




inside... funding: cash for kids and loads more  awards: celebrating voluntary art and craft in the UK  dates for your diary 



Stonehaven Town Hall,
1st October

Our annual charities fair will be combined with a craft and vintage element this year. We are inviting local charities and crafters to hold stalls to sell their goods or raise awareness - and our very own Boxroom and Magpie shops have been putting aside lots of lovely vintage items to sell on the day. Stalls cost £8 and 10% of all sales on the day for non-charities, will be split between the charities attending. We are also looking for a voluntary group who would be willing to provide the teas and coffees on the day. This would be a chance for a local group to take part on the day and raise a bit of money for their group.

If you are interested in holding a stall or doing the teas and coffees, please contact Valerie Cameron on 01330 825027 - but be quick because space is limited!

Get involved with Go Local



The North East of Scotland is a vibrant and creative place to live, with many high quality cultural events being organised locally but not everyone in your area may be aware of what's on offer to them. Go Local is a new campaign, led by GANE (Growing Audiences North East), encouraging audiences to explore and take advantage of all the great cultural things available on their doorstep for them and their families: theatre & concerts, galleries, festivals and much more. Go Local will pilot in Banchory, launching on 9/10

September 2011 (which will include live arts performances in the town, demonstrations, special ticket offers and much more), and the campaign will roll out across other towns and villages in the North East - as well as neighbourhoods in Aberdeen city. How about yours?

GANE are encouraging local arts organisations, private businesses (retail, tourism, etc) and communities to work together to keep their local communities buzzing - in creative ways. They will supply you with tools, marketing material and support to get your local campaign off the ground.

To find out more, visit <http://golocalscotland.wordpress.com/> or email nina@ganeaudiences.co.uk



to introduce option for online filing

The new OSCR Online service will be introduced later in 2011 alongside a new streamlined annual return form and an enhanced Scottish Charity Register. The new streamlined reporting requirements will

make it easier for charities to report to OSCR. The OSCR Online FAQs page contains further information on what the proposals will mean for charities: www.oscr.org.uk/about-oscr/oscr-online/oscr-online-faqs.

contact us...

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email: mail@cvsa.co.uk website: www.cvsa.co.uk

The Great Tree House Challenge



Sky 1 is looking for a community in Scotland to take part in a new programme which will see a community build their own treehouse.

The finished tree house will act as a green and unique focal point, serving whatever needs the community wants fulfilling whilst encouraging people to embrace outdoor spaces.

If you're interested in finding out more about the project, please e-mail treehouse@octoberfilms.co.uk.

Commonwealth Games, Glasgow 2014 - Volunteering Opportunities!

The Commonwealth Games website now has a section to register your interest in order for you to receive updates about the Games and more specifically about volunteering at the events. At this stage Glasgow 2014 will only be sending out general Games updates, which will cover these specific areas, but they will tailor your updates to align with your preferences nearer Games time. Visit www.glasgow-2014.com/registration.aspx.

Aberdeenshire Older People's Week - FULL OF LIFE

26th September – 1st October 2011

National Older People's Day 2011 is on 1st October and this year's theme is getting and staying active in later life. Celebrating Older People's Day is a great way of building new relationships between people of all ages and will create a real buzz in your community

Aberdeenshire Council plans to coordinate events throughout the week that echo this theme, and is encouraging communities to be part of the celebration. We would like to hear from groups, however large or small, who would be keen to organise an event, or use an existing event to highlight the theme of Full of Life. Activities arranged could:


- ♦ Encourage older people to be active.
- ♦ Raise awareness of the benefits that physical, social or mental activity brings.
- ♦ Enable older people to become involved in their local community.
- ♦ Establish intergenerational links within a community.

The aim of the week is to highlight the wealth of community activities that are available for older people and enable more people to make use of them.

Organisations would be responsible for running and funding their own events - an excellent toolkit on running events for Older People's Day is available at www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/full-of-ideas-toolkit.pdf.

If you are keen to be part of this exciting celebration, please contact Ali Macleod on 01224 664308 or e-mail alexander.macleod.gov.uk with your ideas on how you can participate.

