

NEWS

Official Launch of the Magpie Project - 1st July

The Boxroom-Magpie project is already up and running, but will be officially launched on 1st July. When using the Crow's Nest dump in Banchory for waste and recycling, you will now be able to donate re-useable furniture and household goods to the Boxroom on site - diverting waste away from landfill sites. Or, of course, you could by-pass the whole operation completely and take your goods straight to the Boxroom!



We are still looking for volunteers to help run the Magpie project - of you would be interested and have a couple of hours to spare every week please contact the project Coordinator Renee Joss at reneejoss@googlemail.com.

CVSA is on Facebook!

CVSA have a new Facebook page! The page will give us the opportunity to put photos of events up, promote our events and services and hopefully hold discussion topics...if we get some friends.

We have a few photos up already, so come and have a look.

If you are on Facebook, visit our page at: www.facebook.com/CVSAberdeenshire
- if not, sign up at www.facebook.com

Freegle



There is a new Freegle e-recycling group in South Aberdeenshire. Until now, AberdeenshireWest Freegle has by default covered the area south of the Cairn as it is part of the 'Shire but this winter has pointed up in spades that those 5 miles over the Cairn Road might as well have been 500 miles! Myra Graham has just been approved to open the doors to the Mearns Area Freegle group and will cover Fettercairn, Laurencekirk plus the surrounding areas to Stonehaven, so members in those communities can stick closer to home for their goodies. You can apply to her group IF you live or work in the Mearns area - Myra is keen to keep it small but beautiful with local members. Please keep this in mind when applying to the new Mearns Freegle group. The new Mearns Freegle group can be found at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MearnsFreegle>

Aberdeen Voice

The Aberdeen Voice is an independent online news and information source. It promotes Citizen Journalism in Aberdeen and the North East and is not affiliated to any Political Party or the interests of any private company, lobby or third party organisation. Its focus is to give a voice to the general public in the North East and to promote inclusion in affairs affecting the region.

www.aberdeenvoice.com

Aberdeenshire Street Sports Programme

Aberdeenshire Council in partnership with Grampian Police runs the Street Sports initiative which is aimed at improving youth participation in sporting activities in towns and villages throughout Aberdeenshire, with particular emphasis on areas where young people meet during evenings and weekends. The activities run in the mobile sports arenas include street football, street hockey and street basketball and the sessions are run by community policeman, youth workers, firemen or sports coaches.

Further information on the initiative can be found at:
www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/recreation/development/street_sports.asp
Or contact
Rachel Boal or Kenny Gibb on 01467 628158.

Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme Update (Disclosure)

You may be aware that the Home Office has announced a review of the vetting and barring scheme that covers England, Wales and Northern Ireland. This is to let you know that the Scottish Government is proceeding as planned to implement the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG Scheme) which has been the subject of extensive consultation and engagement with people who work with children and protected adults in Scotland. The continued interest and views of stakeholders have helped the Scottish Government to shape a system that strikes the balance between robust regulation and proportionate protection, without compromising on the need to minimise bureaucracy. The PVG Scheme only applies to people who work with vulnerable groups and it does not apply to personal arrangements that people make with friends or family, or to work positions where there is no opportunity to cause harm to vulnerable groups. The PVG Scheme will be phased in over a four year period to ensure that the administrative burden on groups and organisations that work with vulnerable groups is minimised. It is expected to commence on 30th November 2010

For more information on the PVG Scheme visit www.scotland.gov.uk/pvglegislation

Read the latest Marr Area Partnership newsletter at www.marrareapartnership.org.uk

New Development Officer for Age Scotland

Age Scotland has a new Development Officer covering Moray Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City, Orkney and Shetland. Suzy Gentle will work with older peoples groups to establish and develop groups and to work in partnership with other organisations on projects to benefit older people. If your group is interested in working with Age Scotland, contact Suzy at:

Suzy Gentle, Development Officer (North)
PO BOX 5897, Forres IV36 1WD
Direct Dial 01309 673455
Mobile: 07920540241
Email: suzy.gentle@agescotland.org.uk
www.agescotland.org.uk



Trustee Indemnity Insurance

Recent changes to Scottish charity law will allow charities to purchase indemnity insurance for trustees. Trustees should always seek professional advice before taking out insurance cover and should be fully aware of what their insurance policy will and will not cover – insurance policies vary.

