


## NEWS

### New Opening Hours at the Boxroom & Magpie shops

 **THE BOXROOM** The Boxroom and Magpie shops have now extended their opening hours! Both shops which are situated at Units 4 & 5, Tillybrake Industrial Estate in Banchory will now be open from 10am - 4pm Monday to Saturday. The shops are jam-packed with good quality second hand furniture, household goods and bric-a-brac - so if you're looking for a bargain, pop in!



### CVSA Charity, Craft & Vintage Fair Stonehaven Town Hall, 1st October, 10am - 1pm

Our annual charities fair will be combined with a craft and vintage element this year. Local charities and crafters will be holding stalls to sell their goods or raise awareness - our very own Boxroom and Magpie shops have been putting aside lots of lovely vintage items to sell on the day - *and* we have some excellent crafters selling their wares this year!

10% of all sales on the day for non-charities, will be split between the charities attending. Teas and coffees will be on sale. Hope to see you all there!

### Network For Social Enterprises in Aberdeenshire

Social Enterprises in Aberdeenshire have recently established a Network as a forum to come together to offer mutual support and share information. The need for this came out of a Network event, organised by Aberdeenshire CVS Training Initiative, held in Inverurie at the end of last year, where it was identified that local social enterprises sometimes felt quite isolated and that the opportunity to come together would be useful. A follow up meeting established growing interest and two network meetings have so far taken place. The usual format is to invite an outside speaker on a subject that the participants have identified, followed by a brief input from one of the social enterprises involved in the Network. The participants then have an opportunity to share information/issues or good news stories. The Network aims to remain very informal at this time and anyone with an interest in social enterprise is welcome to attend. Each Network meeting is hosted by one of the social enterprises involved. Since the initial meeting the membership is growing and the mailing list of those interested in the Network now has over 100 names on it. With the move to transfer of community assets Network members feel that the need for the Network will just continue to grow.

If you would like further information about the Network, to join the mailing list or to attend a meeting please telephone Diane Miller on 01358 722205 or email: [diane@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk](mailto:diane@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk)

## July Community Planning E-Bulletin

You can view the July Community Planning E-Bulletin which provides you with the latest news and developments in Community Planning by going to:

[www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=712&Itemid=76](http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=712&Itemid=76)

For further information contact: Alexander Macleod, Corporate Policy Officer (Community Planning) Aberdeenshire Council, Woodhill House, Westburn Road Aberdeen, AB16 5GB. Tel 01224 664308



### **Community Recovery Service** **Support for people who want to recover from drug and alcohol problems.**

Are You:

- ◆ Aged 16 years and over
- ◆ Living in Aberdeenshire
- ◆ Currently in or recently completed drug/alcohol treatment
- ◆ Looking to get involved in new activities in your local area
  - ◆ Wanting to meet other people in recovery

What can the Community Recovery Service offer you?

- ◆ One-to-One support
  - ◆ Group work
  - ◆ Peer support
- ◆ Involvement in your local community

If you feel you could benefit from the support of the Community Recovery Service please contact them for more information. Phone: 01467 624240 or email: [crs@cairscotland.org.uk](mailto:crs@cairscotland.org.uk)

### **Social Media Week 2011**

This year, Glasgow is one of the cities hosting Social Media Week, which will take place from 19th - 23rd September 2011, and IRISS - The Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services - is really pleased to be running a series of breakfast meetings throughout it on various social media tools and services. Social Media Week focuses on exploring how local and regional societies, cultures and economies are becoming more integrated and empowered through a global network of communication. IRISS will host a breakfast meeting each morning of the week, which will feature a specific tool, demonstrating its value to personal learning and development, as well as organisational development. Participants will also get the opportunity to try the tools out and get their hands dirty. so to speak.

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

### **GANE - Growing Audiences North East**

GANE stands for 'Growing Audiences North East' and aims to help cultural organisations and creative individuals across the region increase audiences for their activities. Their services range from free downloadable information, training videos and data capturing software to Roadshows, 'Health Checks', consultancies and tailor-made projects & research.

[www.ganeaudiences.co.uk/](http://www.ganeaudiences.co.uk/)

## **WANTED! One man's trash is another's treasure!**



Aberdeenshire CHP (Community Health Partnership) need your rubbish for using in their exciting new schools programme.  
Please can you collect:

Wrappers, packets and packaging from the following groups -

- ~ Sweet wrappers/ bags
- ~ Chocolate wrappers/ bags
- ~ Crisp packets - all kinds
- ~ Cereal boxes - all kinds
- ~ Snack foods including playground snacks
- ~ Non-alcoholic drinks cartons and cans
- ~ Snack desserts - yogurts, jellies, trifles, puddings etc.
- ~ Cakes, mini rolls etc
- ~ Biscuits, individually wrapped and bigger packets
  - ~ Breakfast foods
  - ~ Lunch foods
  - ~ Ready meals
- ~ Individual plastic ketchup or sauce portions - with lids if possible (washed please!)
- ~ Individual plastic butter or margarine portions - with lids if possible (washed please!)

Wrappers should be clean and as complete as possible. Donations can be given anonymously - they're not going to judge the contents of your shopping basket or cupboard!