Cash for Kids

 Cash for Kids exists to provide grants to disabled and disadvantaged children within the Northsound transmission area. They give grants to both individuals and groups and are now taking applications for funding. Applications are available at: www.northsound1.com/cash-for-kids. The deadline is Wednesday 31st August.

respectme Grant Fund

The respectme Grant Fund allows Youth Scotland groups to apply for up to £1,000 to develop anti-bullying themed events and activities in the run up to the National Anti Bullying Week (14-18 November 2011). For more information, please visit: www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/respect-me-grant-fund.htm. Deadline: 1st Sept.

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CVS Training Initiative
33/34 The Square, Ellon
Tel: 01358 722205
Email: admin@
cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

Fit for Funding

Tuesday 20th September,
 10a.m - 1.30p.m (inc. lunch),
 Mintlaw Hall, The Square, Mintlaw
 £20 (voluntary/community sector)
 £30 (other)
 Closing date for booking: 13.9.11

Assertiveness in the Workplace

Thursday 6th October,
 10am - 2pm,
 Hopeville Club, Inverurie
 £45 (voluntary/community sector)
 £68 (other)
 Closing date for booking: 29.9.11

Introduction to Community Consultation Methods

Thursday 10th November,
 10am - 4pm,
 Hopeville Club, Inverurie
 £25 (voluntary/community sector)
 £35 (others)
 Closing date for booking: 3.11.11

Employment Law and Regulations - Business Gateway Workshop

Date and venue to be confirmed - but please contact us if you wish to note an interest. The workshop is FREE

ALL ABOVE COURSES ILA APPROVED

Check out if you are eligible at:
www.ilascotland.org.uk/What+is+ILA+Scotland/Eligibility.htm

Then open your ILA, info at:
www.ilascotland.org.uk/Apply+Now/Request+Application+Pack.htm
 advise us that you have done this when you book a course.

ASIST - Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training 2 Day Course

7th & 8th September, Woodhill House Aberdeen;
 16th & 17th November, Kemnay.

ASIST is the most widely practised suicide intervention skills training in the world with over 1 million people having attended the course. The two-day interactive workshop is facilitated by at least 2 highly experienced trainers who will create a safe environment in which to explore how anyone, regardless of their background or previous experience, can help someone stay safe from suicide.

To apply for a place on the course, please email:
nhsg.grampiandevelopment@nhs.net or phone
 (01224) 556969 between 10.00am and 3.00pm

Skint! - A Free Scottish Book Trust CPD training event for Adult Literacy and Numeracy Tutors and Youth Support Workers, Thursday 6th or Friday 7th October, Aberdeen Foyer

This is a free event where participants will engage in cross curricular working practises, as well as experiencing, from a learner's perspective, a new interactive resource - Skint! Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

For further information contact:

Koren Calder - Project Trainer/ Coordinator
 Email: koren.calder@scottishbooktrust.com

Aberdeenshire ADP Training Events

Forthcoming Professional Development Events
Motivational Interviewing (2 day course)
 23rd/24th August, Maud Resources Centre
 & The Acorn Centre, Inverurie

Working with Drug & Alcohol Users (4 day course)

1st, 2nd, 6th & 7th September, Maud Resources Centre & The Acorn Centre, Inverurie

Substance Misuse in Pregnancy (1 day course)

7th October, Maud Resources Centre

To book a place on one of these events, please visit:
www.projectSTRADA.org, contact 0141 330 2400
 or email strada@gla.ac.uk

New Charity Launched - Hepatitis Scotland

A new voluntary organisation to work on prevention, treatment and support for viral hepatitis launched last week. Hepatitis Scotland, a new voluntary organisation funded by the Scottish Government aims to help improve prevention, treatment and support for those with viral hepatitis.

The body will support and lead the work of voluntary sector groups towards preventing the spread of viral hepatitis through the highly infectious Hepatitis B and C viruses. It also aims to increase the diagnosis of people with viral hepatitis, improve access to hepatitis treatment and support, improve the range and quality of prevention, treatment and care services and reduce stigma associated with viral hepatitis. For more information, please visit www.hepcscotland.co.uk

Glaxo Smith Kline IMPACT Awards

The IMPACT Awards are designed to recognise and reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. They are funded by GlaxoSmithKline and managed in partnership with The King's Fund.

The awards are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with a total annual income between £10,000 and £1.5 million.

- ◆ Up to eight winners will receive £25,000
- ◆ Up to four highly commended awards of £5,000 and up to three runners-up awards of £3,000 will be made
- ◆ Organisations that win or are highly commended for an award will be invited to send up to two representatives to take part in the GSK IMPACT Awards Development Network, a free training programme valued at £4,000 for each organisation.

