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Helping rural communities
to access funding

RuralDirect »

SCVO Rural Direct Funding Service

Launched in 2008 by the Scottish Government, Rural Direct is a national service delivered locally which aims to help rural communities to access funding, particularly from the Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP). The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) is responsible for delivery of the service.

Rural Direct won't apply for funding on your behalf, but will work with you to make sure you make the best possible funding applications to the appropriate funders - and get the best possible results for your community. Staff can provide support in person, by phone and by email for groups who request help in identifying appropriate funding, developing applications and building local development strategies. For applicants to the SRDP the Rural Direct service has developed a high level of expertise and information in particular on how to access Rural Priorities funding. This free service is available to community groups which draw their membership from rural areas. Your local Rural Direct Development Officer is Eleanor Morris.

SCVO Rural Direct works with CVS Aberdeenshire Central and South to support community groups in the area. If you would like assistance with funding ideas for your project or group you can get in touch with your local CVS Development Officer or contact Eleanor direct on:

Tel: 07792 858180 or at: eleanor.morris@scvo.org.uk



THE BOXROOM

SALE

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Boxroom Spring Sale

The Boxroom will be having a Spring sale of second-hand furniture and household goods in April. The sale is due to run from 4th - 14th April before closing for a re-fit from 15th - 23rd April.

Grow Your Group - Save the date! Saturday 14th May 2011

Are you are part of a voluntary or community group based in Central or South Aberdeenshire? If so, then why not come along to 'Grow your Group' on Saturday 14th May. This free, one day event is to take place at the Dickson Hall in Laurencekirk - and will include speakers and workshops on funding, social enterprise, governance, successful tendering, growing community assets and much more.



practical ideas for nurturing
community organisations

Booking forms will be sent out with the next CVSA newsletter at the end of March, but if you would like to register your interest before then, contact Linda Babbs on 01569 668055 or email linda.babbs@cvsa.co.uk

Go Go Go for Celebrate Aberdeen Parade 11th June 2011, Union Street, Aberdeen



The city is now all abuzz with talk of the June 11th 2011 third sector parade down Union Street with every corner of the city from Torry to Mannofield, Middlefield to Garthdee represented and more and more businesses, community organisations and talented groups signing up each day.

The aims of the parade are to:

- ◆ unite Aberdeen's third sector in a bright and energetic celebration
- ◆ highlight the diversity of the sector - organisations of all sizes
- ◆ allow hundreds of participants to be involved completely free of charge

Third Sector organisations of all shapes and sizes are getting signed up to Celebrate Aberdeen. There are going to be drummers and martial arts demonstrators, choirs and masked children, celebrities and sports personalities. It's getting big and it's getting exciting!

To find out more visit the website at www.celebrateaberdeen.org

View the February Community Planning E-Bulletin

www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=649&Itemid=76

This bulletin provides you with the latest news and developments in Community Planning.

How to reach K&DBefriending...

Kincardine & Deeside Befriending provides a valued service to many socially isolated older people in the area. Please note that contact details for the Deeside office have recently changed as follows. All posted mail should now be sent to: K&D Befriending, Town Hall, 1 Kinneskie Lane, Banchory, AB31 5NA. Visitors can access the office via the High Street. It is advisable to make an appointment or check that Linda isn't out and about if you plan to visit. Deeside Co-ordinator telephone contact is mobile 07816 958 839 (no longer a landline as well).

You can also contact the Deeside Co-ordinator at her new email: linda.taberner@kdbefriending.org.uk and can learn more about the project on our website: www.kdbefriending.org.uk

The Deeside Co-ordinator has been based at Banchory Town Hall for 2 days/week (Tues/Wed) since April 2008. Her postal address has finally caught up with her! Anyone who would like to know more about the service on Deeside, or how to become a befriender, should contact Linda as above.

K&DB's main office and base for the Kincardine service can be reached on 01569 765714.

Mearns & Coastal Healthy Living Network Fundraising Quiz Night 11th March, The Fettercairn Hall

Mearns & Coastal Healthy Living Network are holding a Fundraising Quiz Night on Friday 11th March 2011 at 7.30pm in The Fettercairn Hall. Teams of up to 4 people are required to make this evening a success - so do enter a team, join in the fun and help raise funds for Mearns and Coastal Healthy Living Network. Prizes to be won plus a light supper and raffle.

The Cost is £10 per team. To enter, contact Nikki Lorimer on 01561 378130.

ProjectScotland - Can you help?