Trustee Indemnity insurance protects members of the voluntary management committee from personal liability with respect to claims related to their actions in their role as committee members or Directors.

Read more at www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/Information/ViewInformation.aspx?al=t&info=2002

Premises/Office Space to Let – Inverurie

Mental Health Aberdeen are urgently looking to let modern office space totaling 80 m². The premises comprise of 2 large offices , one medium sized office and one small office. Kitchen and disabled toilet facilities are included. The offices are on the first floor and are situated in the centre of Inverurie. Early entry date available.

For enquiries or further information, contact Aileen Thomson on 01467 622377 or email: aileen@mhaberden.org.uk.

Launch of 'see me' Photography Competition 2010

The logo for the 'see me' photography competition. The words 'see me' are written in a bold, orange, lowercase sans-serif font. To the right of 'me' are three small orange circles of varying sizes, arranged in a slightly descending line.

'see me's annual photography competition launched on 31st May in over twenty localities across Scotland. The competition is open to anyone living in Scotland who is

interested in taking photographs whether you are a complete beginner, someone with a keen interest or an experienced photographer. You don't need to be a professional photographer, we encourage complete beginners to enter and all you need is a keen interest and access to a camera.

You can check the 'see me' website for tips on what makes a good photograph at:

www.seemescotland.org/getinvolved/photography-competition

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

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

The local host for Aberdeen is Jill Bremner, Community Learning Worker Healthy Minds

Culture, Education and Sports

Aberdeen City Council

Rosemount Community Centre

Belgrave Terrace

Aberdeen, AB25 2NS

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Closing date for entries is 17th September 2010.

Equally Enterprising

Equally Enterprising supports equalities focused organisations in the third sector to become more enterprising. It is funded by the Scottish Government, and delivered by ODS Consulting. By becoming more enterprising, we mean becoming more like a business in some areas of your work. This could include activities like effective business planning, generating income and measuring your success. In the past, many equalities organisations have been very reliant on grant funding. But the funding climate is becoming more difficult. Becoming more enterprising offers real opportunities for equalities organisations to compete for funding and generate income in new ways. Whether you just want to find out a bit more about it, or want to make radical changes to how your organisation generates income, Equally Enterprising can help!

Equally Enterprising offers:

- ◆ An online Learning Network – with an online guide to becoming more enterprising, specifically tailored for equalities focused organisations;
- ◆ Telephone support – with free half hour telephone support sessions to help you to consider whether and how to become more enterprising; and
- ◆ Individual face to face support – 10 organisations will receive two to three days of free support from us to help them to become more enterprising.

To find out more about Equally Enterprising, go to the Learning Network home page at <http://equallyenterprising.ning.com/> and sign up for full access to the site.

If you have any questions about Equally Enterprising, please just give me a call or email.

If you have any technical difficulties, please contact Ann Elliott on 0141 424 3765.

Village Halls & Community Centres

The Government are running a project which aims to reduce the burden of regulation on small organisations running village halls and community centres. Sandra Hogg, the Rural Development Officer with Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations has been asked to collect anecdotal information about situations where the regulations/rules etc have stopped an event or activity taking place in a hall or made it very difficult. If you have any such examples, please let her know in the next week or so. Please contact Sandra at Sandra.Hogg@scvo.org.uk

Community Food Initiatives North East (CFINE) have a vacancy for a Development Worker

CFINE is looking for a Development Worker, 20 hours per week to cover, though not necessarily exclusively, our work and development in the south Aberdeenshire area. It is envisaged that the post-holder will be based in Stonehaven but this may not be possible in which case the base would be Aberdeen combined with some home working to reduce travel time.