Please send to Mary Bellizzi, Inverurie Hospital, Admin Block 1st Floor  
or drop off at Mary's office in Inverurie.

## **Fair Play for Children Invites to join a Partnership for Children in your area**

Fair Play has just-completed survey reveals there is one acre of playground for every 752 children - golfers enjoy 1 acre of course per 18 golfers... The streets where 11.2 million children played in 1931 are no longer places where they can play, outside their homes.

The car - parked as well as moving - and its owner is the cause. Fair Play, which promotes the Child's Right to Play as vital for their growth and healthy development, and which supports kids, parents, community groups and neighbourhoods to achieve better facilities (information, advice, training and services) is asking you to partner those communities and us in Play Wise, a Programme which encourages small, sustainable initiatives by children, parents and communities to create Local Play Partnerships, pulling in local councils, businesses, faith groups, community groups.

Visit: [www.fairplayforchildren.org/](http://www.fairplayforchildren.org/)

## **Grampian Regional Equality Council: Mediation Service**

GREC has vast experience in promoting good relations and resolving tensions and conflict in the workplace and community. Their specialist Mediation Service is provided across Scotland by qualified mediators and includes Mediation & Early Conflict Resolution and Training tailored to meet your needs.

For further information please contact GREC on: tel: 01224 595505 or e-mail: [info@grec.co.uk](mailto:info@grec.co.uk).

## **Aberdeenshire Community Wind & Hydro Group**

BERI (Banchory Energy Reduction Initiative) are hosting the next meeting of the Aberdeenshire Community Wind and Hydro Group at Woodend Barn, Banchory, AB31 5QA on Wednesday 5th October (6:30pm onwards). The meeting will be run to coincide with the regular BERI meeting with this one focused on Community Energy projects.

If you are interested in finding out more about the group or attending the meeting please contact Eric Wells, Aberdeenshire Council Renewable Energy Development Co-ordinator on Tel: 01224 664734 or Email: [eric.wells@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:eric.wells@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

## **Renewable Energy Networking Event**

The Scottish National Rural Network, in partnership with Community Energy Scotland and The Royal Society of Edinburgh, is organising a Renewable Energy Networking Event for rural communities interested in developing renewable energy projects.

The event is being held on Tuesday 18th October at Carnoustie Golf Hotel, Angus.

More information and booking details can be found at:

<https://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/en/node/3818>

## **North East Open Studios (NEOS) - Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th September**

North East Open Studios is Scotland's Largest Open Studios event! An award winning, not for profit collective of artists, makers and galleries in the North East of Scotland who open their doors to the public yearly. In 2010 there were an estimated 15,000 visitors to the 254 participants, confirming that there is a thirst from the public to see and experience creative practice in the North East of Scotland. Pick up a catalogue in venues across Aberdeen city and shire.

[www.northeastopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.northeastopenstudios.co.uk)

## **RNIB Scotland Employment Services - Aberdeenshire**

Do you work with individuals with sight loss who are looking for advice relating to employment, training or education? RNIB Scotland's Employment Service is available to people with sight loss to help them develop the confidence and skills they need to get into work, or if they are having problems in work because of sight loss.

The support we can offer job seekers with sight loss includes:

- ◆ Practical help finding and securing jobs, including help with CV's, cover letters, applications and interview techniques
  - ◆ Advice about skills training
  - ◆ Addressing the question of disclosing a disability
  - ◆ Preparation skills, assessment and skills training
    - ◆ Vocational guidance
  - ◆ Specialist job retention advice and support

RNIB Scotland also offers advice and support to employers, training and education providers, and public and voluntary sector organisations. Contact RNIB Scotland's Employment Service Aberdeenshire and the North of Scotland: Ruth Morrell, Tel: 07852 274 766  
Email [ruth.morrell@rnib.org.uk](mailto:ruth.morrell@rnib.org.uk)

## OSCR Annual Open Meeting 2011

Our fifth annual open meeting has been confirmed for Tuesday 20 September 2011 at Perth Concert Hall, Perth. This event will see charity representatives meet the Regulator face to face, hear about the latest developments, and network with sector colleagues. In addition to presentations on OSCR's work and current priorities, there will be three breakout sessions:

- ♦ Who's in Charge? - independence and control in charities.
- ♦ What's a SCIO? - the new legal form and its requirements.
- ♦ Public Benevolent Collections - the new Regulations and their intended impact.

Places are limited and are expected to be taken up quickly, so early application is recommended. For more information, please visit <http://www.oscr.org.uk>

## SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration

The 13th annual SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration will take place on the evening of Thursday 8th December 2011 from 6:30pm in Glasgow's Radisson hotel. The presentation dinner is an opportunity to join regeneration friends and colleagues from all sectors to celebrate the quality and diversity of community regeneration projects from across Scotland.

The SURF Awards is supported by the Scottish Government, and independently judged by a panel of 16 representatives drawn from relevant national organisations and community groups. If you are aware of a project or initiative that you believe deserves particular recognition, please consider nominating it for a 2011 SURF Award in one of four categories: People, Place, Partnership and Employability for All

To find out more about the awards and how to apply visit the SURF website:  
[www.scotregen.co.uk/events/default.asp?ItemID=997](http://www.scotregen.co.uk/events/default.asp?ItemID=997)

The closing date for applications is Monday 12th September 2011.

