this topic, and many others relating to poverty and empowerment, please go to: www.jrf.org.uk/publications

Library Direct - Aberdeenshire's housebound library service

This free delivery service is available to all residents of Aberdeenshire, regardless of age, who are temporarily or permanently confined to their home due to:

- ◆ Disability
- ◆ Infirmary
- ◆ Illness
- ◆ Being the carer of someone affected by these conditions



When you apply to join we will send an information pack and application form. You will be asked what type of items you want to borrow, for example: books, talking books, music CDs and/or DVDs.

If you or someone you know would like to be considered for this service or you would like to volunteer to deliver items to our customers contact your local library or phone 01651 872707



When your requirements are established we will select items to match your needs and deliver direct to your home.

Hammerson Announce Launch Date for Union Square

Union Square, Aberdeen's new shopping and leisure destination, will open its doors to the public on Thursday 29th October 2009. The massive regeneration project, developed by Hammerson, is bringing over 1,000 new jobs to Aberdeen as well as many new retailers to the city. Recently signed brands

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include world-famous technology giant Apple, fashion favourite Zara, outdoor clothing company, Cotswold and popular Japanese restaurant Yo! Sushi. Some of the other well-known brands opening at Union Square include M&S, Cult, Next, H&M, Miss Selfridge, Warehouse, Dorothy Perkins, Burtons, Clarks, Instyle Furniture and Barrhead Travel. ASK, Nandos, Chiquitos, Frankie & Bennys, Costa, Cineworld and Jurys Inn complete the leisure element of the scheme.

Scottish Healthcare Awards



This years Scottish Healthcare Awards are open for nomination until 5pm on Monday 7th September 2009. Though many of the awards are restricted to NHS staff, two awards may be of interest to community and voluntary sector groups.

Community Care Award - Communities are important. This award is aimed at recognising work that is done within a community setting which improves the lives of individuals through working in partnership with the NHS. It could be a service provided by a voluntary service, community project, a local hospice or even a pharmacy that continually goes above and beyond.

Volunteers Award - Thousands of people give their time freely to help improve the health and wellbeing of patients, carers and service users of Scotland's NHS. The way in which these heroes volunteer - be it running a fund raiser or befriending patients - doesn't matter, it's their impact and contribution. Nominate a special volunteer or team today.

For further information, please visit: <http://scottishhealthawards.com/2009-award-categories.html>

Solvent Abuse - not to be sniffed at!

A new campaign, 'not to be sniffed at', has been launched by the Grampian Alcohol & Drug Partnerships. The campaign aims to encourage parents to be more aware of Volatile Substance Abuse (VSA) by getting the facts and encouraging them to talk to their children about the risks and dangers associated with VSA.

Radio stations Northsound and MFR are supporting the campaign by hosting a virtual 'home' on its website. Parents are encouraged to spend five minutes looking around this 'home' for 12 everyday household products which could be abused, learning about the risks and potential dangers as well as gathering other helpful information before filling in a short online questionnaire at:

www.northsound1.com//Sectional.asp?id=34127

Everyone who takes part will be entered into a prize draw for a Wii. All of the information gathered through the questionnaire will be analysed to help evaluate whether parents feel more informed and are thus able to discuss this topic with their children. The campaign will run until September 14th, 2009 and is funded by the Scottish Government through the multi-agency Alcohol and Drug Partnerships of Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray in partnership with Re-solv Scotland.

National Information Line: 01785 810762
Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm (excluding public holidays)
www.re-solv.org

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

In 2002, in celebration of Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award for Voluntary Service by Groups in the Community was established. Its purpose is to recognise groups of individuals who are giving their time freely for the benefit of others. It is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon groups of this kind and is equivalent in status to the MBE. As such, the Queen's Award not only serves to provide recognition of volunteer groups, but also demonstrates the high respect in which volunteering is held.

