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Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum Green Butterfly Award

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.



For an application form contact the Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum,
Heathervale, Fyvie, TURRIFF AB53 8RQ
Tel 01651 891336 Email: bmartinj@hotmail.com

CVSA Charities Fair

Would your group like to be involved in a charities fair? We are looking into hosting a charities fair in Inverurie for local groups to sell goods, raise awareness/money and recruit volunteers. But we'd like to hear from you first! Would your group be interested in holding a stall at such an event? What time of year would be best for you?

CVSA run a charities fair every year in Stonehaven where charities from South Aberdeenshire take part and we'd like to run a similar event in Central Aberdeenshire. If you would be interested in taking part please contact us at Shonagh.Thom@cvsa.co.uk or call 01467 629072. Thanks!

Magpie News



The Boxroom-Magpie project has been extremely successful and popular over its first few months at the Crow's Nest site in Banchory. People have been donating items almost non-stop since it started in June and we have been overwhelmed with great stuff. The Boxroom itself has also been inundated with donations, so unfortunately none of the goods collected through the Magpie project have been on sale yet due to lack of space. However, this problem has been addressed and we're pleased to announce that CVSA have secured a second outlet at the Tillybrake Industrial Estate for selling on goods. The unit directly across from the Boxroom will begin trading later in the Autumn and will be an extension of the Boxroom, selling on good quality second-hand furniture, household goods and bric-a-brac. CVSA are delighted with the progress of the Magpie project so far, and we hope this success will continue in the coming months.

Would you like to be involved with the Boxroom-Magpie project?
If you have a few hours to spare every month, we're still looking for volunteers to help out.
If you are interested please call 01330 825027 or email Alan.Young@cvsa.co.uk

A year old and protecting adults from harm

Aberdeenshire's Adult Protection Network Team celebrated its first anniversary recently. The team started accepting referrals from July last year and offers screening, consultation, joint working, training and auditing services to enable adult protection cases to be managed effectively in Aberdeenshire. Since accepting referrals the team has received over 800 reports of concern about adults in Aberdeenshire.

With the introduction of the Adult Support and Protection Act 2007 the council was given funding by the Scottish Government to increase its capacity to protect vulnerable adults from harm. Adults at risk of harm are people over the age of 16 who are affected by disability, mental disorder, illness, physical or mental infirmity. Harm may happen anywhere, including the person's own home and may be caused by a wide range of people including strangers, professionals and family. Harm may be physical, neglect, financial, sexual or psychological.

It is a corporate priority for Aberdeenshire Council to protect children and vulnerable adults who are at risk of harm and the establishment of the adult protection network continues to be an important step in achieving this priority. Protecting adults at risk of harm is everyone's responsibility. If a staff member becomes aware of a resident who may be an adult at risk of harm they should contact the Adult Protection Network on 01651 871246

Further information is available on Arcadia under the adult protection section of the social work pages or at www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/adultprotection

New estimates of relative poverty for local authorities

On Thursday 19th August the Scottish Government published new estimates of the proportion of households in relative poverty at local authority level across Scotland. These figures are the outcome of a project to fill a gap in the availability of official poverty statistics which was highlighted by statistical users. It is hoped that they will be useful for local authorities and other stakeholders to use in monitoring their progress at reducing poverty. The Tackling Poverty Officers Group will be sent a copy of this report on publication day.

For further information about this work please see the following web link:
www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Social-Welfare/IncomePoverty/income-imputation-study6

Or contact Tom Spencer on tom.spencer@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or 0131 244 0794.

Training On Disclosure Certificates, Processes And Legislation

CRBS offer a comprehensive training programme to meet the needs of all voluntary sector organisations wishing to access disclosure certificates for paid and unpaid staff working with children and/or adults at risk. Their training sessions are tailored to meet the needs of both non-enrolled and enrolled organisations and cover all issues relevant to the disclosure process and surrounding legislation. The training programme consists of a range of workshops which will be held at their offices in Stirling. Local events can be arranged if the venue, catering facilities and a minimum of 30 delegates can be arranged by the organisation. The session available are as follows: Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (PVG) Training - Full Day Session; General Awareness Training - Half Day Session; Signatory Training - Half Day Session.

For more information, please visit:

www.crbs.org.uk/Training/TrainingCalendar/tabid/433/Default.aspx

Launch of 'see me' Photography Competition 2010

'see me's annual photography competition launched on 31st May in over twenty localities across Scotland. The competition is open to anyone living in Scotland who is interested in taking photographs whether you are a complete beginner, someone with a keen interest or an experienced photographer. You don't need to be a professional photographer, we encourage complete beginners to enter and all you need is a keen interest and access to a camera. You can check the 'see me' website for tips on what makes a good photograph at: www.seemescotland.org/getinvolved/photography-competition

This year's theme is 'Support' and is open to your own interpretation. We all give and receive support as we go about our everyday lives - from family, friends, neighbours, teachers, colleagues and everyone in between.