## Materials available for Mental Health Week

'See me' are offering 'ready-made stalls' for mental health week to organisations wanting to raise awareness of Scottish Mental Health Week, running from 10th - 17th October 2011. Stall in a Box will include the latest 'see me' promotional materials with key messages, a mini wall of support activity and a range of freebies. The resource is free and 'see me' will ask you to complete an evaluation form to help measure the impact of the stall display. Numbers are limited so get your order in soon to secure your box.



To receive your Stall in a Box please email [info@seemescotland.org](mailto:info@seemescotland.org) including contact and delivery details, activity details (what and when), expected numbers and other organisations that are attending. The box will be delivered in the week beginning 26th September 2011.

## Creative Waste Exchange

High quality, low cost office furniture is available from the Creative Waste Exchange. The Exchange is a reuse project accepting a wide variety of unwanted materials from companies and businesses around the North East. These unwanted materials are sold as a good quality, low cost resource to community groups and individuals.

For more information email them at [admin@abzforward.plus.com](mailto:admin@abzforward.plus.com) or call 01224 560360.

# EVENTS & TRAINING

## **Choose Life Aberdeenshire Conference Tuesday October 25th 2011, 9.30am-3.30pm at Inverurie Town Hall**

Find out about what is going on in Aberdeenshire to tackle the stigma around suicide, self-harm and mental health issues, and to support people with thoughts of suicide and those affected by it.

Help us to decide our priorities and how best to target our efforts and resources in 2012.

For more information or to book a place at this event contact Linda Paterson,  
Choose Life Co-ordinator [linda.paterson@samh.org.uk](mailto:linda.paterson@samh.org.uk)

## **Charity Firewalk**

North East Sensory Services are organising a sponsored Firewalk at Garioch Sports Centre in Inverurie on the evening of Wednesday 28th September. NESS are offering charities/voluntary groups the chance to purchase places on the walk for their supporters. All walkers MUST commit to raising a minimum of £100 for their chosen charity/voluntary group.

For further details contact Neil Skene at NESS on  
[neil.skene@nesensoryservices.org](mailto:neil.skene@nesensoryservices.org) or call 01224 793954.

## **Energy Awareness & Fuel Poverty – Free Training Courses**

Energy Action Scotland (EAS) is the national charity campaigning for an end to fuel poverty in Scotland. Set up as a charity in 1983, EAS seeks to develop and promote effective solutions to the problem of cold, damp and expensive to heat homes. EAS, working in partnership with Consumer Focus Scotland, has secured funding to provide Energy Best Deal training to frontline staff working with vulnerable clients. These short courses will enable advice agencies and other organisations to provide appropriate and effective support and information to clients, helping them to obtain the best deal on their gas and electricity.

Training is being scheduled to take place throughout Scotland between September and early December 2011. Please contact Rose Ann Porteous at  
[rose-ann.porteous@eas.org.uk](mailto:rose-ann.porteous@eas.org.uk) or 0141 226 3064 for further details.

## **People Working Together Conference - 27th September, Edinburgh**

This event brings together people who use social care services who are working together to deliver services or create more opportunities for them and other people. The aim is to share what people are learning and to encourage people to think about this approach and the benefits it can bring.

It is for:

- People working in/part of community group.
- Staff from local authorities who are commissioning services, in care management or strategic planning roles.
- People from voluntary sector care providers.
- Other people who are interested.

For further information, contact: Anne Connor or Nina Anker-Petersen, Outside the Box, Unit 23, Festival Business Centre, 150 Brand St, Glasgow G51 1DN. Tel 0141 419 0451  
Email: [admin@otbds.org](mailto:admin@otbds.org) Web: [www.otbds.org](http://www.otbds.org)

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## Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival

Now a regular on the arts scene, the Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival has grown to become one of Scotland's most valued cultural events. The Festival takes place in theatres, cinemas, libraries and community halls throughout October each year to help challenge attitudes towards mental health through the arts.



The Festival team and co-ordinators across the country are now planning for the 5th Festival, which will take place 1 - 24 October 2011.  
The 2011 programme will be announced on 1st September

### Autism Conference

**Saturday 24th September, 12:30 - 16:30, Station Hotel, Ellon**  
**NAS ELLON BRANCH** *present*

Wendy Lawson - A Passionate Mind-How People with Autism Learn  
*and*  
Michael McCreadie - Sensory Perceptual Differences in Autism.

Costs:- Professionals-minimum donation of £20. Parents/people with ASD min donation £5  
Please make cheques payable to NAS ELLON BRANCH and send to:- Gail McKeitch  
7 Findhorn Pl, Ellon AB41 8AD. Further information re this event please  
contact Gail on Tel:- 07880780686 or Email:- ellon@nas.org.uk

### The Big One is coming!

**Two Teams, One Goal....To Deliver Success For Scotland's Small Businesses**

**1 October 2011 sees the largest and most influential Business Convention ever to take place in Scotland. 8am – 5pm, Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh**



Two of Scotland's largest organisations have joined forces to create the most powerful Business Convention in Scotland in recent years.