The job focuses particularly on CFINE's social/community activities ie Community Food Outlets, FareShare and information/education/awareness/training work. Attached is our 'Summary' sheet which gives a flavour of our organisation and work .

Salary: £12 per hour subject to experience and qualifications.

INTERESTED? Then contact Lisa or Steven on 01224 596156 or email info@cfine.org for a job description.

Closing date for applications: Wednesday, 21/7/10 at noon

EVENTS & TRAINING

Free First Aid Courses

7th August - Emergency First Aid at St Kane's Church Hall, New Deer
14th August - Baby & Toddler First Aid at Maud Community Service Centre
4th September - Emergency First Aid at New Hope Trust, Peterhead
11th September - Emergency First Aid at St Fergus Hall, St Fergus
18th September - Baby & Toddler First Aid at New Hope Trust, Peterhead.

All the courses are 6 hours, starting at 9.30 am - lunch will be provided at all locations.

There are 10 spaces available on each course.

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

Third Sector Volunteering Fayre Saturday 3rd July, 10am - 3pm, Music Hall

ACVO would like to invite the citizens of Aberdeen to find out more about the voluntary and community sectors in the city and their volunteering opportunities. Come and talk to organisations and groups, join in with their activities, find out what's on offer and take away some valuable information.

This is your chance to get involved with your city!

All welcome - Free Admission

What you need to know about the Digital Switchover

Digital TV Switchover is happening across the UK, region by region from 2007 - 2012.

All analogue TV signals are being switched off and replaced with multi-channel digital TV signals

Most countries in the world are switching to Digital TV.

- ◆ Over 90% of UK homes are already watching Digital TV
- ◆ Switchover in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire will take place 1st-22nd September 2010
- ◆ There is a help scheme available for eligible people (conditions of eligibility apply)

For more information, please visit the Digital Switchover Stand at the Volunteering Fayre
(details above)



Learning Through Play!

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

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

This is a Continuing Professional Development conference.

For further information contact: Mags Harwood at mags.harwood@sppa.org.uk or 0141 221 4148, or download booking form at www.sppa.org.uk Delegates fees range from £55 - £135.

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Confidence to Cook - Training for Trainers

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

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

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

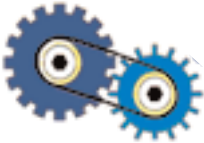
Exercise in a Chair Instructors training

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

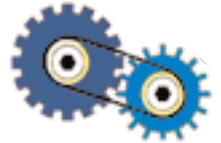
This course is designed for those delivering chair based exercise activities in Sports Centres, Community Centres, and Care Settings.

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

Information on ILA



As you are aware Aberdeenshire CVS Training Initiative are now an ILA registered provider. Many of the courses we will be offering in our next programme have already been allocated ILA approval. To help you understand what this may mean for your organisation/group some information is set out below.



- ◆ ILA stands for Individual Learning Account.
- ◆ ILA Scotland is a Scottish Government scheme that helps to pay for learning.
 - ◆ People who earn £22,000 a year or less qualify for ILA
 - ◆ People on benefits qualify for ILA.
- ◆ Any of your staff and/or volunteers who meet either of the above criteria can therefore apply for ILA.
- ◆ Setting up an ILA Account gives you £200 per year to spend on any training/learning approved by ILA Scotland.

You can apply to set up an account online at www.ilascotland.gov.uk

Or by telephoning the Freephone helpline at 0808 100 1090. Further information on all courses approved by ILA Scotland can be found on their website. We would encourage you to support staff, volunteers and clients who may be interested to apply. The system is very straightforward and ILA Scotland is very helpful.