'see me' work with twenty local hosts across Scotland who each hold their own local competition with prizes awarded in three separate categories - the Judges' Choice, Under 18s and one chosen by Public Vote. The 3 winners in each local area go forward to our national final.

The local host for Aberdeen is Jill Bremner, Community Learning Worker Healthy Minds Culture, Education and Sports
Aberdeen City Council
Rosemount Community Centre
Belgrave Terrace
Aberdeen, AB25 2NS
01224 489458
jibremner@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

Closing date for entries is 17th September 2010.

Make it Happen! Are you a young person who wants to win £500?

Firstport are looking for young entrepreneurs across the country with innovative ideas that will make a positive difference to people and communities. Between August and November you will have the chance to pitch for up to £500 to get your idea up and running as our panel travels around the country. In each local area they visit, the panel will make two awards based on the following categories:

Enterprise:

We're looking for young people:

- ◆ Aged 16-25
- ◆ Who want to make a difference to people and communities
- ◆ With energy and passion to succeed
- ◆ Who have an enterprising idea that can make money

Sports, Arts and Recreational:

We're looking for young people:

- ◆ Aged 11-21
- ◆ Prepared to go the extra mile
- ◆ Who will use their passion for sport or arts to tackle social issues in their community and bring people together

If this sounds like you then we want to hear from you. To get an application pack email awards@firstport.org.uk or ring us on 0131 220 0511 quoting reference YP10. We'll give you full details on how to apply and the entry deadline for your local area.

Between August and November our panel will visit:

Aberdeen City - September

Aberdeenshire - September

To find out more, visit www.firstport.org.uk

Training Opportunities available to Third Sector Organisations

As part of its ongoing commitment to working in partnership with the Third Sector, Aberdeenshire Council Social Work Department has been exploring ways of making the training courses run by the department accessible by Third Sector partner organisations. We have now agreed that CVS Training Initiative will be notified if places become available on appropriate courses, they will then publicise them to relevant Third Sector organisations. This is a new initiative which are keen to see work to the benefit of both parties - we would therefore encourage organisations to make use of these opportunities whenever appropriate.

If the CVS Training Initiative does not have details of your organisation and you would like to be on their mailing list, please contact them on: admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk Tel 01358 722205

Aberdeenshire Arts Team Presents...Finding Creativity A FREE Voluntary Arts Information & Training Day Saturday 4th September, 10am to 4pm, Woodend Barn, Banchory

Are you a volunteer member of an art club or group?
Would you like more people to take part in your arts/crafts activities?
Would you like bigger audiences for your events?
Do you need contacts, support, and advice on funding?
If the answer is yes to these questions we would like to help you.

Join Aberdeenshire Arts Team and its partners Voluntary Arts Scotland, Aberdeenshire CVS Network, Growing Audiences North East and Aberdeenshire Arts Forums for an information sharing and training day. Through presentations and workshops we will work together to look at how to sustain and build your voluntary arts groups, explore how to market your activities and encourage more people to participate in them. Meet other like minded people and groups, share good food and find out more about how you can help your groups to expand and flourish.

All participants will get a free digital goodie bag full of useful information on funding, support networks and a toolkit of good advice. If you are a member of an Arts Group based in Aberdeenshire and would like to take part please call 01261 815989 or email: julie.bisset@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Banchory Energy Reduction Initiative (BERI)

Banchory Energy Reduction Initiative (BERI) has organised a series of public events to be held at the Woodend Barn, Banchory, on the first Monday of each month from 6th September until 7th March (excluding January). The events will start at 7.30 pm and there will be plenty of opportunity for discussion and refreshments afterwards. Entry is free but donations to cover costs will be invited.

The first three events are as follows:

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| 6th September: | Three short films will be shown - Hard Rain, The Story of Stuff and Cap and Trade - full details can be found at: www.woodendbarn.co.uk/ |
| 4th October | Steve Furnival will give a presentation on "Sustainable Energy Without the Hot Air" |
| 1st November | Professor Pete Smith will give a presentation on " Climate Change and Scotland - What we can do about it " |

Further details of these events are available on the Banchory website at http://www.banchory.org/community_projects/BERI.html. If you would like further information, please contact Mary Scott, Project Manager BERI on 0776 971 2520 or beri.banchory@hotmail.co.uk

Young Achievers Awards

The Young Achievers Awards recognise young volunteers, activists and social entrepreneurs aged between 16 and 25. Individuals can self nominate or be nominated by downloading the form online at <http://youngachieverstrust.files.wordpress.com/2010/06/yatnomform2010.pdf>

If you know an exceptional young volunteer and would like to find out more about the awards and how to make a nomination go to www.youngachievers.co.uk.

The deadline for nominations is the 30th September.

Health Foundation Shine Innovation Awards 2010

The Health Foundation has announced that its new Innovation Awards are now open for applications. Each year the Health Foundation will be looking for ideas that tackle a key challenge to high quality health care. The Foundation is looking to invest £75,000 in each of 18 teams from across the health services to test and develop new ideas. This year, the challenge that the Awards are trying to address is to find new approaches to delivering healthcare that reduce the need for acute hospital care - while improving quality and saving money.