In common with the UK National Honours, there are no deadlines for the receipt of nomination forms. Award nominations will be considered at any point within 3 years of the nomination. Therefore, nominations should not be made for a particular year's Award. If you know of a volunteer group that devotes its time to helping others in your local community, and deserves recognition, nominate them for an award. You can nominate a group (two or more people) if:

- ◆ It is based in the UK,
- ◆ It has been volunteering for the benefit of people in the UK or overseas for at least three years
- ◆ More than half its members are volunteers who have the right of residence in the UK.

For further information email queensaward@consolidatedpr.com, call 020 7781 2397 or visit www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk

SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration

If you are involved with, or know of, such a project or initiative, you should consider nominating it for a SURF Award this year in one of the three categories - People, Place and Partnership. They are now accepting entries for the 2009 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration. The closing date for entries this year is 21st September 2009.

For further information on the application process for the 2009 SURF Awards, please visit www.scotregen.co.uk/news/default.asp?ItemID=1017

In Care Survivors Service Scotland

In Care Survivors Service Scotland is a new service which has been launched by Open Secret, in partnership with Kingdom Abuse Survivors Project, specifically for survivors of in care abuse. By in-care, we mean any residential care setting, be it local authority children's homes, approved schools, hospital care, kinship care, respite care, charitable organisations, religious orders and foster care placements. The service includes:

- ◆ A hub of specialist development workers able to link up with local services across Scotland to offer survivors and their families support, advocacy and confidential counselling.
- ◆ A national confidential telephone support line - 0800 121 6027 - providing support, guidance and advocacy to those over age 16, who suffered abuse. It also offers support to families. The helpline is currently being operated from 9am to 5pm weekdays, and these hours may be extended over time.
- ◆ A new website and leaflet campaign highlighting the support available has been set up.
- ◆ Help for survivors to access the Criminal Injuries Compensation scheme and other legal services.

For further information call the helpline, or Alison Greive on 01324 679057, email AlisonG@incaresurvivors.org.uk or visit www.incaresurvivors.org.uk

Green energy centre welcomed in Aberdeen

A new energy centre which has opened in Aberdeen could help Scotland on the path to becoming a nation powered entirely from renewables, environmentalists have claimed. WWF Scotland also maintained that by being based in Aberdeen it could help in the transition of Scotland from one of oil exploration expert to a world leader in offshore renewable energy. First Minister Alex Salmond announced a £2.6m investment in the Scottish European Green Energy Centre (SEGEC) to strengthen Scotland's position as leader in sustainable energy demonstration and deployment. SEGEC will focus on marine energy, offshore wind, carbon capture and storage, renewable heat and energy efficiency. It is based at Aberdeen University.

Over 1000 new jobs for voluntary sector through Future Jobs Fund

Scottish voluntary organisations are to provide more than one thousand jobs to help combat youth unemployment over the next six months, after winning a massive government employment contract worth at least £6.5m. The Scottish Voluntary Sector consortium has won the contract to provide jobs under the Future Jobs Fund, designed to create socially responsible positions for young people and the long-term unemployed.

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) coordinated the bid for 5,500 jobs across two years in areas such as environment, sports, social care, charity finance and administration. Young people aged 18 to 24 who have been out of work for nearly 12 months will be the main priority for the jobs, however they will also be offered to older long-term unemployed people from unemployment hotspots.

Hundreds of voluntary organisations will be involved in rolling out the positions in every local authority area in Scotland through network organisations, such as Community Recycling Network for Scotland, Scottish Sports Association, Community Transport Association and Voluntary Arts Scotland. All of the organisations involved have committed to providing a level of support to sustain the jobs, which must pay at least the minimum wage and last six months.

Sorted in the kitchen - free toolkit

This new toolkit, produced by Aberdeen Foyer with support from Community Food and Health Scotland, is designed to provide easy-to-follow guidance on how to shop, budget, prepare and cook wholesome meals on a limited budget for those who are living on their own and looking after themselves for the first time. CFHS can offer an initial 20 free copies to organisations who want to trial the use of the pack with people they support. The offer is on a first come first served basis.

Contact Sue Rawcliffe or Rita Campbell to arrange pick up/delivery on 0141 226 5261.