An overall winner will be chosen from either the IMPACT Awards or the IMPACT Champions who will receive an additional £10,000. To apply go to www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards or call: 020 7307 2400. The closing date is Friday 23 September 2011.

Institute of Fundraising Scotland Annual Awards Now Open

Celebrate your cause. Nominations can be made until 5pm on Friday 30th September. Celebrate your successes! This is a great opportunity to highlight the excellent work done by your organisation in any type of fundraising, or reward that colleague or volunteer who has really made a special contribution to your

Nominations are encouraged from all shapes and sizes of organisation and are in six categories. To find out more visit www.scottishconference.org.uk/www/award.

Young Quality Scot Award



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Young Quality Scot Award is an award for young people who have given up their time voluntarily to help and support someone else or the community in which they live. A group of young people from across Aberdeenshire will be put forward for this award. These young people will participate in the national award ceremony which will be held in Fife, March 2012. The young people, who are selected through the nomination process, will be asked to complete a two day training course, which will cover Teambuilding, Presentation Skills, Problem Solving and Communication Skills.

Partners will be leading the training, with support from Aberdeenshire Council youth work staff. The training element will take place over a two day residential followed by a single day between Nov 2011 & Feb 2012. The group will then be supported by youth work staff to develop a presentation, which will be delivered during the award ceremony in March 2012.

Please send your nominations to: douglas.findlay@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Supporting and Protecting Adults From Harm - Training Opportunities in Aberdeenshire

Supporting and protecting adults from harm is of paramount concern of everyone across health and social care sectors. A vital component of protecting adults at risk of harm is training. Across Aberdeenshire a number of learning options are available to health and social care staff and volunteers.

Tell Someone

Tell Someone is an interactive resource pack developed by Workforce Initiative with funding from the Scottish Government and is aimed at registered adult social care services. The pack aims to help people to understand how the Adult Support and Protection legislation affects them and what they should do if they suspect harm is occurring to someone. The material is free to download at www.workforceinitiative.co.uk/tellsomeone.

E-Learning

This free e-learning course, which has been developed by Kwango, aims to give participants -

- An awareness of what is meant by adults at risk and our responsibility to protect.
- The knowledge to identify the alert signs and indicators of potential harm and to know to where to report concerns

You can access the course by emailing nhsg.grampiandevelopment@nhs.net or by telephoning (01224) 556969 between 10.00am and 3.00pm only. The e-learning programme will only run using Internet Explorer. You should also have the latest version of Adobe Flash installed (which can be easily downloaded).

Basic awareness raising half day course

For smaller organisations (employing less than 10 staff) a half day awareness raising session can be accessed free of charge by contacting Helen Milne at Helen.milne@aberdeenshire.go.uk. The course aims to:

- Identify the alert signs and indicators of potential harm and where to report them.
- Have an awareness of practice, organisation and attitudinal issues which may perpetuate harm.
- Have an awareness of the Grampian inter agency policies and procedures for people working in health and social care.

Training for trainers

Periodically a "Training for Trainers" course is run which will enable trainers to deliver the half day basic awareness course within their organisation. You can access this free course by contacting Jacqui Mackintosh on 01224 556739 or j.mackintosh@nhs.net.

Epic Awards 2011

The search is on...



The Epic Awards shine a spotlight on the excellent work taking place in over 70,000 voluntary and amateur art and craft groups across Britain. So the search is now on to find the winner of the first ever Scottish Epic Award!

From dance troupes to choirs, knitting circles to embroidery groups, any Scottish groups who participate in the arts for the love of it should consider nominating themselves for the Award. To be in with a shout, we need to know what's Epic about their group. It could be:

- ◆ the work they create
- ◆ the people they collaborate with
- ◆ the audiences and participants they reach out to
- ◆ or the new technology they're using

For the full criteria and entry form, visit <http://epicawards.co.uk>. The deadline for entering the Epic Awards is 11 November 2011. Shortlisted entries will be displayed on the website in November with an opportunity for the public to vote for their favourites. Winning groups will then be announced in December.

The Aberdeenshire Signposting Project are recruiting!