ProjectScotland works in partnership with organisations to provide valuable volunteer placements for young people. ProjectScotland is Scotland's national youth volunteering organisation and they enable young people to change their lives through volunteering. They have a number of strong partner organisations that they work with across Scotland and are always looking to create new relationships to ensure that they can offer young people more opportunities.

They are very keen to create more opportunities in Aberdeenshire as there are a number of young people looking for something new to do.

They are looking for:

- ♦ Structured and developmental learning opportunities for 16-18 year old school leavers
- ♦ The opportunities will be designed to be full time (20 hours per week) for a period of 3 months.
 - ♦ They will consider most types of placements whether it be sport, arts, environment, education or health based, but it must be rewarding, fun and designed to help a young person from the local area.

As with all government funding streams there are guidelines to adhere to, and one of them is finding all these placements by March 2011. So time is of the essence, but as long as they are in place by March, ProjectScotland can support the young person through until June.

Do you currently have the capacity to include ProjectScotland volunteers in Aberdeenshire? Do you have any local projects/services where they could get involved? If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Danielle Moore, Projects Development Manager on (w) 0131 226 0773 (m) 07799 334955 or e-mail Danielle.moore@projectscotland.co.uk

Volunteers Week/European Year of Volunteering 2011

Volunteers week runs from 1st -7th June every year and is a national celebration of the work volunteers do. This year however, it is also the European Year of Volunteering (EYV) and celebrations will be taking place across the UK and Europe.

www.volunteersweek.org.uk

Community Jobs Scotland

The Scottish Government is to invest £10 million in 2011-12 to support unemployed young people into work and training opportunities in a new programme, Community Jobs Scotland. The new jobs plan will see 2000 jobs created in the third sector, benefiting young people and voluntary organisations alike. The plan builds on the success of the Scottish Third Sector Consortium's work in tackling unemployment. The initiative will be rolled out across Scotland later this year and will provide young people aged 16-24 with six-month contracts of 25 hours or more per week, for at least the minimum wage.

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) and Scottish Social Enterprise Coalition will work in partnership with the Scottish Government to deliver the scheme. Young people will be referred onto the programme by Jobcentre Plus and Skills Development Scotland.

Organisations looking for more information or to get involved should email:
communityjobsscotland@scvo.org.uk

Please follow the link below to find details of events happening in Aberdeenshire to support Community, social enterprises and third sector organisations in tackling local issues in the light of constrained public funding.

If you require more information please contact, Annette Johnston, Tackling Poverty and Equality Coordinator on 01779 613666

[www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/
index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=648&Itemid=127](http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=648&Itemid=127)

Register and be ready to receive

A national awareness campaign is being launched by the online charity Giving World Online over the next few weeks which will benefit charities and community groups around the UK. Giving World Online is a charity set up to offer a simple solution for companies with surplus goods to dispose of. They register with Giving World Online and publicise their goods onto charities and community groups who can access the items free of charge to support the people they work with.

Efforts are being focused on engaging more businesses to use Giving World Online to directly help community groups in their locality access surplus stock. Television giant Discovery Networks UK are sponsoring a television advert to get the message out.

Now is the time for charities and community groups to register to be able to access those goods. As goods become available on the website, only those charities and community groups already registered will have immediate access.

Giving World Online director, Rama Bhalla, explained: "Often goods are snatched up as soon as we make them available online, which is great news for those already registered to receive but it means that others will miss out if they have still to register. By registering now, charities and community groups can be alerted as and when their desired items become available."

www.givingworldonline.com

STOP PRESS!

Consultation request - Grampian Police draft Gypsy/Traveller Unauthorised Encampment Force Procedure

Grampian Police is currently carrying out a review of its Force Procedure in respect of Gypsy/Traveller unauthorised encampments. As part of this process, they have conducted an Equality Impact Assessment and wish to use the opportunity this presents to consult with communities on this issue. This will allow them to consider the views of local communities to assist in shaping future policy in respect of this issue. Deadline: 11th March 2011.

For a draft copy of their proposed new Force Procedure that will allow you to respond to the consultation, email communitysupportconsultations@grampian.pnn.police.uk or write to:

Inspector Jim Hume , Community Engagement Inspector
Grampian Police , Community Support Department
Woodhill House , Westburn Road
Aberdeen AB16 5AB

EVENTS & TRAINING

Opportunity for stalls - Conference 28th March 2011 on Early Intervention at the Suttie Centre, Aberdeen

A conference with cross-sector colleagues highlighting the importance of early intervention for children and young people and more broadly looking at how we might deliver services and support in a more timely and child-centred manner.