Aberdeenshire Volunteer Coordinators Meeting

The next meeting of the Aberdeenshire Volunteer Coordinator's Forum will be a joint meeting for both the North and South of the shire and will be held at the Garioch Sports Centre, Inverurie on Thursday 10th September 10 to 12.30 (bring a sandwich if you'd like to network over lunch). The main item on the agenda is a workshop entitled "Handling Difficult Volunteer Situations". Please bring any examples from your organisation you would like the group to discuss. So we can finalise arrangements with the venue, please let us know by Monday 31st August if you would like to attend, by emailing David.Polfreman@vcaberdeenshire.org.uk or by phoning 01467 626060.

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Transition Scotland North East Regional Gathering

September 5th, The Community Centre, Laurencekirk. 10am - 4pm

Locally sourced food workshops, shared learning and stories.

To book, contact Ed on 01561 320340 or visit www.transitionscotland.org/events

CVS Training Initiative

Presentation Skills

Tuesday 8th September 9.30am - 4.30pm

Kirk Centre, Ellon. £80.

To book places, contact: Diane or Shirley on 01358 722205

or email admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

CVS Training Initiative

Elementary Food Hygiene

Friday 11th September 9.30am - 5pm

Dalvenie Gardens Resource Centre, Banchory. £70.

To book places, contact: Diane or Shirley on 01358 722205

or email admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

Workshop - Is Alcohol Ever the Answer?

The Grampian Healthy Working Lives team have organised one day workshops for employers who would like information on how to manage employees who may have an alcohol problem. The workshops are FREE and for workplaces in Aberdeenshire with less than 250 employees.

The workshops last from 10.15am - 4pm and a free lunch is included.

14th September 2009	Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh
7th October 2009	Crichiebank Business Centre, Inverurie
16th November 2009	Heugh Hotel, Stonehaven

If you would like a place, please contact Linda Rendall: linda.rendall@nhs.net or 01224 558486.

CVS Training Initiative

Client Moving & Handling

Wednesday 16th September 9.30am - 4.30pm.

Community Resource Centre, Maud. £50.

To book places, contact: Diane or Shirley on 01358 722205

or email admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

Doors Open Days

12th September

Doors Open Days in Aberdeen is a great way to find out about the hidden heritage on your doorstep. Many buildings which are not usually accessible to the public are open for the day with guided tours and events. This is your opportunity to see behind the scenes of everyday buildings as well as important landmarks. And all for free! Some of the buildings on show this year include: Aberdeen Maritime Museum, BBC Broadcasting House, Central Fire Station, Grampian Police Headquarters, Kirk of St. Nicholas, National Hyperbaric Centre, Peacock Visual Arts, The Tolbooth and loads more

For more information on what's happening in Aberdeen, please visit the Doors Open Day website at: www.doorsopendays.org.uk/opendays/area_programmes.aspx?areaid=1

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Freedom of Information Training

15th September, Committee Room 5, Woodhill House, Aberdeen

The Campaign for Freedom of Information in Scotland is providing a half-day training course on using the law. The training will be led by Maurice Frankel, director of the campaign. While the course will focus on the decisions issued by the Scottish Information Commissioner, it will also cover decisions issued by the UK Commissioner and Tribunal and the Court of Session that have implications for Scottish public authorities. Costs £50 - £150.

For more information and a booking form see www.cfoi.org.uk/pdf/sicdecisions.pdf

Advocacy North East Ltd AGM

Wednesday 16th September, Gordon Arms Hotel, Huntly at 6.30pm

Think, Explore, Influence Learning Link Scotland's Annual Conference

Tuesday 22nd September 2009

City of Edinburgh Council, City Chambers, 9.30am to 3.15pm

£20 for members/£40 for non-members. Lunch and refreshments included. This conference is for people working in or with an interest in Adult Education: The Voluntary Sector and Communities, Further and Higher Education, Policy and Decision Makers, The Business Community, Students and Volunteers, Local Authorities.