To qualify for the award applicants will need a great innovative idea and the ability to pull together a team from across various health services with experience in innovation, change management, measurement and self- evaluation. The closing date for completed applications is 12 noon on Monday 4 October 2010.

For more information on the Health Foundation, visit www.health.org.uk

Aden Country Park - there for the whole of Aberdeenshire to use – not just Buchan!!

'Making the Most of Aden Country Park' would like to hear what people think about Aden Country Park and how they think it can be regenerated to maximise its use. You can have your say by going to www.surveymonkey.com/s/adencountrypark and filling in the online questionnaire. It's your park so tell them what you think. The questionnaire will remain open until the end of September 2010.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/adencountrypark

Cash in Your Pocket Partnership

Cash in Your Pocket Partnership are looking to partner with organisations that encounter or assist those with financial issues across Aberdeenshire. Founded with a holistic, individual-centred approach, we operate a central database that offers simple and efficient referral to organisations that can help those in need. In addition, we can offer groups looking to assist those in trouble access to efficient, comprehensive reports and dedicated staff, as well as localised, up-to-date knowledge of the financial inclusion landscape. We previously only worked within Aberdeen City but now cover both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. If your organisation would like to arrange a presentation or talk please get in touch and we can arrange this.

If you would like more information about Cash In Your Pocket Partnership please get contact us:

Tel: 01224 200221 Email: info@ciypp.co.uk

Website: www.ciypp.co.uk

Equality Act 2010

A new Equality Act comes into force from October 2010. The Equality and Human Rights Commission have created a series of guidance documents to help explain the Act and provide practical examples on how the law has changed. They currently have guidance for employers, workers, service providers and service users, and will be adding guidance for education providers and students in September.

Visit: www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/guidance-equality-act-2010/equality-act-2010-guidance/

Voluntary Arts Ambassadors Open for applications!

Do you care about the arts and crafts? Would you like to see them better represented in your local area? Then why not become a Voluntary Arts Ambassador with VAScotland?

We're looking for people with a passion for participation, some spare time and good communication skills to join our exciting new venture. We'll give you training and support, peer networking opportunities and will hook you up with appropriate organisations in your area. Eventually, we aim to have a team of informed, confident arts and crafts representatives across the country, who can help influence Community Planning in their local area.

This is a voluntary post, but all reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

For more information on the Voluntary Arts Ambassador scheme visit www.vascotland.org.uk or contact Claire English on: 0131 225 9790 or e-mail: claire@vascotland.org.uk

Has your bank changed the terms of your account?

We have had reports of banks changing the terms of groups' accounts from charity accounts, with few or no bank charges, to small business accounts, which incur charges. If your group has had a similar experience, please let us know by contacting Alison Melville at Alison.Melville@cvsa.co.uk

Digital TV switchover advice points

For advice and support over the switchover period
drop in and speak to us

Events take place:

1 September 2010 - 10am to 4pm

2 September 2010 - 10am to 2.30pm

And

15 September 2010 - 10am to 4pm

16th September 2010 - 10am to 2.30pm



Banchory Library, Bridge Street, Banchory, AB31 5SU

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**Are you keen to develop new ideas or new projects?
Would you like to access new funding? YES?**

Then join Diak Associates Ltd FREE OF CHARGE for an informal networking session over a light lunch as follows:

VENUE: Inverurie Locos Social Club

DATE: Wednesday 22 September 2010

TIME: Drop in from 12 noon - 2pm

Please let us know if you can join us (for catering purposes) by Friday 17th September by phoning or texting 07778 872309 or by emailing: diackkay@yahoo.co.uk

North East Open Studios Saturday 11th - Sunday 19th September 2010



The North East Open Studios (NEOS) is an award winning collective of artists, makers and galleries based in the North East of Scotland run on voluntary grounds as a community organisation. Formed in 2003, they provide an informal contact network for artists, gallery-owners and makers, and help the public access the wealth of creative talent throughout the North East of Scotland, winning the Northern Lights Tourism Award 2007 for best Aberdeenshire Tourism Initiative.

The open studios event serves to engage wider audiences in all aspects of art; to grow small-scale art and craft business in the north east of Scotland, and to provide a cohesive network of professional artists and makers. Artists, makers and galleries will be showing their work at a wide range of venues across the North East - some at their homes, workshops, studios and galleries.