The Aberdeenshire Signposting Project is a client support project covering rural areas of Aberdeenshire. The project works with clients to find sources of help and support with the issues in their lives causing them concern. They are seeking to recruit volunteers for new and exciting developments to our service throughout Aberdeenshire. If you are empathetic, practical, have good communication skills and are looking for challenging, interesting and fulfilling volunteering experience you may be just what their clients need.

Volunteers are asked to commit 2-3 hours per week minimum and full expenses are paid. For further information and to request an application pack please visit their website: www.aberdeenshiresignpostingproject.org.uk or contact: Karen Nicoll, Project Co-ordinator on 01466 793284 or email: karennicoll@btconnect.com.

The Signposting Project are also recruiting 2 Volunteer Support Workers - 18 hours per week fixed term for 1 year (with the possibility of extension subject to funding). Salary £22,371 (pro rata).

The successful candidates will be delivering a service under the Change Fund in Aberdeenshire providing support to volunteers working with clients suffering from mild to moderate mental health problems and their carers and families.

For further information and an application pack please contact: Jacquie Milne, Information Manager, BRIDGE CVS, Voluntary Resource Centre, 17 South Street, Mintlaw, AB42 5EL. Tel: 01771 624787 Email: Jacquie.Milne@bridgecv.org.uk. Informal enquiries can be made to: Karen Nicoll, Project Co-ordinator on 01466 793284/ karennicoll@btconnect.com.

£7 million for third sector

Scotland's third sector has been given a 'massive boost' with the launch of two new programmes to help enterprising organisations grow and operate more efficiently.

The £3 million *Just Enterprise* programme will deliver a wide range of business support to social entrepreneurs and third sector organisations across Scotland. It will lead to the creation of an online hub where organisations can go for support and assistance. A further £4 million pounds will be provided through the *Enterprise Growth Fund*. This will see grants of between £25,000 and £200,000 awarded to enterprising third sector organisations with the most sustainable and ambitious business plans. Visit www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/07/18120453

'see me' launches local grants scheme to support communities in fighting stigma

see me...

'see me' is Scotland's national campaign to end the stigma and discrimination of mental ill-health. The 'see me' Local Grant Scheme and Equality Fund gives Scots the chance to tackle stigma at a local level and make a real difference in their community. In order to encourage and support new ideas they are launching this year's 'see me' Local Grants Scheme and a new Equalities Fund with £85,000 available for groups across Scotland to fight stigma in their local area.

Up to £4,000 will be available, per health board area, to local groups who aim to promote positive messages of mental health. Projects must be led by people with lived experience of mental ill-health.

A second pool of funding, a new 'see me' Equality Fund, will award up to £6,000 to tackle the mental health and stigma issues faced by equality groups whilst celebrating diversity and promoting equality for all. Your project must be led by people with lived experience of mental ill-health and who also experience inequality due to their gender, race, faith, sexuality, disability or age.

For all information on how you can apply, please go to www.seemescotland.org.uk. The deadline for application is 1st September 2011.

Community Spaces Programme

We all know of those spaces in the heart of our local communities that with some care and attention could improve our local environment and make all our lives a little better. For some communities repairing the leaky roof of your local village hall could help find a new home for a pensioners' lunch club. For others this could be a piece of unused land which could be transformed into a community allotment, or a derelict play park which could be brought back to give local children a safe place to play.

The Community Spaces Programme will be targeted at areas where BIG believes it can make the biggest difference. In deciding on these targeted areas we have included a fair mix of large urban areas, small towns and remote rural areas. Groups can enter the postcode of their project base into the eligibility checker at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/communityspaces which will tell them if they are in an eligible area straightaway.

To find out more about this new opportunity, including which areas are eligible to apply, visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/communityspaces, or call the advice line on: 0300 123 7110.

Grants For Women's Projects

Grants from £2,000 to £5,000 are available to organisations predominantly run by/for women and women-only projects that seek to support and empower women to turn their lives around. Grants are available for projects that meet the following aim: to support projects that enable women to be better able to cope with the effects of the economic downturn and to make changes that enable them to turn their lives around.

Application forms to apply for a grant for women's projects can be downloaded from www.scottishcf.org/grantsforwomen. Deadlines: 15th August and 17th October 2011.