Scotland's National Business Convention will see the policy might and muscle of the Federation of Small Businesses unite with the economic brainpower of the Scottish Council for Development and Industry to deliver a unique programme of influential, informative and business relevant speakers backed up with practical, grounded and commercial advice.

To find out more and to book your place, contact Julie Fleming ([julie.fleming@scdi.org.uk](mailto:julie.fleming@scdi.org.uk))

### Supporting the Professional - NHS Grampian training available

This training is aimed at anyone in Grampian whose job involves an element of health improvement. It is designed to raise awareness of the free services available to support your work with the public, patients and service users. The training is available free of charge.

Dates confirmed in 2011: Fraserburgh - 25th October 10:30 - 12:00  
Aberdeen - 15th November 10:30 - 12:00

More information on the training is available at [www.hi-netgrampian.org/stp](http://www.hi-netgrampian.org/stp)  
as well as venues and how to book a place.



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## MiDAS (Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme) Courses 2011

MiDAS is the Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme organised by the Community Transport Association (CTA), promoting a nationally recognised standard for the assessment and training of minibus drivers.

Based on a membership scheme, it has been designed to enhance the driving standards of the minibus driver and to promote the safer operation of minibuses in general.

Monday 19th September  
Monday 21st November

Tuesday 18th October  
Thursday 15th December

For more information on these courses please visit our website [www.dialabus.org.uk](http://www.dialabus.org.uk)  
For any information or to arrange training at your own venue, please contact the office on 01771 619191 or email [training@dabplus.org.uk](mailto:training@dabplus.org.uk)

### **Residential Youth Experiences Conference Life Enhancing Opportunities for Young People in Scotland: Guidance for the delivery of residential youth experiences Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 10am - 5pm Dynamic Earth, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh**

This one day conference will provide those working with young people in Scotland with the most up-to-date knowledge and expertise in leading residential breaks in the UK. A wide range of topics under this theme will be covered in the course of the day including practical guidance, legal advice and discussion on current issues affecting the sector. The programme will combine expert speakers from a variety of key organisations with interactive sessions and discussion. The conference will also offer the opportunity to network with colleagues in the sector to share best practice and discuss common challenges.

For more information on this event including the programme, please visit:  
<http://www.cvent.com/events/residential-youth-experiences-conference-sponsored-by-syha-hostelling-scotland/event-summary-521246ebedf3410aacc149d5692cc2f7.aspx?i=703bdde0-9105-4617-80a1-e870a5bdad37>

### **Facilitation Training Day**

Thursday 22nd September 2011, 10am – 4pm  
The Melting Pot, 5 Rose Street, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH2 2PR

A course that will help you gain the tools and techniques to make your facilitation engaging and productive. The need for good local engagement is becoming ever more important as work develops around empowerment and the 'Big Society'. Local meetings and engagement processes can too often be un-involving, unproductive and even confrontational. Good facilitation can help tackle these problems and help people to make local discussion and planning an enjoyable and productive process. It is also important for the development of better policy and practice, for understanding local needs and developing more sustainable communities. This interactive course will look closely at the roles a facilitator may play and how and when a facilitator's role may link in to work on longer term community development. It will build the confidence of anyone keen to be a good facilitator and give them a solid basis on which to develop their own skills.

For bookings and information please contact Talk Action:  
Web: [www.talkaction.org](http://www.talkaction.org) Tel: 0207 324 4774  
Email: [jelliott@talkaction.org](mailto:jelliott@talkaction.org)

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## TRAINING PROGRAMME



### **Employment Law and Regulations – Business Gateway Workshop**

**Thursday 6th October, 6.30 - 9.30pm**

**Enterprise Business Centre, Admiral Course, Poynerook Road, Aberdeen AB11 5QX**

In partnership with Enterprise North East Trust this Business Gateway workshop is being offered exclusively to 3rd sector organisations. The workshop is FREE. This workshop will help you understand best practice in the recruitment, management and development of your employees. The people employed by an organisation are often described as its best asset. Being known as a great employer can develop loyalty, your service and your reputation.

Please contact the CVS Training Initiative if you'd like to book a place.

CVS Training Initiative

33/34 The Square, Ellon. AB41 9JB

Tel: 01358 722205

Email: [admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk](mailto:admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk)

### **CVS Training Initiative - ESF Funded Courses**

Introduction to Food Hygiene

Tuesday 13th September, 10am - 12.30pm, Harvest Centre, Banff. Trainer: VSA

Introduction to Food Hygiene

Tuesday 27th September, 10am - 12.30pm, Dickson Hall, Laurencekirk. Trainer: VSA

Introduction to Health & Safety

Tuesday 4th October, 9.30am - 12.30pm, Albert Hotel, Peterhead. Trainer: VSA

Introduction to Health & Safety

Wednesday 2nd November, 9.30am - 12.30pm, Bettridge Centre, Newtonhill. Trainer: VSA

The above courses are recognised certificated courses. Registration form to be completed with information required for statistical purposes, to obtain a form please contact: Diane/Shirley 01358 722205 or email [admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk](mailto:admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk)

### **Learning Opportunities - Managing Volunteers**

Managing Volunteers learning opportunities are geared towards more experienced individuals who work with and manage volunteers in an organisation or community setting. Aberdeenshire CVS Training Initiative, in partnership with Volunteer Centres Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City, is offering the following Volunteer Development Scotland one day learning opportunities locally.