CVS Training Initiative - 33/34 The Square, Ellon. AB41 9JB. Tel: 01358 722205

Carers Scotland- Training Dates 2010/2011

Carers Assessment	8th September
Carers Human Rights & Equalities	22nd September
Carers and Advocacy	6th October
Carers and Their Rights	20th October
Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000	10th November
Carers Awareness and Assessment	8th December

If you wish to reserve a place on one of these training days please contact Rena Friel on 0141 445 3070 or email rena.friel@carerscotland.org

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SMART Recovery



Do you, or someone you know, want to try to overcome and addiction to alcohol or drugs? SMART recovery may be able to help! SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) is a programme of peer-led, peer support techniques available to anyone wishing to understand, change and overcome their addictive urges and behaviours.

Inverurie: every Wednesday 1pm - 3pm,
Garioch Community Centre, Chelsea Road, Inverurie (next to swimming pool)

Kemnay: every Tuesday, 10.45am - 12.15pm
Kemnay Youth Cafe, 26 Aquithie Road, Kemnay

Aboyne: every Tuesday from 3rd August 2010, 1.30pm-3.30pm,
Loghnagar Room, Bonty Court, Aboyne

Stonehaven: every Thursday, 1pm-3pm
The Bothy (behind the Community Education Centre), Robert Street, Stonehaven

Huntly: every Friday, 3pm-4.30pm
Basement Room at the Linden Centre, Huntly

Contact: 07824 473948 Website: www.smartrecovery.org.uk

Is Alcohol Ever the Answer? Answers to Your Questions about Alcohol

- ◆ How do I approach a member of staff who may have a problem with alcohol?
- ◆ How do I develop an alcohol policy?
- ◆ Can I refer an employee to a service where they can receive treatment and support for an alcohol problem?
- ◆ When an employee is having time off for treatment for an alcohol problem, or is returning to work after treatment, how do I manage the other employees?

If you have ever asked yourself any of these questions, or would like to find out more about alcohol issues in the workplace, why not attend a FREE workshop and have your questions answered. The workshops last from 10.15am - 4pm and a free lunch is included.

Wednesday 25th August 2010
Wednesday 10th November 2010

The Lodge on the Loch Hotel, Aboyne
The Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh

If you are a manager, your organisation has less than 250 employees and you would like a place on one of the workshops, please fill in the attached booking form and send to Gemma Mitchell grampianhwl@nhs.net. Or for more information, please contact Jim Clark on jim.clark@nhs.net or 01224 558525.

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Buchan Dial-a-Community Bus

Buchan Dial-a-Community Bus is a local transport charity based in the Buchan area. They run a number of training programs for MiDAS (Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme) . Courses in 2010:

Wednesday 14th July, Thursday 12th August, Monday 20th September, Tuesday 19th October,
Monday 22nd November, Thursday 16th December

For any information or to book training at your own venue, please contact the office on 01771
619191 or email admin@dialabus.org.uk

Mental Health First Aid

Scotland's Mental Health First Aid has been developed as part of a national approach to improving awareness of mental health problems in Scotland. The 2-day course will teach you to:

- Give initial help to someone experiencing a mental health problem
- Deal with a crisis situation or the first signs of someone developing mental ill health
- Guide people towards appropriate self and professional help

Courses have been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday 08 and Thursday 09 September 2010 - The Living Rooms, Inverbervie
Monday 04 and Tuesday 05 October 2010 - Fraserburgh Hospital

All sessions will last from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm and attendance on both days is required. The cost is £60 per person for public/voluntary organisations and £90 per person for private organisations (inclusive of sandwich lunch and delegate pack). For further information contact Gemma Mitchell on 01224 558677 or e-mail: gemma.mitchell@nhs.net.