For Bookings and any further queries contact:

Learning Link Scotland, Suite 6, 2 Commercial Street, Edinburgh, EH6 6JA
or email: shaigh@learninglinkscotland.org.uk or phone on 0131 553 7992

CVS Training Initiative

Gift Aid Scheme/Charity Accounting

Tuesday 22nd September 10am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Heugh Hotel, Stonehaven. £40 full day or £20 half day.

To book places, contact: Diane or Shirley on 01358 722205
or email admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

CVS Training Initiative

Personal Safety in Work

Wednesday 23rd September 10am - 1pm. Kirk Centre, Ellon. £20.

To book places, contact: Diane or Shirley on 01358 722205
or email admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

CVS Training Initiative

Appointed Persons First Aid

Thursday 24th September 9.30am - 4.30pm. Venue TBC. £45.

To book places, contact: Diane or Shirley on 01358 722205
or email admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

CVS Training Initiative

Evaluation

Monday 28th September 9.30am - 4.30pm. Wyness Hall, Inverurie. £95.

To book places, contact: Diane or Shirley on 01358 722205
or email admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

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Logo and Slogan Sought for European Year of Volunteering 2011

The official competition to find the logo and slogan for the European Year of Volunteering 2011 is open from 17th August to 18th September, at www.eyv2011.be, with the title of "Let's Slogo!"

Local Networking for Chief Officers of Scottish Voluntary Organisations

30th September, 12 - 2pm, Aberdeen

The Association of Chief Officers of Scottish Voluntary Organisations is organising these events as an opportunity to meet other chief officers in your area for networking and peer support. Themes are Social Return on Investment, procurement and partnership working. Events are free.

For more information or to book visit www.acosvo.org.uk or email office@acosvo.org.uk

National Youth Work Training Seminar

30th September, Edinburgh

This one day seminar will provide an opportunity for the Youth Work sector to engage in a national discussion on workforce development with all the key stakeholders and to share practical knowledge on youth work training routes. Cost £60 +VAT. Closing date: 18th September.

For further information contact Susan Symington on 0131 313 2488 or email ssymington@youthlink.co.uk. Book online at www.youthlinkscotland.org

National Conference: Generations Working Together

The National Generations Working Together Conference will be held on Thursday 1st October 2009 in Perth, which is also the UK Older People's Day 2009. The conference will feature Scottish and international speakers, showcase best practice and provide an opportunity to network and learn. The conference is FREE and children, youth and older people's groups are welcome to attend as well as policy makers, practitioners and senior staff in organisations involved in intergenerational working. The conference is comprised of morning and afternoon sessions with lunch at 12.30pm.

For further information and booking forms contact:

Tel: 0141 548 2492 Email: scipadmin@strath.ac.uk Web: www.scotcip.org.uk/Events.html

Aberdeenshire Disability Sport - Boccia Festival 2009

Thursday 1st October, 10.30am - 2.30pm, Beach Leisure Centre, Aberdeen. £3

For further information contact Claire Bonner on 01467 628812

or email claire.bonner@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Climate change and resource scarcity - the relevance for non-environmental organisations

1st October in Edinburgh and 2nd October in Inverness

SCVO, in partnership with the Carnegie UK Trust, is holding two seminars to present the new report, 'Climate Change and resource scarcity: a guide for non-environmental groups' by Tony Kendle (Eden Project) for the Carnegie UK Trust. The seminars are particularly aimed at leaders of non-environmental organisations who are well-positioned to take forward the debate and to lead on addressing climate

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change both within their own organisations as well as to a wider audience. If you would like to attend one of the seminars, please confirm your place by completing the online registration form at <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/SCVOEvents/SCVOEventsByMonthHome.aspx> by 25th September 2009."

CVS Training Initiative

MIDAS - Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme

Tuesday 6th October 9.30am - 4.30pm. Bettridge Centre, Newtonhill. £95.

To book places, contact: Diane or Shirley on 01358 722205
or email admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

CVS Training Initiative

Disability Equality/Awareness

Wednesday 7th October 10am - 4pm. Kirk Centre, Ellon. £50.

