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When good things happen...



The CVSA team

CVSA are always interested to hear of successes achieved by voluntary and community groups across Central and Southern Aberdeenshire, and do what we can to publicise what small, medium and large size groups can contribute to the people, communities and environment of our area.

We also like to know more about the part we have played - and could play in the future - in bringing about your success. After all, as a Council for Voluntary Service, most of our

impact on the world around us comes about indirectly, through the support and information we provide to other groups as they work (and sometimes struggle!) to achieve their own particular goals and objectives.

More and more of us nowadays are being asked to demonstrate the 'outcomes' or the 'impact' we achieve from the money that is invested in us - and the CVS is no exception! We too need to build up a more comprehensive picture of the good work we achieve in the community we serve.

But as well as convincing our funders that their money is being well spent - we simply want to provide you with the best possible service that continues to meet the real needs of local community and voluntary sector organisations in the challenging times that lie ahead.

So, if something we've done has made a real difference - please let us know! Whether the change came about through an intensive piece of input from one of our Development Officers over a period of time, through some-

Can you help map the third sector in Scotland?

The Scottish Human Rights Commission are compiling a new database of organisations which help, campaign for, or support vulnerable people in all parts of the country. Can you help them complete the database by telling us about your organisation? If so please email:

c.whitfield@hull.ac.uk

and they will send you a short questionnaire.

www.scottishhumanrights.com

thing you read about in one of our newsletters or e-Bulletins, or through our just pointing you in the right direction for an external piece of advice - whatever - we'd like you to let us know about it.

Also, if things didn't work out; if the 'support' we offered didn't really help, or if you got what you felt was a better service from somebody else - please let us know that as well. This sort of feedback can help us raise our game so that we can deliver better, more responsive service in the future.

We look forward to hearing your experiences of life after an intervention from CVSA!

facebook

CVSA are now on Facebook!

We're hoping to host discussion threads if we get enough friends...so visit us at: www.facebook.com/CVSAberdeenshire

contact us...

15a High Street, Inverurie AB51 3QA tel: 01467 629072
72a High Street, Banchory AB31 5SS tel: 01330 825027
email: mail@kdvoice.org.uk website: www.kdvoice.org.uk



we.collect is a social enterprise which collects large quantities of recyclable items from a range of sources throughout the North East including:

- ◆ Charity shops and libraries
- ◆ Offices and workplaces
- ◆ Community collection points
- ◆ These products are then sorted at their warehouse and sent to be reused and recycled.

Initially we.collect is focusing on book recycling but they aim to develop into other areas - not only helping the environment, providing employment opportunities to disadvantaged people but also helping Cornerstone provide services for people with disabilities and other support needs. If you have books that you want to donate now we.collect would be delighted for you to drop them off at our factory between 8am - 3pm Monday to Friday, address below:

we.collect, Remploy Factory,
14 St Machar Road, Aberdeen, AB24 2UU

This project is run in partnership with Bookdonors.
For more information please contact Euan at
we.collect@cornerstone.org.uk or call 01224 256000.

The Future of Cheques Consultation



In December 2009, the Payments Council set a target date of the 31st October 2018 to close the central cheque clearing, a move that would effectively see an end to cheques. The final decision on the future of cheques is due to be made in 2016. In the meantime the Payments Council is holding an extensive consultation for businesses, including charities. They continue to attend meetings of their charity and voluntary sector liaison group and they are also inviting charities to give their thoughts on how the abolition of cheques will affect them. You can respond to the consultation by filling in the form on their website at :

www.paymentscouncil.org.uk/files/payments_council/cheques_webform_for_organisations.pdf

The Payments Council will also be holding a series of national workshops to help them better understand users' views. For further details, please visit:

www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Library/Payments_Council_workshop.pdf

A Plea For Northeast Cyclists to get on their bikes for local Blind Charity



Sunday 15th August will be the date for the 19th Great Stonehaven Bike Ride, this is an opportunity for Northeast families who enjoy cycling as well as seasoned campaigners to see some of the beautiful Mearns countryside and at the same time raising much needed funds for Grampian Society for the Blind - a local independent charity - so all money raised stays local!

The sponsored bike ride has raised thousands over the years for the local blind charity. Cyclists cycle 25 miles on what is described as a challenging, but enjoyable circular route around the Mearns countryside and a shorter 11mile family friendly route is available.

If you wish an entry pack or for further information on the cycle, please contact The Society on 0845 27 12345 or email them on info@grampianblind.org

GlaxoSmithKline IMPACT Awards



The IMPACT Awards have been running since 1997 and 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. Deadline for applications for the 2011 awards is 5pm on Friday 24 September 2010. For further information visit www.kingsfund.org.uk/current_projects/gsk_impact_awards/ or call 020 7307 2400.