Catalogues of events and venues have been distributed throughout Aberdeen City and Shire but you can also browse through the catalogue online at www.northeastopenstudios.co.uk

NB. If you are an artist, maker or gallery owner and would like further information about NEOS, please contact them at info@northeastopenstudios.co.uk

Food Hygiene Training For Trainers - 1 day refresher course Facilitated by Dr Lorna McHattie PHD,FRSPH 28th October 2010, in the ACVO Training Room £120 per candidate

We must have 10 bookings by the 28th September to make this viable.
To book a place, please contact sirvine@acvo.org.uk

Sarah Irvine

Tel: 01224 686058

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Web: www.acvo.org.uk

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A Networking Event for Social Enterprises in Aberdeenshire Friday 8th October, 10am - 4pm, Cost: £12 Lochter Activity Centre, Oldmeldrum AB51 0DZ

An opportunity for local social enterprises, and budding social enterprises, to:

- ◆ Hear about national (Scottish) initiatives and support, and discuss how they can help you.
- ◆ An opportunity to talk to, and learn from, each other.
- ◆ Identify and plan for future needs and a shared way forward locally
– where do we go from here?

The day will have a series of workshops delivered by national social enterprise support organisations: Ready For Business, Pilotlight Scotland, Sencot & Social Audit Network

It will also afford an opportunity to put forward proposals and suggestions on what further support/development/training you would like to see locally.

Detailed information will be available soon but if you wish to note an interest please contact: Diane/Shirley on 01358 722205 or email: admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

Free First Aid Courses

4th September - Emergency First Aid at New Hope Trust, Peterhead
11th September - Emergency First Aid at St Fergus Hall, St Fergus
18th September - Baby & Toddler First Aid at New Hope Trust, Peterhead.

All the courses are 6 hours, starting at 9.30 am - lunch will be provided at all locations.
There are 10 spaces available on each course.

Contact: Alison Greig, Office Administrator, Buchan Development Partnership on 01771 613584
www.buchandevelopmentpartnership.org.uk

Getting it Right for Early Years Scottish Pre-school Play Association's National Early Years Conference Thursday 11 November 2010 - Our Dynamic Earth - Edinburgh



SPPA's conference theme has an emphasis on Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC). The programme aims to improve outcomes for children by promoting an approach that builds solutions with and around children and families. This year's conference will demonstrate how pre-school providers can give their children the very best start in life. Our keynote speakers are Dr Carol Craig the Chief Executive from the Centre for Confidence and Well-being; Alan Sinclair, a Visiting Fellow at the Work Foundation; Jim Stephen, Head of the Early Years Framework Team at the Scottish Government; and Gavin Oattes, the Managing Director from Tree of Knowledge. This year we are also re-introducing study sessions and workshops with inputs from Learning and Teaching Scotland, Health Promotion Lothian, Edinburgh's Growing Confidence Project and Parenting Network Scotland.

This is a Continuing Professional Development conference.

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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Confidence to Cook - Training for Trainers

Thursday 16th & 23rd Sept, 10am - 3pm

both days in the Community Training Kitchen, Linden Centre, Huntly.

To reserve a place please contact Judith or Julie at the Linden Centre
- judith.busson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or Tel 01466 792502.

Exercise in a Chair Instructors training

Friday 17th & 24th September, 1st & 8th October

This course is designed for those delivering chair based exercise activities in Sports Centres, Community Centres, and Care Settings.

Further Details and how to apply: Contact Aberdeenshire Council, EL&L Admin Support, Gordon House, Blackhall Road, Inverurie. AB51 3WA or telephone Angela McMillan, Active Lifestyles Coordinator 07884 276979 e-mail angela.mcmillan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Carers Scotland- Training Dates 2010/2011

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

The Cornerstone Professional Conference 2010

'Attracting Social Investment'

Wednesday 27th October, Perth Concert Hall



The conference will be the first of its kind in Scotland and will inform delegates from the voluntary and public sector on how to change from a grant and statutory funded environment to embrace investment-led and business-like approaches that deliver growth, accountability and sustainability. Social investment and private sector professionals will inform conference delegates about the strategies, methods and financial products that exist to catalyse growth and financial sustainability in the third sector. The conference will also hear from professionals that have successfully used social investment to build their organisations. In addition to our keynote speakers and panel sessions, delegates will participate in conversations that expose the key ingredients required to attract social investment. These include robust business planning, leadership, entrepreneurship, risk and seed capital.

Early bird booking offer
£110 (Charity/Social Enterprise)
£155 (Non Social Enterprise)

To book or find out more visit: www.cornerstone.org.uk/socialinvestment

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Big Information Days 2010



Each event will consist of a presentation on BIG funding programmes followed by the opportunity for groups to speak to staff about project ideas. The format for each event is slightly different according to the area. Some will run all day and in others these will be shorter events repeated over the course of a day. Please make sure you check the timings of events before you book a place.

Aberdeenshire 13 Sep & 20 Sep

Town and County Hall, Town House Union Street Aberdeen

Half day events providing information and advice on BIG funding opportunities.