#### **Motivation, Retention and Development of Volunteers**

This one day learning opportunity aims to explore the areas of motivation & development of volunteers with the general aim of identifying key ways of increasing volunteer retention.

Date: Tuesday 25th October 2011 Time: 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

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## **Developing Volunteer Portfolios**

This one day learning opportunity aims to explore portfolio development and structure to assist in the development, training and recognition of volunteers.

Date: Tuesday 8th November 2011 Time: 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

### **Creating Positive Volunteer Staff Relations**

This one day learning opportunity aims to explore and address issues surrounding successful volunteer-staff relations throughout the organisation

Date: Tuesday 22nd November 2011 Time: 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Cost: £65 per course.

Venue: Grampian Fire Service, 19 North Anderson Drive, Aberdeen AB15 6TP

These courses are ILA approved

ILA Scotland is a Scottish Government scheme that helps you pay for learning. It's for people 16 or over who have an income of £22,000 a year or less, or who are on benefits. You could get up to £200 towards the cost of learning.

[www.ilascotland.org.uk](http://www.ilascotland.org.uk)

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

The other three learning opportunities in the suite of Volunteer Management courses:  
Developing Diversity within a Volunteer Programme  
Health & Safety and Risk Management in Volunteering Programmes  
and Managing Youth Volunteering. These courses be offered early 2012.

## **Improving Public Services**

**Invitation to a Public Meeting with the First Minister and members of the Scottish Cabinet  
3:30 pm, Tuesday 6 September 2011, Elgin Town Hall, 5 Trinity Place, Elgin**

This year the Scottish Cabinet will be visiting communities across the country and hosting public meetings to discuss the Government's aspirations for high quality, efficient and responsive public services. Doors will open to the event at 2:30 pm. The First Minister will then open the discussion at 3:30 pm, followed by a question and answer session, which will provide the opportunity for audience members to ask about the Government's programme. The question and answer session will end at 5:00 pm. Tea and coffee will then be available, along with the opportunity to meet Ministers before the event closes at 5:30 pm.

If you would like to attend this event, register online at the following address by Tuesday 30 August:

<https://web.questback.com/scottishgovernment/summercabinetelgin/>

Alternatively, if you do not have internet access, please call 0131 244 2952 to register your details.  
Early registration is essential, as spaces will be limited.

# FUNDING

## Have you heard of the Change Fund?

*Another Scottish Government initiative, you may think - and you would be right!*

It is the Government's way of reshaping care for older people, by shifting the balance of care from institutional care to the community. For a start this means ensuring only those who really need acute medical care go into hospital. Part of the Change Fund is aimed at reducing unnecessary hospital admissions by such activities as tackling falls prevention, and helping people to manage chronic conditions better at home.

Similarly, most people hope that they will be able to stay in their own home when they become frail-er. We want to reserve admissions to care homes for those that need 24 hour attention and care - palliative care, for example, and care for those in the advanced stages of dementia. Care homes may also have a key role to play in helping people on a recovery journey from hospital to home, and in providing periods of respite for carers.

In order to realise this goal, we need to provide more care in the community, and to maximise its effectiveness by ensuring that wherever possible we focus on recovery and rehabilitation: so care increasingly becomes short term, enabling people to take back control of their own lives.

We will also be trying to develop more opportunities for those who would benefit from living in sheltered and extra care housing.

*What is the role for the Community and Voluntary Sector in relation to this agenda?*

Community groups and voluntary organisations already offer a range of services that enrich the lives of older people: WRVS services in hospitals; volunteers in care homes or sheltered houses; befriending services and lunch clubs for those who are housebound or isolated. We hope the opportunities for groups to develop such services will expand further.

However, there is another important role that community and voluntary groups can play. We need older people to stay active, alert and engaged in life for as long as possible, not least because we know that leads to happier, healthy lives. Many of you are already engaged in supporting this agenda in a myriad of ways, and it is essential that this continues.

We have a small amount of Change Fund money available to take this agenda forward, and to date we have focussed it on expanding and enhancing two particular areas of work.

The first is a shopping service, already in existence in some areas, but now to be expanded to cover the whole of Aberdeenshire. This service not only addresses people's nutritional needs, but also engages older people in social contact and in some cases, encourages older people to be more active by taking part in shopping trips. We will be closely monitoring its impact.

Secondly, we are expanding the existing Signposting Scheme. Based in primary care, this service helps people who are feeling lonely, disconnected or adrift, possibly due to bereavement or to changes in their lifestyle brought on by age or illness, to re-engage in social activities within their communities.

We are well aware that funding is difficult to attract just now, and we only have a very small amount; but if any of you are aware of an area of Aberdeenshire which seems to lack opportunities for older people to remain active, alert and engaged, please do not hesitate to contact me - Linda Reid, Commissioning Manager - on 01467 629034 to discuss your ideas.