To book places, contact: Diane or Shirley on 01358 722205
or email admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

CVS Training Initiative

Managing Loss and Bereavement

Friday 9th October 9.30am - 4.30pm. Kintore Arms, Inverurie. £70.

To book places, contact: Diane or Shirley on 01358 722205
or email admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

BBC Children in Need - How to make a good application Workshop

13th October, Inshes Church, Inverness

An activity based workshop to enable you to make the best funding application that you can to BBC Children in Need. Book a place as soon as possible by contacting Annabelle Pinnington on 0141 422 6111

CVS Training Initiative

Essential People Management Skills

Thursday 29th October 9.30am - 4.30pm. Heugh Hotel, Stonehaven. £95.

To book places, contact: Diane or Shirley on 01358 722205
or email admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

Positive Partnerships - Investing in the Future

Scottish Pre-school Play Association's National Early Years Conference

13th November, Radisson SAS Hotel, Glasgow



Learning Through Play!

This year's theme Positive Partnerships - Investing in the Future provides SPPA with a perfect platform to reinforce the aspirations contained within the Early Years Framework and underlines the importance of strategic partnerships with independent sector organisations. Our speakers will also demonstrate how to enhance positive learning outcomes in the lives of Scotland's youngest children through best practice and positive behaviour.

For further information contact: Mags Harwood at mags.harwood@sppa.org.uk or 0141 221 4148, or download booking form at www.sppa.org.uk Delegates fees range from £55 - £135.

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

THE GATHERING 2010
get involved!

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 or telephone 0131 474 6172

Has your community got the "X Factor"?

If you have you will be interested to know that moves are afoot to gauge interest in an inter-community competition in Aberdeenshire provisionally called Oor Talent. The idea would be that each Community will hold their own Oor Talent Competition and from their own deciding concert, the top three acts will compete against winners from all the other areas. The final winner and runners up, including the last 12 acts from this, will form a touring concert and perform throughout Aberdeenshire in each of the areas that signs up to this idea. Don't miss this opportunity to help your local talent be recognised. The more people that sign up, the more finance will be available and remember, you will be engaging and helping your local community.

Sign up now by contacting John Lewis, Chair of Donside Community Council by writing to Hay's Court, Alford, Aberdeenshire AB33 8GE or email johnlewis101@btinternet.com.

Dementia Advisors - new posts with Alzheimer Scotland

Alzheimer Scotland is creating a number of new Dementia Advisor posts across Scotland, including the North East. Dementia Advisors will support individuals with dementia, their families and friends all the way through their journey, providing light-touch ongoing support and information, signposting and connecting people to peer supports or appropriate services. They will also develop family and carer support structures and work within local areas to develop dementia friendly inclusive communities. These are very flexible posts and will require an unusual combination of skills. You need to be a committed, dynamic and experienced individual.

For further information, please visit www.alzscot.org/pages/vacancies/dementia-advisors1.htm

Edinburgh Zoo Wild Days Out

On Saturday 1st October and Saturday 7th November, Edinburgh Zoo will be offering a day of fun activities for your youth group to take part in. Every group will be given a one hour 'Discovery Session' to find out more about rainforest animals and their conservation. You will be sent a pre-visit pack with activities to complement your visit. Activities suitable for 5-14 year olds and all youth groups are welcome! Costs: £5.00 for 5-14s; Free admission to supervisory adults for 1 adult per 10 children; Additional adults £10.50. Limited availability - booking essential.

For more information, please contact Edinburgh Zoo Education Centre on (0131) 314 0324, e-mail education@rzss.org.uk or visit www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/education/community/youth_groups.html

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Youth Scotland - Girls on the move



Girls on the Move is a programme designed to increase physical activity levels among girls and young women in Scotland. Girls on the Move is funding and supporting projects which provide opportunities for young women to participate in sport and physical activity, and enable young women to gain the skills and experience needed to lead activities within their own communities. The project is funded by The Robertson Trust and Scottish Government and delivered by Youth Scotland supported by The Robertson Trust and Health Scotland.