There will be an opportunity for networking over lunch and they are looking for agencies who would like an opportunity to raise awareness of the service they provide. If you, or colleagues would like to display a stall/leaflets/posters relevant to the theme please get in touch with Alice Squire at Alice.Squire@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Fits Gan On in Turra - a free event for all community groups in the Turriff area 26th March, The Gateway Centre, Turriff



This one-day event will start with a short introductory presentation about funding (you can also book a “surgery” for individual funding advice during the afternoon) followed by a “speed networking” session, where you can speak directly to people who could help your group. The final part of the day will be a chance to promote your group to the public. Display tables will be available where you can show what you do, recruit members or volunteers and raise funds.

A free soup and sandwich lunch will be available.

To book a place, contact David Polfreman on: 01888 562562
or at: David.Polfreman@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Environmental Sustainability in the Workplace Training 18th March, The Melting Pot, Edinburgh

A practical and comprehensive training day to help your organisation make real efficiency savings, engage with staff and stakeholders and improve the environmental impact of your workplace. This thought provoking training day is designed to help you to gain a detailed understanding of the issues surrounding environmental sustainability and develop a meaningful action plan that will have a real and positive impact on your organisation and the environment. Through a combination of presentations, workshops, group discussions and real life case studies, this course provides an invaluable resource for organisations looking to tackle their environmental performance.

For bookings and further information, please contact:
Talk Action, Corinna Luther Tel: 0207 324 4774 Email: corinna@talkaction.org

Living Life to the Full Online Interactive Course

Learn how to take one step at a time to feel more motivated, do more, enjoy things again and importantly make time for you! Living Life to the Full are offering a free computerised Cognitive Behavioural Therapy self-help course to people in Scotland with mild to moderate depression. You will get access to resources to guide you through the course and individual telephone support from our worker to encourage you as you go and help you achieve your planned goals. All of our services are confidential.

Visit the Living Life to the Full site to find out more and take a preview of the first session:
<http://dormant.lltf.com/> If you're interested in doing the course and live in Scotland, email
Depression Alliance Scotland - info@dascot.org or telephone 0845 123 23 20

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Scottish Third Sector Research Conference Thursday 31st March, Edinburgh

Third sector organisations are finding themselves under increasing pressure to demonstrate the value of their work. Carrying out research and evaluation has never been more important than it is now. This conference will be a great place to meet and discuss these and other issues with colleagues and to learn from a range of exiting new research focusing on the demands, challenges and opportunities facing the third sector in Scotland in 2011.

For booking and further info visit:
[http://microsites.scvo.org.uk/scvo/SCVOEvents/
ViewSCVOEvents.aspx?al=t&EID=1176&from=EventHome](http://microsites.scvo.org.uk/scvo/SCVOEvents/ViewSCVOEvents.aspx?al=t&EID=1176&from=EventHome)

Save the date!

The Big Lunch is back with a bang! In case you've not heard, this year's event is taking place on Sunday 5th June so now's the time to start planning. The Big Lunch team are busily working away on a new website and some great new materials to help make your Big Lunch bigger and better this year. They are producing packs that will give you everything that you need to start planning your event, from invites and recipe ideas to badges and balloons. In the meantime, please email them or give them a call on 0845 850 8181 if you have any questions, or if you'd like to find out about opportunities to talk about your Big Lunch in the press.

Self-Harm Awareness Workshops

Stonehaven - 2nd March - 1pm-4pm @ Stonehaven Leisure Centre, Queen Elizabeth Park.
Inverurie - 10th March - 1pm-4pm @ The Acorn Centre, Inverurie West Parish Church.
Banchory - 16th March - 1pm-4pm @ Hill of Banchory, Community Education Centre, Banchory.
Banff - 23rd March - 1pm-4pm @ Banff Springs Hotel, Golden Knowes Road.
Peterhead - 29th March - 1pm-4pm @ The Palace Hotel, Prince Street, Peterhead

Penumbra are offering a series of 3 hour workshops, throughout Aberdeenshire, on the topic of self-harm. The programme is funded by Choose Life Aberdeenshire and is targeted at people working in Aberdeenshire. The workshops are aimed at increasing the confidence of the participants when working with someone who self-harms. If you are interested in increasing your knowledge, improving practice, and reducing the stigma of self-harm then please contact: 01224 621266) or by email to barbara.harrower@penumbra.org.uk

Children in Scotland's Workforce Development Conference 15th March, Glasgow

This major conference, supported by the Scottish Government, is essential for anyone interested in providing the best possible services for children. Nicola Sturgeon, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, will open the conference. Other speakers will include Adam Ingram MSP, Minister for Children and Early Years, Maureen McKenna, Executive Director of Education at Glasgow City Council and Stig Lund, Special advisor at BUPL - The Danish National Federation of Early Childhood Teachers and Youth Educators.