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Also, if you are interested in volunteering for the shopping services or signposting please contact the following organisations:

WRVS Shopping Service, 1 High Street, Inverurie, AB51 3QA  
Tel: 01467 626012

[www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/publictransport/disabilitysupport/wrvsinverurie.asp](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/publictransport/disabilitysupport/wrvsinverurie.asp)

Mearns and Coastal Healthy Living Network, 44 High Street, Laurencekirk, AB30 1AB  
Tel: 01561 378130

[www.mearnsareapartnership.org.uk/MCHLN.html](http://www.mearnsareapartnership.org.uk/MCHLN.html)

Aberdeenshire Signposting Project, 33/34 The Square, Ellon, AB41 9JB Tel: 01466 793284  
[www.aberdeenshiresignpostingproject.org.uk/](http://www.aberdeenshiresignpostingproject.org.uk/)

Reshaping Care for Older People: [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/care/reshaping](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/care/reshaping)

## **Funding Scotland launch new database**

Find funding opportunities from Lottery Funders, Statutory and European Organisations, Corporate Foundations and Charitable Trusts in this quick and simple part of the Funding Scotland website. Opportunities include Grants, Contracts, Loans and In Kind Support.

Quick and open access - no registration required.  
Visit: <http://fundingscotland.com/search.asp>

## **New Scottish fundraising resources**



The Scottish Directory of Funding for Third Sector Organisations 2011 is a new and essential funding resource for charities, community groups, social enterprises, and voluntary organisations of all shapes and sizes published by SCVO. It contains details of over 250 sources of funding, indexed by main subject area. With descriptions of grant making policies and practices, provided by the trusts and foundations themselves, this Directory provides a valuable insight on where organisations in Scotland's third sector can access much-needed funding.

With full, up-to-date contact details, the entries include details of what can and cannot be funded, and allow readers to target their applications at the funders which are most relevant to their needs.

As a companion to the Directory, *How to Raise Funds: A Guide for Scottish Voluntary Organisations* explores some common fundraising misconceptions and sets out the practical steps required before you start fundraising. It looks at how to find funders and write effective proposals, and includes practical exercises and detailed guidance on how to plan your fundraising activity.

For more information on ordering, please contact Tracey Bird on 0131 474 6168, email: [tracey.bird@scvo.org.uk](mailto:tracey.bird@scvo.org.uk) or visit the SCVO website.

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## **Making A Difference: CashBack Small Grants Scheme celebrates 252 projects funded so far**

A brand new publication has been produced to celebrate the fantastic projects that have been funded through the CashBack Small Grants Scheme, part of the Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities initiative.

The CashBack Small Grants Scheme, which is managed by Youth Scotland in partnership with Scottish Council - The Scout Association, Girlguiding Scotland, Boys Brigade, The Girls' Brigade in Scotland and Clubs for Young People (Scotland), has so far distributed over £233,000 to 252 individual projects across the country. The scheme has funded programmes of activities for young people that have included sports events, music tuition, camping trips, outdoor activities, samba drumming lessons, urban art classes, swimming lessons, first aid courses, healthy eating projects and sailing courses. It is estimated that more than 12,000 young people have benefitted from these activities.

In December 2010 the Scottish Government announced a further £500,000 investment in the scheme. Groups that are members of the partner organisations are eligible to apply for this new year of funding. This year's deadlines are 1st December 2011, 1st March 2012 and 1st June 2012.

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to fund the start up costs of a group of unit, and up to £2,000 to fund an existing group to run a particular programme of activity. Groups should apply directly to the organisation of which they are a member.

For more information about the scheme, visit the Youth Scotland website at:  
[www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme.htm](http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme.htm)

## **Fairer Scotland Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to tackle poverty and deprivation across Scotland. An allocation from the fund has been made to each local authority area to enable Community Planning Partnerships to 'tackle area based and individual poverty and to help more people access and sustain employment opportunities'.

The last closing date for Fairer Scotland Fund bids is Friday 21st October. For further information visit: [www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=505&Itemid=124](http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=505&Itemid=124)

## **Share Your Success With SURF 2011 SURF Awards now open for applications**

Entries are now being accepted for the 2011 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration. The SURF Awards are supported by the Scottish Government, and independently judged by a panel of representatives drawn from relevant national organisations and community groups. If you are aware of a project or initiative that you believe deserves particular recognition, please consider nominating it for a 2011 SURF Award in one of four categories:

- ◆ People
- ◆ Place
- ◆ Partnership
- ◆ Employability for All

The application process is designed to be simple and straightforward, and the closing date this year is Monday 12th September. For further information, visit:  
[www.scotregen.co.uk/events/default.asp?ItemID=997](http://www.scotregen.co.uk/events/default.asp?ItemID=997)

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## Lloyds TSB Funding Surgeries

As part of its ongoing commitment to investing in the Scottish community, the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland holds a series of surgeries for local recognised charities. The surgery is an opportunity for you to have a one-to-one session with one of the Foundation's Assessors, and to discuss how to go about putting an application to the Foundation. Dates and further information are available on the Lloyds TSB Foundation website here:

<http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?pg=295&cookies=True>

## Women's Fund for Scotland

Applications to the Women's Fund for Scotland must address at least one of the following three outcomes: women are more equipped to access opportunities that will lead to employment; women are able to access employment; women have access to income maximisation advice and support; charities and not for profit groups and community organisations with an income of less than £250,000. Applications are for up to £5000.