Invest to engage heads north

Following on from the highly successful seminars in Dumfries and Falkirk, Voluntary Health Scotland is now bringing Invest to engage: enhancing connections with the NHS to Aberdeen on the 31st of August. This is an un-missible opportunity for local organisations wishing greater engagement with statutory sector partners. The seminar will be led by Brian Cavanagh, the influential former Chair of NHS Lothian, who will ensure that participants leave with a clear understanding of:

- ◆ Scottish Government health policy
- ◆ The NHS structure and where you should engage for maximum impact
 - ◆ Why statutory organisations are required to engage
 - ◆ How to navigate an NHS Boards' decision making process

To sign up for this exciting opportunity register online at
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W7PR7Z2?dm_i=2V4,6PPM,5CH5A,GLRH,1
or call the Voluntary Health Scotland team on 0131 225 7290
Registrations are open until Tuesday 17th of August

Digital TV switchover in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire

Free Training sessions are available for those who will raise awareness and understanding of switchover and the Help Scheme in your organisation who then can cascade the information to your staff and volunteers. Grants are also available to organisations running events to promote the programme. For further info, please contact Louise Farmer on (01224) 686059/686058
Email: lfarmer@acvo.org.uk

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PDF Production Events this summer



Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham in Concert Sunday 1st August - Crathes Castle, Banchory

Another summer with Aly & Phil - evenings of exceptional entertainment with the finest traditional music and hilarious tales in a style only they know how.

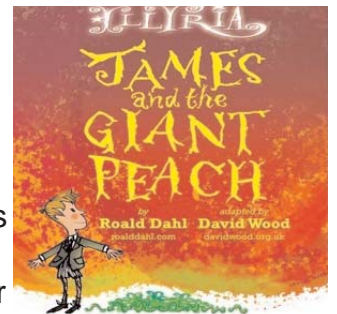
Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice Friday 30th July 2010 - Drum Castle, by Banchory

In a social whirlwind of balls, dinners and very eligible officers, Lizzie Bennett and Fitzwilliam Darcy stand alone as the only sane people - and they hate each other! Or do they? Can she see beyond his pride, and can he overcome her prejudice, in order to achieve their mutual happiness? The irrepressible Illyria sharpen their claws to bring you Jane Austen at her vibrant, pacy, bitchy best!

This is a fantastic night to picnic in the beautiful gardens of Drum Castle and soak up the tranquil atmosphere with a glass of wine and perhaps some smoked salmon!

Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach adapted by David Wood Friday 27th August 2010 - Crathes Castle, by Banchory

James is sent to live with his aunts who treat him horribly. One day an old man gives him a bag containing the strongest magic in the world. When James accidentally spills it near the old peach tree the most marvellous things happen. David Wood's adaptation captures all the fun and excitement of Roald Dahl's superb children's classic, and includes plenty of opportunities for participation! Fun for all ages – and a big piece of fruit.



An Evening with The Alexander Brothers Friday 29th October 2010 - Banchory Town Hall

Join us at Banchory Town Hall this October for an evening with Tom and Jack at Banchory Town Hall for an evening of Scottish Song the Alexander Brothers way!

For more information on events and booking, visit www.pdfproductions.co.uk
Tel: 01330 822426 Email: EVENTS@PDFPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK

National Deaf Awareness Week

Monday 28 June 2010 sees the start of the national Deaf Awareness Week. Grampian Police would like to take the opportunity to promote a national service, which allows people who are Deaf or have a hearing impairment, to contact the emergency services anywhere in Britain. Launched as a trial in September 2009, the Emergency SMS Text Messaging Service has over 5,000 registered users nationally. The system is due to be launched fully in November 2010.

More information on the Emergency SMS Text messaging system can be found at emergencySMS.org.uk or by contacting Grampian Police Community Support Department on 0845 600 5 700.

FUNDING

CSV (Community Service Volunteers) Action Earth 2010



Action Earth provides grants of up to £50 (funded by Morrisons) to assist groups in England, Scotland and Wales in carrying out environmental projects. The purpose of the campaign is to enable people to take part in local practical conservation projects that will not only improve their environment but also give them a sense of empowerment.

There are also a limited number of £250 grants, only available in Scotland and funded by Scottish Natural Heritage, specifically intended for biodiversity projects. Action Earth 2010 will run from 1st March through to 31st July.