To view the full programme or for further information, please visit them online at www.childreninscotland.org.uk/improve.

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MINIBUS DRIVERS AWARENESS SCHEME (MiDAS)

The Banffshire Partnership Ltd will run MiDAS courses at the Boyndie Centre near Banff on 14th March 2011.

To gain a licence to drive an Aberdeenshire Council minibus a driver must complete a MiDAS course. The course is in 2 parts, each lasting up to 4 hours. The driving module covers the legal requirements for carrying passengers in the vehicle, passenger and personal safety, road safety awareness and driving for safety and economy. The second module is optional and trains drivers to assist and carry passengers in wheelchairs. Minibus drivers are then required to undertake a formal assessment of their driving skills. To book a place on a course, or for more details of the other courses available at the Boyndie Centre, or to arrange courses at your own venue:

Contact - Pete or Jan on Tel. 01261 843598 or e-mail them at bpl.transport@banffdab.org.uk



Aberdeenshire Smoking cessation training

Raising the Issue of Smoking - Brief Intervention Training

The aim of the course is to provide participants with an awareness of the purpose, benefits and process of raising the issue of smoking and delivering brief advice. The course is short, easily accessible and has been designed using a blended approach by combining e-learning with face-to-face training. Prospective participants include anyone who is able to raise the issue of smoking with individuals, for example primary and secondary health care professionals and people who work for a range of public and third sector services.

9th March - Fraserburgh Hospital, 14th March - Inverurie Hospital,
28th March - Kincardine Hospital, Stonehaven.

Further information: Susan Forbes, Aberdeenshire Smoking Cessation Coordinator, Inverurie Hospital, Upperboat Road, Inverurie, AB51 4UL. Email: susan.forbes3@nhs.net. Tel: 07500 033728

Grantfinder Bid Writing Workshop 22nd March, Worksop, Nottinghamshire

The Bid Writing Workshop will provide delegates with practical bid writing techniques, enabling them to produce focused proposals, increase their success rates and win new resources for their organisation. The workshop is ideal for staff from public and not-for-profit organisations who are expected to write funding applications as part of their job role. Delegates are encouraged to bring along funding applications they are working on, or bids that have previously been submitted by their organisation for use in the practical elements of the day. The course will cover a number of key areas, such as writing styles and testing for readability, defining bid team roles and responsibilities, putting together benefit statements, understanding guidance documents, dealing with killer questions and working to a bid checklist.

The course will take place on Tuesday, 22nd March at the Idox offices in Worksop, Nottinghamshire and is priced at an introductory rate of £175 plus VAT per person, which includes lunch and light refreshments during the day and covers the costs of course material.

Further information is available from the Idox Training Department on tel: 01909 501200, E-mail: training@idoxgroup.com or at www.grantfinder.co.uk/index.php?t=1&p=bidwriting

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TRAINING PROGRAMME
FEBRUARY - MARCH 2011



Core Skills for Business (in conjunction with ACVO)
Monday 14th March 2011, BSolutions, Commercial Training Centre, Bucksburn
£68 (voluntary/community sector) £102 (other)

The content of this course, being delivered by Banff & Buchan College, will include minute and note taking (capturing the key points), writing skills, preparing articles for community magazine publications and listening skills.

Social Enterprise Academy's - Managing Finance, Generating Income
A two day learning programme delivered on 22nd and 23rd March 2011

Social Enterprise Academy offer bursary support for this course, which reduce costs to:
£100 Third Sector Organisations with Annual Turnover under £500,000
£150 Third Sector Organisations with Annual Turnover over £500,000
£350 Public or Private Sector Organisations.

This two day learning programme is also eligible for Individual Learning Account (ILA) funding, which is worth £200 per annum, so this can cover remaining costs for those eligible (earning less than £22k per annum). Detailed information on this course will be distributed early in 2011 but if you are interested please let us know.

In collaboration with Aberdeenshire Council, Community Learning & Development, funding has been identified from the Lifelong Learning UK allocation to offer the following training FREE to Voluntary Organisations and Community Groups working in Aberdeenshire and Aberdeenshire Council Community Learning & Development staff.

Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP)
9th and 10th March (Participants must attend both days)
Grampian Fire Service Training Suite, North Anderson Drive, Aberdeen

NLP shows us how to get the results we want while creating value for those around us. It gives us extremely effective techniques in learning and business for individuals, groups and communities. This 2 day workshop will introduce you to the language, tools and techniques of Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP). This workshop is for practitioners and managers who are looking for new tools to take their practice to the next level; who want to excel in their communication with people around them and improve their own performance.

Getting the Best out of Teams
Friday 25th March 2011, Viewmount, Arduthie Road, Stonehaven

A one day workshop exploring team dynamics and how to get the best out of teams - both those we are part of and those we support as practitioners. The workshop will focus on: Team stages and roles , Developing shared goals and values , Communication styles and skills , Working together to improve team performance

To book a place on any of these courses, please contact Shirley/Diane by email:
admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

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Alzheimer Scotland - Singing For The Brain

Further sessions for this group will take place on the following dates in 2011:

Friday 4th March (TBC) Friday 18th March Friday 1st April
Friday 15th April Friday 29th April

10.30am - 12pm, Northern Lights Room, Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen. If you need any further details please contact Sarah Geoghegan on 01224 644627 or email: sgeoghegan@alzscot.org

The Scottish Disability Golf Partnership (SDGP)

The SDGP is proud to announce its first PGA supervised Golf Training and Tuition day for 2011. It will be held at the Wellsgreen Golf Academy, Kirkcaldy, Fife, on Saturday 9 April and will run from 09:30 through to 16:00. There are initially places for fifty disabled golfers and their coaches, guides or carers. The SDGP are providing a golf lesson, use of practice facilities, catering and golf on the adjacent course for each person. A £20 entry deposit, which will be refunded on attendance, is the only requirement for attendees.

Anyone of any age or golfing standard, who has a disability, serious health problem or mobility issue that interferes with the playing of the game and their coaches, guides or carers can attend.

For more information about the SDGP, please contact via the website at www.sdgp.co.uk or by email at info@sdgp.co.uk

Maximising the health impact of the third sector: evidencing outcomes 23rd March, Albert Halls in Stirling

Hosted by Voluntary Health Scotland and facilitated by Evaluation Support Scotland Maximising the health impact of the third sector: evidencing outcomes is a learning and development day. In an environment of outcome-focused and evidence-based NHS interventions, this important event will assist participants from the third sector to understand the relevance of evidencing their contribution to health.

The event is aimed at:

- ◆ Third sector organisations and groups working in health improvement and health care
 - ◆ Councils for Voluntary Service, Volunteer Centres & Interfaces
 - ◆ Members of Equality and Diversity groups
 - ◆ Social Enterprises
 - ◆ NHS and local authority managers

To register for this event please visit:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/T77LJFH?dm_i=2V4,CXGW,5CH5A,10SCE,1
or contact mail@vhscotland.org.uk

Business Gateway Fully funded workshops for growing businesses

The Business Gateway offers a range of training opportunities free of charge in Aberdeen, Peterhead and Inverurie - there are workshops on Finance, Funding and Marketing, Employment Law and Regulations and much more.

Pre-booking is essential. To book a place on any of the Business Gateway workshops Call 01224 289725 or to book/view the programme online at www.bgateway.com/events

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The William and Jane Morris Fund

They will give grants of up to £1,000 to churches, chapels and other places of worship built before 1896, towards work concerned with the conservation of decorative features such as stained glass windows, sculpture, furniture, internal monuments, tombs, and wall paintings. Grants towards major structural repairs and fabric maintenance may be considered under exceptional circumstances. Annual deadlines 31 March and 31 August.

Visit their website at: www.sal.org.uk/grants/williamandjanemorris/

Stop Press! Funding Information!

If you are an organisation with less than 150 employees you may be able to receive some help with funding for Systematic Support Strategies Training. Skills Development Scotland's Flexible Training Opportunities Fund is available to help support you with staff training. The cut off date for an application for funding is 31st March 2011 however the training doesn't need to have been completed until 30th June 2011. This is a fantastic opportunity for those of you out there who would like staff trained but might not necessarily have a budget for it right now.