For more information email: [grants@scottishcf.org](mailto:grants@scottishcf.org)  
or visit the Scottish Community Foundation website at [www.scottishcf.org](http://www.scottishcf.org)

## The Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity

The MSE Charity provides grants to individuals and charities. If you're looking to take a course that will improve your knowledge of consumer, debt, or personal money management you may be able to get a grant. Plus if you've an innovative idea to help lots of people, or you're an established charity wanting funding for a project; funds may be available. As long as it helps educate and inform people about consumer or debt issues this fund may be able to help.

For further information, visit: [www.msecharity.com](http://www.msecharity.com)

## Biffaward

Biffaward is a multi-million pound fund that helps to build communities and transform lives through awarding grants to community and environmental projects across the UK.

There are three levels of funding available:

- ◆ Main Grants (Community) - £5,000 to £50,000.  
For projects that provide and improve community facilities.
- ◆ Main Grants (Biodiversity) - £5,000 to £50,000.  
For projects that conserve wildlife, species and habitats.
- ◆ Small Grants - £250 to £5,000.

For projects that enable communities to improve local amenities and to conserve wildlife.

There are no grant deadlines. Applications are accepted at any time.

Find out more at: [www.biffaward.org](http://www.biffaward.org)

## BBC Children in Need



This grants programme is open to organisations in the UK working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and under. Deadline: 15th October.

Call the Scotland team for advice and support on (0141) 422 6111 during office hours.  
For more information, please visit: [www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general\\_grants.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml)

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## **People's Postcode Trust - Small Grants Programme**

Applications for under £2,000 in Scotland are assessed on a monthly basis. All forms and supporting documents must be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday 14th September in order to be considered in the September decision meeting.

For more information, please visit [www.postcodetrust.org.uk](http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk)

## **Flytipping Small Grant Scheme**

The flytipping small grant scheme is being administered by Keep Scotland Beautiful on behalf of Zero Waste Scotland to support landowners/managers and community groups in Scotland who have experienced persistent problems of flytipping. The total grant fund is £50,000.

The proposed objectives are:

- to facilitate the removal of flytipping at upwards of ten locations during the current financial year (2011-12); and
- to prevent reoccurring flytipping at the same locations over the next financial year.

Applications must be submitted to Keep Scotland Beautiful by 5pm on Friday 9th September 2011. For more information, visit: [www.dumbdumpers.org/flytipping/](http://www.dumbdumpers.org/flytipping/)

## **Scottish Boiler Scrappage Scheme**

Scotland has one of the most ambitious CO2 emission reduction targets in the world. The installation of an efficient heating system is one effective way of reducing your household energy bills and CO2 emissions. There are currently an estimated 250,000 homes in Scotland that have boilers of the least efficient type (efficiency of less than 70%).

To help address this, the Scottish Government has announced funding for the boiler scrappage scheme for owner occupiers in Scotland. Scrappage schemes work by helping to meet the cost of replacing inefficient equipment with new more efficient alternatives.

The Energy Saving Scotland Boiler Scrappage Scheme builds upon its earlier success from its launch in May 2010. It will offer owner occupiers a voucher entitling them to a £400 subsidy from the Scottish Government towards the cost of upgrading inefficient boilers with an Energy Saving Trust Recommended (ESTR) boiler in their property.

For more information, visit: [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/)

## **Scottish Investment Fund**

The Scottish Investment Fund is a revolving fund provided by the Scottish Government now in its second phase, with the first phase seeing £28.8m invested in the period from 2008-2011. In the period from 1 April 2011 - 31 March 2012 a further £3m of investment capital is available. The fund's overall aim is to build capacity, capability and financial sustainability in the Third Sector to help it fulfil its potential and contribute to the overall national outcomes of the Scottish Government.

For more information, visit: [www.scottishinvestmentfund.co.uk/](http://www.scottishinvestmentfund.co.uk/)

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## **The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST)**

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST) makes awards ranging up to £15,000 to craftsmen and women of all ages to help them further their careers. Since 1991 the Trust has awarded £1.5 million to 242 craftspeople aged between 17 and 50 plus for study, training and work experience. The scholarships are awarded to fund further study, training and practical experience for craftsmen and women who want to improve their craft and trade skills.

Awards are between £1,000 and £15,000. The size of each award depends on how much funding is needed for a project. Scholarship winners also receive an emblazoned certificate.