Comic Relief UK Grant Programme - Cycle 4 Now Open to Applications

Comic Relief's UK Grant Programme aims to bring about positive and lasting change in the lives of poor and disadvantaged people in the UK by investing in work that addresses people's immediate needs, as well as tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice.

Registered charities and voluntary organisations (including social enterprises and community interest companies) in the UK are invited to apply for grants of between £25,000 and £40,000. Grants are available to cover running or capital costs of organisations or projects under the following programmes:

- ♦ Mental Health.
- ♦ Domestic and Sexual Abuse.
- ♦ Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women.
- ♦ Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Young People.
- ♦ Young People and Alcohol.
- ♦ Young People with Mental Health Problems.
- ♦ Local Communities.

The deadline for Cycle 4 applications is 17 September 2010. For more information go to: www.comicrelief.com

CashBack 4 - £2.5 million fund opened to youth groups

The CashBack 4 Communities scheme, to be administered by YouthLink Scotland, 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. Awards from the Fund will be made to youth

work organisations who offer programmes of youth work activities for local young people. For further information and guidance notes, visit www.youthlinkscotland.org/In dex.asp?MainID=11388

NB. This scheme is not the same as the Cashback Small Grants Fund currently being promoted by Youth Scotland.

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Formartine Area Top-Up Budget

Groups across Formartine are encouraged to apply for grants of between £2,000 and £3,000 for community projects. A total of £52,500 is available through Aberdeenshire Council's area top-up budget to help fund initiatives such as village hall improvements and hanging baskets. Full details are available from formartine@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or 01358 726405.

Aberdeenshire Council Social Work Department - Third Sector Funding

Application forms for funding from the Aberdeenshire Council Social Work Department for April 2011 to March 2012 will be available from 1st September 2010 with a deadline of 15th October. Applications are welcome from Third Sector and community groups that assist the Social Work Department to meet its aims, objectives and purposes in relation to social care. Organisations will be required to demonstrate that they are providing services which contribute to the council's strategic priorities and single outcome agreement. For more information contact: Catherine King on 01224 665172, or email catherine.king@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Big Lottery - Investing in Communities

was relaunched on the 30th June and is part of a wider £400 million investment in Scotland planned by BIG over the next five years. It has been broken down into three investment areas: Life Transitions, Supporting 21st Century Life and Growing Community Assets. BIG will also provide targeted support and/or development funding. Visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_investing-in-communities?region-code=-uk or contact them on 0300 123 7110 or by email at enquiries.scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk to discuss your idea.

Funding boost for rural broadband

€1 million challenge fund to improve countrywide coverage



Rural communities will be able to bid for a share of a million-Euro fund to bring enhanced broadband to their areas.

The new investment is being delivered by the LEADER scheme which supports small-scale, community driven projects in rural areas and is aimed at improving coverage and bringing faster broadband rural communities.

Rural Secretary Richard Lochhead said: "The Scottish Government is committed to ensuring that as many people as possible have broadband access and have already carried out a significant amount of work in this area. With it being used by more and more households as standard, I hope that this new challenge fund will further enhance Scotland's broadband infrastructure and help rural firms gain a level playing field at a time when they need it most."

The funding is aimed at small-scale, community driven projects in rural areas seeking to improve coverage and bring faster broadband. The sorts of project that may be relevant include community groups wishing to upgrade exchanges, pilot projects into next generation broadband and supporting a business collective to access better broad-

band. The funding will be delivered through the LEADER, Local Action Group (LAG), network. The LAGs will collect and assess applications from local communities and bid for funding to the Challenge Fund. The deadline for applications is very short, with the LAGs needing to submit bids to the Scottish Government by 24th of September 2010.

Those in the Cairngorms LAG area (within the Cairngorms National Park boundary) should submit a draft application as soon as possible for consideration, or by 20th August at the very latest. Please see the web site <http://www.cairngorms-leader.org/index.asp> or contact Patricia Methven, the Grants Programme Manager for Cairngorms Local Action Group for further information on 01479 870543 or PatriciaMethven@cairngorms.co.uk

For those in the Rural Aberdeenshire LAG area, further information can be obtained from Vicky Thomson, LEADER Co-ordinator on Tel: 01467 628383 or vicky.thomson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
STOP PRESS: Please note the tight deadlines for submission to the LEADER Local Action Groups are: Cairngorms LEADER – Friday 13th August. Rural Aberdeenshire LEADER - Friday 27th August

Aberdeenshire Arts Development Team presents...