Young women aged 16-24 can take part - applicants don't have to be experienced in sport or dance but must have an enthusiasm for physical activity and be interested in becoming a leader within their own community, youth group or school. Applications are particularly welcome from young women who

- live in disadvantaged communities
- have experienced homelessness or are living in care
- have disabilities or mental health issues
- are from black and ethnic minority communities
- are mothers of young children.

For more info and an application form, go to www.girlsonthemove.org.uk
email girls@youthscotland.org.uk or call 0131 554 2561

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

For more information regarding the Third Sector Enterprise Fund email the Enterprise Fund Administrator at 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.

Made in Scotland 2010



The Scottish Arts Council has announced that it is inviting applications through the Made in Scotland 2010 programme. Funding is available to Scottish dance and theatre companies, as well as individual artists, to present artistically ambitious work at the Fringe in the Made in Scotland showcase in 2010. Made in

Scotland is a joint initiative between the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the Federation of Scottish Theatre and the Scottish Arts Council, supported by the Scottish Government's Edinburgh Festivals Expo Fund.

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intended to support the costs involved in presenting a production at the Fringe and mitigate against the financial risks this involves. Surgeries with staff at the Fringe and the Scottish Arts Council will take place to discuss potential Made in Scotland applications and advise on bringing a show to the Fringe. The deadline for applications to Made in Scotland 2010 is Monday 23rd November 2009. For more information, please visit: www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding/expofund.aspx

First Light

First Light's Script Award Scheme

First Light, the UK's leading initiative that enables young people to realise their potential via creative digital film and media projects, is open to applications through their Script Award Scheme. First Light is seeking to support partnerships between script professionals and young people to inspire and aid the development of short film scripts. Funding of up to £3,000 is available to projects where young people aged five to nineteen years take creative control of the idea development process; projects that create scripts in any genre; projects that result in film scripts of up to 10 minutes in length; projects based in the UK, primarily involving young people who live in this country. 10% match funding is required.

The next deadline for applications is the 13th October 2009. For more information, please visit www.firstlightonline.co.uk/funding/youth-film-fund

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 projects 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 or call the hotline on 0870 240 2391.

People's Postcode Trust

The People's Postcode Trust is an independent charity which will provide financial support for small organisations, bodies and community groups across the country. The People's Postcode Trust aims to make Scotland a better place for both people and nature. They want to make a real difference to small organisations and community groups all across Scotland through grants ranging from £500- £10,000. The Trust achieves its objective through funds it receives from the People's Postcode Lottery. Funding will be available for individual projects ranging from £500 up to £10,000.

The People's Postcode Trust is currently accepting applications for funding through its website at www.postcodetrust.org.uk

BT Community Connections

BT Community Connections is an award scheme which enables community and charitable organisations to get online and make use of information and communications technology (ICT). Organisations, working in any field of community benefit, located throughout the UK or ROI can apply for a laptop and a year's free broadband connection.

The next deadline for applications is 17th September. For more information, please visit <http://www.btcommunityconnections.com>

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Cash for Your Group—Community Chest

The Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) is pleased to announce that the Community Chest has reopened for new applications. The Community Chest, a grant aimed at smaller community groups and voluntary organisations across Scotland, will provide grants of up to £1,000 and free training to groups with an annual income under £25,000. Groups can apply for funding for a wide range of activities or operational costs. However, they are particularly keen to fund activities that will help build and develop strong organisations, for example; training for committee members and volunteers; visits to other organisations and conferences or professional support and consultancy. Applications for the Community Chest programme are welcome throughout the year with deadlines on 30th September and 31st December.



Groups wishing to apply for a Community Chest grant can download the application form and guidance notes from the VAF website at www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk. Alternatively contact Patricia or Chris at the Voluntary Action Fund, either by telephone on (01383) 620780 or by e-mail at Patricia.McKibben@voluntaryactionfund.org.uk.