For more information, visit: [www.qest.org.uk/scholarships.html](http://www.qest.org.uk/scholarships.html)

## **Baring Foundation Arts Projects programme 2012**

The Arts Projects programme 2012 is open. Continuing the theme of arts and older people, the grants will support work to link different types of residential care settings into the community around them through the creative power of the arts. The deadline for applications is 30 September 2011

For more information, visit: [www.baringfoundation.org.uk/](http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/)

## **Renewable Heat Premium Payment**

This is a UK Government scheme designed to help you afford renewable technologies for your home, by providing funding for technologies such as:



Solar thermal panels  
Heat pumps ( air source, ground source or water source), and  
Biomass boilers

The amount received as part of the Renewable Heat Premium Payment scheme depends on which technology you are applying for. The voucher values for each of the technologies is listed below:

Technology	Voucher Value
Solar Thermal Hot Water	£300
Air Source Heat Pump	£850
Ground Source or Water Source Heat Pump	£1250
Biomass boiler	£950

## **British Film Institute – Film Fund**

The British Film Institute has announced that its Film Fund is currently open to applications. Through the fund a total of £18 million a year is available for filmmakers in the UK who are emerging or world class and capable of creating distinctive and entertaining work. The funding is available for the development, production and completion of feature films. The British Film Institute welcome applications for all kinds of film - from commercial mainstream to experimental, from genre movies to personal stories, from documentaries to animation to live-action fiction.

For more information, please visit <http://www.bfi.org.uk/about/funding/filmfund.html>

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## Television and Digital Media Funding Package Announced



A funding package for training and development in television and digital media has been announced, The Creative Edge partnership will be worth more than £1.4 million over three years to Scottish talent and creative businesses.

The four partners are broadcaster Channel 4, Creative Scotland, Scottish Enterprise and TRC media, the Glasgow-based training specialist which will deliver the wide-ranging programmes. The initiative is aimed at strengthening the talent and business base in Scotland in what is a priority sector for the Scottish Government.

For more information, please visit:

[www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/08/23081516](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/08/23081516)

## Collabor8te

What's it for? Competition to create scripts for new films. Who can apply? Scriptwriters

What is available? Up to £10,000

Collabor8te invites scriptwriters to submit scripts for 8 short films that Collabor8te will produce during 2012. Priority will be given to narrative films, with strong stories and characters.

Ideas for documentaries are not eligible. Scriptwriters do not need to have any previous film credits nor does it have to be their first short.

For more information, please visit [www.collabor8te.com](http://www.collabor8te.com)



## Funding for Youth Groups

**YouthLink**  
Scotland

The national agency for youth work

CashBack for Communities provides opportunities for young people to develop their interests and skills in an enjoyable, fulfilling and supported way, using funds recovered from criminals. CashBack for Communities aims to divert young people away from anti-social behaviour.

The scheme, to be administered by YouthLink Scotland, the national youth work agency, has been allocated £2.5 million to distribute over the next two years to local youth projects in the form of grants up to a maximum of £30,000. Applications will be assessed by one of 32 local assessment panels consisting of local authority representatives (Community Learning and Development and Community Safety in particular); the voluntary sector; and trained young people.

Regional surgeries will be scheduled to allow applicants to improve their bids.

The application deadline is the 16th September 2011.

For more information, please visit:

[www.youthlinkscotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=11887](http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=11887)

## Live UnLtd

Live UnLtd provides young people aged between 11 and 21 with the opportunity to create positive change in their communities. The Programme offers awards of up to £5,000 to develop ideas. It also offers non-financial support from a Live UnLtd team member, including budgeting advice, networking opportunities, governance issues and working with volunteers. Applications must come from individuals or informal groups, and not on behalf of an organisation (eg. school, youth club, youth centre).

For more information, please visit [www.liveunltd.com](http://www.liveunltd.com)

# 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.

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

### Scottish Index Of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD): Consultation

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) is the Scottish Government's tool for identifying small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across Scotland. The purpose of this consultation is to gather the views of users of the SIMD on the timing of the next update and on the priority which they should place on a number of possible SIMD related outputs. The deadline has been extended to 30th Sept as they have added a new question.

The consultation can be found here:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/SIMD/SIMDconsultation>.

### Draft Healthcare Quality Standard

The draft Healthcare Quality Standard is Healthcare Improvement Scotland's new core clinical governance and risk management standard. This document is now available for download and comment from the Healthcare Improvement Scotland website:  
[www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/default.aspx?page=13556](http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/default.aspx?page=13556)

The website has a link to the consultation, where you can give your views on the draft standard. Responses to the draft standard can also be submitted (by post, phone, fax or email) to Jim Smith, Project Officer, Healthcare Improvement Scotland, Delta House, 50 West Nile Street, Glasgow, G1 2NP, t: 0141 225 6875, f: 0141 248 9746 e: [james.smith11@nhs.net](mailto:james.smith11@nhs.net) by Friday, 30 September 2011.

## next newsletter

The next CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South newsletter will come out on the week beginning 27th September 2011.

The deadline for **pre-arranged** contributions for this edition is Wednesday 19th September 2011.

We are always looking for local groups across the shire to contribute to our newsletters. Whether it be to advertise an event, showcase your work, appeal for volunteers or celebrate a successful funding bid - whatever it is, we'd love to hear about it! If you would like to include any information in future editions, please contact Lindsay Allardyce on 01330 825027 or email [Lindsay.Allardyce@cvsa.co.uk](mailto:Lindsay.Allardyce@cvsa.co.uk)

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

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