Finding Creativity

Calling all our arts volunteers and voluntary arts groups

FREE Voluntary Arts Information & Training Day

Saturday 4th Sept

10am to 4:00 pm

Woodend Barn, Banchory

Join Aberdeenshire Arts Development Team and its partners Voluntary Arts Scotland, Aberdeenshire Community Voluntary Service Network, Growing Audiences North East and Aberdeenshire Arts Forums for, information sharing and training day.

Find out about the national funding programme 'Make a Splash'. Through presentations and workshops from VAScotland and GANE we will work together to look at how to sustain and build your voluntary arts groups, explore how to market your activities and encourage more people to participate.

Meet other like minded people and groups, share good food and find out more about how you can help your group to expand and flourish. All participants will get a free digital goodie bag full of useful information on funding, support networks and a toolkit of good advice. If you would like more information or to take part please call 01261 815989 or email: Julie.bisset@aberdeenshire.gov.uk. Places are FREE but numbers are limited please book early.

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

Introduction to Counselling Skills

Monday 13th September, Hopeville
 Social Club, Inverurie, 9am - 5pm
 £65 Vol. Sector, £98 all others
 Delivered by: Bliss Life Coaching

Full Cost Recovery

Wednesday 22nd September,
 Community Centre, Peterhead,
 9.30am - 4pm
 £60 Vol Sector, £90 all others
 Delivered by: Gill Dolphin

Elementary Food Hygiene

Monday 4th October, Community
 Centre, Laurencekirk, 9am - 5pm
 £80 Vol Sector, £120 all others
 Delivered by: Janette Gascoine

Introduction to Social Accounting

Tuesday 5th October, Towie House,
 Turriff, 10am - 4pm
 £42 Vol. Sector, £63 all others
 Delivered by: Kevin McDermott

Self Harm Awareness

Wednesday 27th October, Viewmount,
 Stonehaven, 10am - 1.15pm
 £15 Vol. Sector, £22 all others
 Delivered by: Choose Life North

Speak Up Speak Out

Tuesday 2nd November, Hopeville
 Inverurie, 10am - 4pm, £78 all
 Delivered by: Speakersbank

Dealing with Difficult People

Monday 8th November, Wyness Hall,
 Inverurie, 9am - 12 noon
 £47 Vol Sector, £70 all others
 Delivered by: Zest HR

Scottish Enterprise Rural Leadership Programme

Applicants are being sought to participate in Scottish Enterprise's Rural Leadership programme 2010/11. It provides a "fantastic opportunity for anyone working in the wider rural sector to develop the leadership skills, contact network and rural and political knowledge that can enhance their business and the role they play in the wider rural community". Further details about the Programme and an application pack can be obtained from Catriona Clark on 01224 711084 or catriona.clark@sac.co.uk. Completed forms must be sent back to Catriona by the 6th August 2010.

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2007 (PVG) Training

The Scottish Government has recently announced that the PVG scheme will be up and running from 30th November 2010. This training is aimed at organisations to ensure that they are prepared and understand their disclosure requirements and obligations under this new scheme. This is a one off opportunity to access this training locally. It will cover the following areas which are relevant to the new PVG scheme:

- ◆ Determining who within organisations should be asked to join the scheme
- ◆ How to access disclosure applications under the new scheme
- ◆ Understanding the new types of disclosures that will be available under the new scheme
- ◆ Defining regulated work with children and protected adults
- ◆ Understanding harm and risk of harm in relation to the new scheme
- ◆ Understanding the criteria and requirements for making effective referrals under the new scheme

**Tuesday 31st August, Wyness Hall, Inverurie,
 10am to 4pm, £10pp**

**For further information or to book a place contact
 Shirley/Diane at the CVS Training Initiative
 on 01358 722205
 or email admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk**

dates for your diary

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Give & Take Days



Saturday 21 August 2010
Saturday 18 September 2010
Saturday 9 October 2010
March 2011, date tbc

Inverurie Town Hall
Peterhead, Rescue Hall
Huntly, Stewarts Hall
Ellon Academy

8.30am to 3.00pm
8.30am to 3.00pm
12 noon to 5.00pm
8.30am to 3.00pm

Give your unwanted items between 8.30am and 12 noon (12 noon and 3.30pm in Huntly).

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| ✓ Household items | ✓ Toys | ✓ Kitchenware |
| ✓ Garden items | ✓ Bikes | ✓ Plants |
| ✓ Books, CDs, DVDs | ✓ Tools | ✓ Furniture |

We do not accept electrical items, video cassettes or clothes. Please do not bring broken items.

What can I take?

Anything you like – it's all free! Doors open for 'takers' from 10am to 3pm (1pm to 5pm in Huntly).

For more information or if you need a large item collected on the day please call Aberdeen Forward on 01224 560360.

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