10am - 12.30pm or 1.30pm - 4pm

Use on-line registration at https://secure.tylerevents.co.uk/ei/getdemo.ei?id=156&s=_3JW0LKPEV

If you have any questions regarding the events please contact BIG on 0300 123 7110
or e-mail at: BigScotlandInfoDays@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Youth Engagement Conference

September 23rd in the Wyness hall, Inverurie from 10am - 4pm

As part of the on going progression of the youth engagement strategy within Aberdeenshire Community Planning, Dialogue Youth will be staging a conference in regards to youth consultation and engagement. The day will consist of presentations by the Aberdeenshire Youth Council, Youthlink Scotland, and 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 discussions of experiences, share opportunities and examine solutions with regard to youth engagement.

Places are limited and require booking.

Contact: douglas.findlay@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Know who to turn to - Self Management Social Marketing Campaign 'The Role Of The Professional' Briefing Sessions

Professionals and patients have consistently advised that there is a lack of understanding around Self Management. Work has been done with a group of voluntary organisations, patients and NHS staff to develop a Social Marketing campaign with different approaches to target staff and patients on what Self Management is, what their role is and what support is available. Building on the successful evaluation of "Know Who To Turn To" campaign, which provided a very simple method of advising the public of how to use unscheduled care services in the most appropriate way, we are developing appropriate materials which give more information on self management, what it is and how the public can get support. The campaign will be launched to the public in October this year. To find out more and the role the professional can play Briefing Sessions for NHS, Voluntary Sector and Local Authority partners have been set up on the following dates.

- ◆ 9 September at 10.30am in the Conference Room, Peterhead Maternity Hospital
- ◆ 14 September at 10.30am, Room 2, Education Centre, Dunbarney House, Dr Grays, Elgin

To book a place or arrange for a group member to present within your area please contact Helen Foster on 01224 558466 or email helenfoster3@nhs.net

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Introduction to Counselling Skills

13th September, Hopeville Social Club, Inverurie, 9am - 5pm

£65 - voluntary sector £98 - all others

This workshop will introduce trainees to listening and helping skills which can be used in everyday life. Participants will also be introduced to some basic counselling concepts.

Trainer: Lydia Stevenson - Bliss Life Coaching

Full Cost Recovery

22nd September, Community Centre, Peterhead, 9.30am - 4pm

£60 - voluntary sector £90 - all others

This is a short one day course intended to draw attention to the importance of full cost recovery, explore ways of calculating various costs and of how to use those accurate costings in funding applications and tenders for contracts.

Trainer: Gill Dolphin

Elementary Food Hygiene

4th October, Community Centre, Laurencekirk, 9am - 5pm

£80 - voluntary sector £120 - all others

This course involves a short exam covering the course content, which leads to a recognised certificate. Participants will gain a practical understanding of food safety systems based on HACCP principles and how to apply that knowledge to control hazards and prevent food poisoning.

Trainer: Janette Gascoine

Introduction to Social Accounting

5th October, Towie House, Turriff, 10am - 4pm

£42 - voluntary sector £63 - all others

This one day course will explain the process of social accounting which allows an organisation to measure how well it is doing in relation to its social, economic and environmental performance (the triple-bottom line)

Trainer: Kevin McDermott

Self Harm Awareness

27th October, Viewmount, Stonehaven, 10am - 1.15pm

£15 - voluntary sector £22 - all others

This workshop has been developed by Penumbra. It aims to increase the knowledge and confidence of participants around the issue of self-harm, improve practice and reduce the stigma of self-harm.

Trainer: Linda Paterson - Choose Life North

ALL COURSES ILA APPROVED

Funding support for your learning could be available as an Individual Learning Account (ILA). ILA Scotland is a Scottish Government scheme that helps you pay for learning. It's for people who have an income of £22,000 a year or less, or who are on benefits. If you are 16 or over and living in Scotland, you could get up to £200 towards the cost of learning.

Check out if you are eligible at - <http://www.ilascotland.org.uk/What+is+ILA+Scotland/Eligibility.htm> then open your ILA, info at <http://www.ilascotland.org.uk/Apply+Now/Request+Application+Pack.htm> advise us that you have done this when you book a course.

For further information or to book a place contact:

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

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Natural Energy Exhibition 2010

Saturday 9th October 2010, Thainstone Exchange, 11am - 4pm, Free entry to the public

The aim of the exhibition is to promote uptake of renewable energy amongst the householders and small businesses in Aberdeenshire and adjoining areas. By substituting renewable energy for fossil fuels, people can both reduce their heating bills and contribute to the ambitious CO2-reduction targets set by the Scottish Government. On show will be a range of renewable energy options for smaller urban and rural properties. There will also be methods and materials for improving heat conservation, as that is the best place to start before investing in new heating systems. Information about financial support will be available from the Energy Savings Trust and Aberdeenshire Council will advise on planning issues, where appropriate.

What will be there?

Solar Panels, Biomass boilers, Heat Pumps, Wind turbines, Advisers on insulation, technical matters, planning issues and grant funding
Enquiries to brian.naturalenergy@googlemail.com

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 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

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 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.

Benefits for young people

8 September 2010, Glasgow (10am - 4pm)

At 16 some young people can claim benefits in their own right. This course looks at benefits for young people in education or training, in work or looking for work. It also covers benefits for young people with a disability or health problem. It also looks at what factors to take into account in making the right choice between a parent and young person claiming.