Visit www.actionearth.org.uk

Money Saving Expert Charity

The MSE Charity supports projects such as self-help groups and other innovative projects that will help educate people about money/debt/consumer issues. So whether you're a charity, or an individual with a good idea, let them know and they'll see what can be done to help. Grants of up to £5000 are available and you will need to be a 'constituted group'.

You will need to adhere to the following criteria:

- ◆ Projects must assist people to improve their quality of life through knowledge and understanding of how to manage and take control of their own financial situation.
 - ◆ Groups will need to demonstrate that they have researched and assessed the need for the project.
- ◆ Groups must demonstrate that the project will make a significant difference to the beneficiaries so the OUTPUTS must be achievable, measurable, deliverable within budget and within a time frame and be sustainable.
 - ◆ Groups will also need to show that the project will also provide outcomes that will benefit their wider communities.
 - ◆ It will be necessary for groups to demonstrate that they have the skills, ability and experience to deliver the project.
- ◆ The MSE Charity will consider full project cost recovery, but costs must only relate to the project itself and not the organisations core funding.
 - ◆ Projects must provide value for money.
- ◆ For existing projects with a proven success record, consideration will only be given to those that can demonstrate that funding will be used to extend the project beyond its existing boundaries in terms of the scope of project, number of beneficiaries and/or time frame.

To register your interests at any time, simply complete the initial Group Application Form online.

They will then get in touch to discuss it further and see if it fits within the charity's aims.

For more information, please visit: www.msecharity.com/index.html?pid=21#groups

British Council Active Citizen Programme

The British Council Active Citizens programme are currently inviting organisations to apply for a grant of up to £7,500 to be a UK local delivery partner. Active Citizens connects organisations and people involved in local initiatives that benefit their communities, and gives them the opportunity to gain an international perspective on the valuable work they are already doing.

The link below takes you to our website which contains all the information you need to apply including the application form:

www.britishcouncil.org/scotland-society-active-citizens-delivery-partners.htm

FUNDING

Cash 4 Clubs



Cash 4 Clubs, funded by Betfair and supported by SportsAid, offers all sports clubs in the UK the chance to win grants ranging from £250 to £1000. It is a simple scheme aimed at giving community clubs a helping hand and provide the opportunity to raise the money they need to invest in their club. No preference is given to types of sport or the age range accessing the activity. However clubs should play an active role in the community, encourage social interaction and fitness, and be registered with its sports' National Governing body. All types of costs will be considered, including equipment, training and capital costs. Applications can be made at any time.

For more information, please visit www.cash-4-clubs.com

Guardian Charity Awards 2010

The Guardian Charity Awards 2010 are open to UK social welfare charities that can demonstrate excellence and achievement in



what they do. Eligible charities must also have been registered in the UK for more than two years and have an annual income of between £5,000 and £1.5 million. Your charity can be nationwide or just at community level. It can have a strong environmental theme, or involve animals, but the key thing is that it must deliver clear benefit to people - adults or children - who are disadvantaged by poverty or disability or are marginalised in some other way. Each winner will receive a £6000 cash prize, plus one year free NCVO (National Council for Voluntary Organisations) membership, a mentoring support package from FSI (Foundation for Social Improvement), and a tailored package of media, marketing and communications support, resources and training from Media Trust.

Closing date for entries is Friday 16th July 2010.

For more information, please visit [/www.guardian.co.uk/charity-awards](http://www.guardian.co.uk/charity-awards)

Support for Post Offices



Scotland's local post offices will soon be able to apply for support from the Scottish Government's new one million pound Challenge Fund. The scheme is being launched to help local post offices diversify with new business activities and become increasingly sustainable. Applications for awards ranging from £2,500 to £25,000 will be sought over the summer, following a short Scottish Government consultation which starts on the 11th June and will run until the 9th July 2010 (see 'Consultations' on page 12). The priority of the Fund is to direct funding to help Sub-Postmasters develop their enterprise, identifying opportunities for new revenue streams such as retailing, selling different goods, or providing a business service not already available in their locality. It is anticipated that application forms will be published on the 21st July 2010, with a deadline for completed applications in the autumn.