Travel grant available for travel to sites promoting our natural heritage

This is a travel grant which assists with 50% of the travel costs to sites that promote our natural heritage (such as the Macduff Aquarium). The grant is aimed at: 'groups which support people with special needs or groups which are frequently excluded from enjoying the natural heritage and the outdoors because of factors of social or economic exclusion.'

Do More

Further information and contact details can be found at www.outdoors4all.org.uk/ctg.html

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Museums Galleries Scotland

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to full members of Museums Galleries Scotland to improve the quality and/or capacity of their provision. Grants are normally for 50% of the project costs. N.B. other grants are also available (for example, up to £600 through the Purchase Fund for smaller independents and up to £30,000 through the Main Grants programme). Deadline: Applications made by 27th October 2011 will be considered within the next available round. For more information, please visit: www.museumsgalleries.scotland.org.uk/how-we-help-members/grants

Gordon Leisure Projects Trust

provides grants of up to £2000 for the provision of playing fields, pavilions or other recreational amenities and facilities. Only voluntary groups (i.e. clubs, organisations) are eligible and the project must be entirely based within the former Gordon District area. For more information contact Garioch Area Manager on: 01467 628201 or at e-mail: garioch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

2012 GSK IMPACT Awards

are designed to reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. Organisations must be at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK with income between £10,000 and £1.5 million. Up to 15 awards will be made ranging from £3,000 to £35,000 plus free training valued at £4,000. For more information, please visit: www.kingsfund.org.uk/current_projects/gsk_impact_awards

dates for your diary

Volunteer Centre Aberdeenshire

Notice of 2011 Annual General Meeting
Thursday 11th August, 10.30am to 12.30pm
Royal British Legion Scotland, Turriff.

At this year's AGM there will be an opportunity to learn about the work Volunteer Centre Aberdeenshire is doing in partnership with the Willowbanks Centre and Aberdeenshire Council Community Learning and Development. Lunch will be available. Confirm attendance by Friday 5th August at vivienne.tegg@virgin.net or by telephone on 0751 917 0738.

Scottish Women's Aid Conference 2011, 14th September, Edinburgh

They will have input from young people, faith communities, trade unions, local and international speakers and practitioners in the field. For more information, please visit:

[www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk/
training-and-events/conferences-and-other-
events/swa-conference-2011](http://www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk/training-and-events/conferences-and-other-events/swa-conference-2011)

NEOS - North East Open Studios 2011 September 10th - 18th

Collective of artists, makers and galleries in the North East of Scotland who open their doors to the public yearly. Find out more and view the catalogue at:
www.northeastopenstudios.co.uk

Engaging Communities on Climate Change, 23rd September, Edinburgh

An invaluable course for anyone looking to develop community activities for energy-saving, climate change and related issues. For bookings and further information, please contact: Talk Action, Jonathan Elliott
Tel: 0207 324 4774 Email:
jelliott@talkaction.org

The Charity Shop

Excellent range of clothing and bric-a-brac for resale. Donations are gratefully accepted

Opening Hours:
Monday - Saturday 10am - 4pm

Volunteers welcome - contact the shop at:
16a Bridge Street, Banchory Tel: 01330 825714



THE BOXROOM Recycle+Reuse

THE BOXROOM recycles household goods, by direct sales to the public or by providing essential furniture for those in need

OPEN: Monday - Friday 10am - 2.30pm & Saturday 9am - 1pm

Unit 5, Tillybrake Industrial Estate, Banchory AB31 5UN
(in front of the Royal Mail sorting office)
Tel: 01330 823800

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www.surveymonkey.com/s/8R3JMYV

If you haven't filled it in already, why not take five minutes to fill in our CVSA questionnaire? It only consists of 10 simple questions and will also allow us to demonstrate the 'outcomes' and 'impacts' of our activities to funders. We would very much appreciate your contribution!

www.dementia-aberdeenshire.org

A recently launched website for individuals with Dementia and their carers. The site aims to provide a one stop shop to quickly find information to help you manage your lifestyle.

www.suzylamplugh.org/personal-safety

You can help your staff to improve their safety and well-being by supporting National Personal Safety Day on 10th October this year. The aim of the annual National Personal Safety Day is to get as many people as possible throughout the UK thinking about their personal safety and giving them simple advice on how they can to reduce the risks of becoming a victim of violence and aggression. Visit the Suzy Lamplugh website for loads of information about getting involved in this event as well as other useful information about promoting personal safety.