Course fee: £93 for CABx, £108 for voluntary organisations, colleges and housing associations, £153 for statutory organisations. Reduced cost places are available for poorly funded groups.

If you would like to book a place please visit: www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/trainingbooking/

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Financial Management Training for Senior Staff and Board Members of Third Sector Organisations

CEiS, and partners, are running free financial management training workshops across Scotland, to address the varying needs of:

- ◆ Senior managers, trustees and board members of Third Sector organisations with little or no finance training
- ◆ Senior staff working in Third Sector organisations who may manage budgets but have limited financial training
- ◆ Those within Third Sector organisations who have significant financial responsibilities

The aim of the training is to significantly improve the capacity of Third Sector organisations to control finances and engage in high quality financial planning.

Finance for Senior Managers, Trustees and Boards Formal training workshop (1 day) Aberdeen, 2nd Nov 2010

For more information and to apply, visit <https://secure2.symphonyem.co.uk/financetraining/>
This will allow us to match you to the appropriate course and venue.
Alternatively call on 0141 425 2945.

Tender Writing Training



CEiS, the Supplier Development Programme, and partners, are running a series of free tender writing workshops across Scotland. Designed specifically for managers and staff of Third Sector organisations, who have responsibility for business development and tender writing, the workshops will offer practical guidance for organisations wishing to compete for public sector contracts.

Advanced Tendering for Public Sector Contracts (3 days) Aberdeen, 2nd Sept, 9th Sept and 16th Sept 2010

For more information and to apply, visit <https://secure2.symphonyem.co.uk/tenderwriting/>
Alternatively call on 0141 425 2945.

Intergenerational Masterclass & SCIP National Networking Conference - Aberdeen

Intergenerational Masterclass - Tuesday 14th September

Cost £50. This is a fantastic opportunity for practitioners and policy makers who have experience in the field of intergenerational learning and are looking to develop their awareness of the intergenerational opportunities in their area.

'Generations Working Together: 'Sustainability and Future Directions'

SCIP National Networking Conference - Wednesday 15th September, 10am to 3.30pm

This National Networking Conference is an all-day event for intergenerational practitioners from throughout Scotland. This will be a good opportunity to share experience, learn from other organisations about intergenerational working.

To book your place and for further info on the two events, go to www.scotcip.org.uk/news-events.html to download the booking and information form. Don't delay, book today!
Please note there is also the free opportunity for your organisation to exhibit all the good work that you're doing at the conference. Display stands are available over the lunch period on Wednesday 15th September. If you would like further information or want your organisation to take a stand please contact jane.stevenson@strath.ac.uk

EVENTS & TRAINING

The New Economic Reality: Meeting the challenge

Wednesday 29 September 2010, 9.25am to 4.45pm, Edinburgh

Recently, the Scottish Government again urged for an 'extensive debate' to consider the options put forward by the Interdependent Budget Review. That debate will help inform the most important decisions this country will have had to make since Devolution. What services, if any, do we exclude from the anticipated cuts? Can we really maintain a public sector workforce of its present size, scale and scope? What can we and can we not expect the state to provide? Can anything be achieved without cross party consensus? What parameters are we operating within?

Join several of Scotland's foremost leaders, academics and politicians at Holyrood magazine's CPD certified event in Edinburgh to do just that - extensively debate all the options.

To register your place, visit:

http://conferences.holyrood.com/?option=com_paypal&conference=109&template=budget2010

- . For full programme details, including speaker biographies and delegate rates, visit <http://neweconomicreality.holyrood.com/>.

North Alliance: BIG conference

Nairn Community Centre, 28th - 29th October, 2010

The North Alliance conference in Nairn is back and by popular demand from practitioners, this year it will be a 2 day event. For CLD practitioners from the voluntary sector and councils in Shetland, Orkney, Highland, Moray, the Western Isles, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen this is your opportunity to:

- ◆ Explore what The Big Society means for our work in and with communities
- ◆ Get to grips with the impact of the Curriculum for Excellence on CLD practice
- ◆ Share practice with others working in CLD across the North of Scotland

National organisations, a panel discussion, good practice workshops and social networking will be part of the conference. The North Alliance aims to make this an inter-active conference with technology supporting participation from those not able to make it to Nairn. Places are free, but limited, so a £20 surcharge will be applied to those who register for a place but don't turn up.

Who should attend? Youth workers, Adult learning workers, Community capacity builders, Local authority and voluntary sector practitioners working in CLD settings in and across Shetland, Orkney, Highland, Western Isles, Highland, Moray, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen

Registration will close on 28 September. Contact:

devlinbeattie partnership ltd. T: 0141 248 1915 E: info@devlinbeattie.co.uk

W: www.devlinbeattie.co.uk

Health Improvement Planning Guidance for Aberdeenshire 2011-2014-an integrated approach- Tuesday 21st September 10am- 12pm, Woodhill House, Committee Room 2

This workshop will take forward a joint planning approach for health improvement in Aberdeenshire. The aim is to ensure that key stakeholders are involved in the rationale and process of updating the current Joint Health Improvement Plan (2007-2010).