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

Event Funding

The National Events Programme, run by EventScotland, offers funding to support events taking place outside Edinburgh and Glasgow which increase tourism and raise the profile of Scotland's regions. The next funding round closes on October 2nd and will provide support for events taking place between 1 May 2010 and 30 April 2011. Events should have some confirmed financial support from appropriate agencies; inspire and involve local communities and generate economic benefits amongst other criteria.

For further information, see the EventScotland website at www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/national-events-programme/

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>

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Aberdeenshire Youth Volunteering Stories



Can you help us create a local picture of some of the good work Aberdeenshire's young people are involved in? We would like to collate inspiring stories from Aberdeenshire that demonstrate the benefits of involving young volunteers so we can promote and display this across the shire and specifically during new training courses we will be delivering soon about Managing Youth Volunteering.

We'd love to hear how a young volunteer has been of particular help to your organisation largely as a result of their youth and if you have any supporting photos to bring the story alive that would be an added bonus. I look forward to hearing from you - please contact: David Polfreman, Volunteering Development Officer for Volunteer Centre Aberdeenshire on 01467 626060 or email David.Polfreman@vcaberdeenshire.org.uk.

Scotland's Zero Waste Plan

The Scottish Government has adopted Zero Waste as their goal. Zero Waste does not mean that waste disappears. Instead, it means eliminating the unnecessary use of raw materials; sustainable design; resource efficiency and waste prevention; re-using products where possible; and recovering value from products when they reach the end of their lives either through recycling, composting or energy recovery, in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

Zero Waste means that everyone in Scotland - business, householders and the public and voluntary sectors - needs to reflect on how to reduce the amount of waste that is produced; how we can reduce unnecessary consumption and how we can improve our recycling rates. Zero Waste is part of the wider picture of environmental sustainability which means taking care of the one planet on which our lives depend.

Much has been achieved. However, a huge amount remains to be done. In particular, we need to continue the shift to more positive environmental behaviour. Not just by householders, but by business too. This consultation draft of Scotland's Zero Waste Plan outlines a vision of the way ahead and how this will be achieved. However, before the Plan is finalised, we want to hear your views. So this is your opportunity to influence the longer-term direction of waste policy.

To take part in the consultation, visit: www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations

Scotland's Zero Waste Plan Consultation - (SEA) Environmental Report

As part of the preparation of The Scotland's Zero Waste Plan the Scottish Government is carrying out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). SEA is a systematic method for considering the likely environmental effects of certain Plans, Programmes and Strategies (PPS).

SEA aims to:

- integrate environmental factors into PPS preparation and decision-making;
- improve PPS and enhance environmental protection;
- increase public participation in decision making; and
- facilitate openness and transparency of decision-making.

For more information, please visit: www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations

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Voluntary Health Scotland (VHS)



Voluntary Health Scotland has been in operation for nine years now and we believe that it is now time to assess its perceived role and the value of the services which it offers. The purpose of this survey is to gain an understanding of how VHS is perceived by its members and stakeholders in the voluntary sector and beyond, in order to judge the extent to which it is providing the kind of services and support which the third sector and other stakeholders need and to determine any future direction which VHS might take.

The questionnaire is very simple to complete and should only take a few minutes of your time. All your answers will remain confidential and the results will enable us to enhance or change our services where required, for your benefit.

The survey will run until the 11th September can be accessed at the following link:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=GI2Km8igGaEj9luE11dnhQ_3d_3d

MV Award Survey

Rocket Science is currently undertaking a review of the MV Award scheme on behalf of Volunteer Development Scotland and the Scottish Government. As part of this review, they are carrying out research in order to find out young people's views on volunteering and the ways in which they would like to be recognised for the time they commit.

The survey is open until the 4th September – please visit:
www.rocketciencesurveys.co.uk/akira/TakeSurvey?id=1305143

next newsletter

The next CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South newsletter will come out on the week beginning 28th September.

The deadline for **pre-arranged** contributions for this edition is Wednesday 21st September

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

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

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