For further information on the course content or other training available call:

Catherine Hurrell	ENABLE Scotland	07889 456 079
Norma Curran	Values in to Action Scotland	07806 282 993

For further information on the Flexible Training Opportunities Fund please contact:
www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk or telephone 0800783 6000

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>

The Guardian Social Enterprise Network give top tips on how to get your enterprise ready for investment

Their expert clinic answered questions about sourcing finance for social enterprises - to read a round up of the advice they gave, visit:
www.guardian.co.uk/social-enterprise-network/social-enterprise-blog

Partnership Drugs Initiative

The Partnership Drugs Initiative (PDI) Grants promotes voluntary sector work with vulnerable children and young people affected by substance misuse. It has been running since 2000 and is funded by the Lloyd's TSB Foundation and The Scottish Government. Deadline 14th March.

Visit www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?tm=16

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**Want to help your community get online?
Apply for a BT Community Connections Award today...**

BT Community Connections is an award scheme which offers community groups the chance to get online and help people discover the wonders of the internet. If your group helps the community access the internet and improves people's ICT skills, you could be eligible to apply for a year's free broadband. The scheme supports a diverse range of community and charitable groups across the UK. Just log on to www.bt.com/communityconnections for more information and an application form.



Lloyds TSB Funding Surgery Tour 2011

As part of its ongoing commitment to investing in the Scottish community, 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 their assessors, and to discuss how to go about putting an application to the Foundation. If you wish to attend one of the surgeries detailed below, please call 0131 444 4020 to arrange an appointment.

February 2011

Edinburgh Tuesday, 15th February 2011
Glasgow Tuesday, 22nd February 2011

April 2011

Edinburgh Monday, 4th April 2011
Aberdeen Wednesday, 13th April 2011
Glasgow Monday 18th April 2011
Stornoway Tuesday, 19th April 2011

June 2011

Falkirk Monday, 6th June 2011
Fort William Tuesday, 7th June 2011
Hawick Wednesday, 15th June 2011
Bellshill Tuesday, 21st June 2011

March 2011

Edinburgh Monday, 7th March 2011
Dumfries Wednesday, 9th March 2011
Clydebank Wednesday, 23rd March 2011
Inverness Wednesday, 30th March 2011

May 2011

Edinburgh Wednesday, 4th May 2011
Glasgow Monday, 9th May 2011
Lochgilphead Tuesday, 17th May 2011
Dundee Tuesday, 31st May 2011

Skills Development Scotland - Flexible Training Opportunities

Flexible Training Opportunities gives Scottish businesses with up to 150 employees the opportunity to apply for up to £5,000 towards employee training costs. Funding is available for up to 10 employees per business and the money is not a loan so there's no need to pay it back.

www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/our-services/services-for-employers/encourage-employees-to-develop-new-skills.aspx

Heritage Lottery Fund—Young Roots

Young Roots is a grant programme designed to engage young people aged 13-25 with their heritage. Young Roots projects stem directly from the interest and ideas of young people, who are supported by youth and heritage organisations to develop skills, build confidence, and connect with their local communities. Young Roots is a rolling programme and there are no deadlines for applications.

For more information, please visit <http://digbig.com/5bdjta>

CONSULTATIONS & PETITIONS

SNH seeks your opinion

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is inviting comments on its Contribution of the Natural Heritage to Better Place-making statement which outlines its contribution to achieving social, economic and environmental outcomes. Deadline 11 March 2011. For more details visit:
www.snh.gov.uk/about-snh/what-we-do/health-and-wellbeing/natural-heritage-and-placemaking/

Voluntary Health Scotland - Healthy Working Lives: the contribution of the voluntary sector

The third sector makes a difference to Healthy Working Lives by encouraging employers (whether in the private, public or voluntary sector) to make use of the many specialist services provided by the third sector, focusing especially on supports that contribute to workplace health / wellbeing and employability. VHS is currently seeking information about this area.

They are particularly seeking examples of work in:

- Mental health, counselling, stress management, complementary therapies, exercise / fitness
- Substance use reduction – smoking cessation, alcohol counselling, drugs rehabilitation work
 - Support for people at work who are affected by long-term conditions and disabilities
e.g. MS, arthritis
 - Employability services

Visit: www.surveymonkey.com/s/8LS6N3H?dm_i=2V4,D12Z,5CH5A,12I7S,1
to submit your answers to Voluntary Health Scotland. They intend to produce a report of the vital contribution that the third sector makes to Healthy Working Lives in Scotland.

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

next newsletter

The next CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South newsletter will come out on the week beginning 28th March 2011.

The deadline for **pre-arranged** contributions for this edition is Wednesday 23rd March 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

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

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