Email: heather.lorimer@aberdeenshire.gov.uk by 10th September

FUNDING

The Scottish Government has signed a funding agreement with the European Investment Bank (EIB) to establish a new £50 million fund to support urban regeneration in Scotland.

What is the JESSICA fund?

JESSICA (Joint European Support for Sustainable Investment in City Areas) has been developed by the European Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB), in collaboration with the Council of Europe Development Bank.

It allows the use of some of the ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) grant allocation as a source of loans, equity investment and guarantees that, alongside complementary resources from the EIB and others, will help de-risk developments in regeneration areas currently considered too marginal for commercial lenders or investors. A range of activity that directly supports employment can be supported through JESSICA; along with measures to support growth industries, such as renewable energy.

Benefits of JESSICA

The fund has the potential to lever in additional sources of public and private investment; and to create a sustainable fund to support regeneration activity in Scotland well into the future.

The underlying principle is to use ERDF to invest in projects with the expectation of a return on the investment, rather than following the traditional grant approach that allocates ERDF funding with no expectation of repayment.

JESSICA allows the investment of ERDF and Scottish Government cash - in the form of equity, loans and/or guarantees - in a way that creates a commercial return. This return can then be re-invested into new urban development projects that will create further cash for new projects. An ever-green fund of this type would leave a lasting legacy to support regeneration and economic development throughout Scotland beyond the end of the current Structural Funds programme in 2013.

Further information is available at
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/jessica>

Community Asset Fund

Aberdeenshire's 2010/2011 Community Asset Fund has just been opened for applications. The Fund is available to help large and small social and community enterprises in Aberdeenshire develop an asset or new service that will lead to an ongoing income stream. The Fund is financed by Aberdeenshire Council and further information can be found at:
www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/support/ced/cedassetfund.asp

Please contact Reid Hutchison, Community Economic Development Co-ordinator, for an application form and to discuss any proposals on 01358 726411 or reid.hutchison@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

The Glaziers Trust—Grants for Restoration and Conservation of Stained Glass

The Glaziers Trust have grants available to churches and other public buildings for the restoration and conservation of historic and important stained glass. There is no set amount for the grants awarded. Applications must include a full report and estimate, as well as coloured photographs of the window(s) concerned. For more information about the grants, or to download an application form, visit the Glaziers Trust website at: www.worshipfulglaziers.com/grants-17.htm

FUNDING

Help a Heart Grant

The British Heart Foundation Scotland Help a Heart Grant is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who wants to make a real difference to the heart health of their community.

BHF Scotland is inviting applications to the Help a Heart Grant which makes awards of between £300 and £2,000 available to voluntary and community groups to run projects in their local area.

We are looking for innovative and creative ideas to help people who are affected by heart disease or who are at high risk of developing heart disease. Anything that promotes heart health and a healthy lifestyle may be eligible for a Help a Heart Grant.

Successful applications have come from groups to develop online resources for heart patients and improve access to information, promote healthy eating through cookery classes, and set up schemes to help patients and carers help others in similar circumstances. For more examples of projects and to download an application pack, please visit www.bhf.org.uk/helpaheartgrant To find out more, contact Gillian Phillips, Community Development Coordinator, BHF Scotland on 01324 815405 or phillipsg@bhf.org.uk. The deadlines for applications during 2010/11 are Friday 22nd October 2010 and Friday 28th January 2011.

Funding For Safer Streets - £400,000 for local authorities to fund community safety projects.

Every local authority in Scotland is invited to apply for funding from the Scottish Government to help ensure that people going out for the night can enjoy themselves in a safe environment. Last year's Safer Streets funding awards benefited projects around Scotland. Community Safety Partnerships in all 32 local authorities used funding for community safety initiatives including high visibility police patrols in 'hot spot' areas, targeting of street drinkers and late night taxi marshals.

The Safer Streets initiative is a nationally directed, locally delivered programme, building upon existing partnership working to conduct high visibility, high impact, joint initiatives to reduce alcohol-related violence and disorder in city and town centres. Long term, it aims to encourage Community Safety Partnerships to build capacity, encourage innovation, deliver a sustainable change to practice and share that practice.

Guidance and application forms are being distributed directly to Community Safety Partnerships. For more information, please visit: www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2010/08/18093848

Lintel Trust Scotland General Grants Programme

Grants are awarded to community and voluntary organisations for housing-related projects that help people to live as independently as possible in their own homes and communities. The Lintel Trust's broad aim is to encourage and enable individuals to live as independently as possible in their homes, and to play an active part in their communities. Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

Applications are welcomed from:

- ◆ voluntary organisations or charities;
- ◆ housing associations and cooperatives; and
- ◆ other non-profit-making bodies working for charitable purposes.

Applicant organisations must be based in Scotland.

Application deadlines are the second Friday of February, May, August and November each year. For further information and guidelines visit www.linteltrust.org.uk/id10.html

Tel: (0141) 567 6235 E-mail: enquiries@linteltrust.org.uk

FUNDING

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 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.

Comic Relief



Comic Relief has announced that its grants UK programmes are once again open for applications. On average grants of between £25,000 and £40,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for work that focuses on mental health, domestic and sexual abuse; refugee and asylum seeking women; older people, using sport in delivering positive change within the lives of individuals and communities, as well as projects focusing on young people (11 - 25) that are sexually exploited; suffer from alcohol abuse; and suffer from mental health problems. In

addition, Comic Relief operates a programme that supports disadvantaged communities.

This programme is devolved to the Community Foundation Network. Please contact your local Community Foundation directly for details of their funding application procedures. The closing date for applications is the 3rd September 2010.

For more information, please visit:

www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk

Big Lottery Information Day - Town and County Hall, Aberdeen Monday 20th September 2010

Each event will consist of a presentation on BIG funding programmes followed by the opportunity for groups to speak to staff about project ideas. Up to two representatives from an organisation can attend each event. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis

In order to maximise attendance, two identical sessions will be held on the day:

Session 1 - 10:00 - 12:30 Session 2 - 13:30 - 16:00

Attendees will need to register via the following link:

https://secure.tylerevents.co.uk/ei/getdemo.ei?id=156&s=_3JW0LKPEV

Aberdeenshire Council Social Work Department - Third Sector Funding

Application forms for funding from the Aberdeenshire Council Social Work Department for April 2011 to March 2012 will be available from 1st September 2010 with a deadline of 15th October.

Applications are welcome from Third Sector and community groups that assist the Social Work Department to meet its aims, objectives and purposes in relation to social care. Organisations will be required to demonstrate that they are providing services which contribute to the council's strategic priorities and single outcome agreement.

For more information contact: Catherine King on 01224 665172,
or email catherine.king@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

FUNDING

CashBack for Communities funding: Which scheme should we apply to?

CashBack for Communities is a Scottish Government initiative that uses funds recovered from criminal activity to support positive activities for young people. There are currently two CashBack funding programmes that will provide grants to organisations offering youth work activities for young people aged 10 and over. Between them, these funds will distribute almost £3 million of funding over the next 2 years.

For information to help you decide which scheme is the most appropriate one for your group to apply to, visit:

www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme/more-cashback-funding.htm

For general information on the scheme, visit

www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme.htm.

Yound Persons Volunteering Fund



The SITA Trust has announced the next funding round of its new Young Person's Volunteering Fund. Through this new fund, the SITA Trust can provide grants of up to £10,000 for volunteering projects owned by 14-25 year olds. The SITA Trust can support projects in any of 90 funding zones around qualifying waste processing sites operated by their donor, SITA UK. This fund has been created to assist young people aged 14-25 to volunteer their time to create or enhance facilities that can be enjoyed by the wider community.

To be eligible applicants must be able to demonstrate that young people will be fully involved in the design and development of the project and projects must be compliant with the rules of the Landfill Communities Fund.

The closing date for applications is 10am on 15th October 2010.
For more information, please visit: www.sitatrust.org.uk/volunteering

Playground Partnerships Awards

The Kids First Trust has announced that schools within the UK that wish to improve their play spaces will have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Playground Partnerships Awards from the 23rd of September 2010 when the scheme will re-open.



Schools wishing to apply will initially have to register with the Award Scheme to access further information and the application pack. To be considered for an award, schools need to submit a folder of work (Design Portfolios) and completed application form. Applicants are encouraged to develop a pupil-led approach; involve the whole school; encourage input from the wider school community and include pupils with special educational needs.

For more information, please visit <http://kidsfirsttrust.org>

CONSULTATIONS & PETITIONS

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

"Speak Up for Rural Scotland " sets out the Rural Development Councils views on how Rural Scotland can prosper and contribute to the nations sustainable economic growth.

This consultation is to give you and others who are linked into Rural Scotland the opportunity to comment on what the council are suggesting and as well as if there is anything you would add.

www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/07/22091602/0

Health Services for Children with Complex Needs - Consultation

NHS Grampian would like to hear the views of parents, carers and other interested parties about plans to make changes to health services for children with complex needs in Aberdeen and surrounding area. A group of clinicians, service managers, parents and carers have developed the plans which include a central resource centre with three specialist multi-disciplinary health teams covering different areas of Aberdeen.

The consultation paper (explaining the plans and how you have your say) is available from:
www.nhsgrampian.org/cwcn or by telephoning (01224) 554400
or by emailing nhsconsult@nhs.net All responses must be received by Friday, 3 September 2010

next newsletter

The next CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South newsletter will come out on the week beginning 27th September 2010.

The deadline for **pre-arranged** contributions for this edition is Wednesday 20th 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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