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

Eaga Community Fund

The Eaga Community Fund has been created to support community organisations as they seek to tackle at local level social and environmental issues. These will primarily be environmental projects.

Visit www.scottishcf.org/resources/funds/view/27/eaga-community-fund/?from=E/1

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The Voluntary Action Fund

The Voluntary Action Fund Scotland's leading independent grant-making body investing in small voluntary and community based organisations throughout Scotland has announced its funding priorities for 2010-2011 for its Community Chest grants programme. Applications for the Community Chest programme are welcome throughout the year with the next deadlines being the 30th June, 30th September and 31st December 2010. Groups wishing to apply for a Community Chest grant can download an application form and guidance notes from the VAF website at

www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk.

Alternatively call 01383 620780.

BIG Lottery Fund Scotland - Investing in Communities - 30 June 2010

Following their consultation and the publication of their Strategic Framework last year, it has been confirmed that Investing in Communities has been refined and re-engineered, and will be re-launching on the 30th June 2010

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland to restart its grant-making programmes

The foundation is to restart its grant-making programmes after the charity defied one of the country's biggest banks and raised £2m through the sale of shares. The news is a major victory for the funder which has been fighting for survival since Lloyds Banking Group tried to change its terms and conditions last year when the bank announced record losses.

For further information on the Foundation, visit www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk

Lloyds TSB Foundation Petition

The petition aimed at saving the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland has gathered 2000 signatures. The Save the Foundation campaign was given a boost earlier this month after the release of the first series of films highlighting the great work carried out by Scottish charities with funding from the foundation.

View the film and sign the petition at www.savethefoundation.org

Comic Relief



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

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

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

For more information, please visit:

www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk

FUNDING

Lintel Trust Scotland General Grants Programme

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

Applications are welcomed from:

- ♦ voluntary organisations or charities;
 - ♦ housing associations and cooperatives; and
 - ♦ other non-profit-making bodies working for charitable purposes.
- Applicant organisations must be based in Scotland.

Application deadlines are the second Friday of February, May, August and November each year. For further information and guidelines visit www.linteltrust.org.uk/id10.html
Tel: (0141) 567 6235 E-mail: enquiries@inteltrust.org.uk

Starter for 6 (Scotland) Fast Track

Fast Track, the new element to Starter for 6 for 2010, is now open to applications. Starter for 6 is an enterprise training programme that supports up-and-coming creative entrepreneurs across Scotland. The programme aims to turn creative ideas into successful businesses, thereby contributing towards the success of the Scottish economy and raising the awareness and profile of talented entrepreneurs across the country.

Fast Track is a new element to the Starter for 6 2010 programme and aims to provide a condensed version of the training offered by the Main Programme. This is ideal for those who are further down the line and ready to set up their business but have limited time. This additional option offers participants the opportunity to learn the same skills as the Main Programme over one month, as opposed to four. The Fast Track programme is more competitive, with a total pot of £50,000 for participants to pitch for, and only runs in Glasgow and Edinburgh (although open to anyone in Scotland). Innovative businesses can pitch for up to £10,000.

Participants must:

- ♦ be over the age of 16 years old;
- ♦ be either pre-start or have been trading for less than one year;
- ♦ have at least the beginning of a business idea(s) that can be worked on;
 - ♦ hold full intellectual property rights of their idea;
- ♦ not infringe copyright or other intellectual property rights of third parties; and
 - ♦ ideally, have a strong record in their chosen field.

Internationals can still apply to the programme, but must have been resident in Scotland for tax purposes for a minimum of 12 months.

Student applicants must be in their final year of study.

Fast Track: Deadline for applications: 28 July 2010.

The Starter for 6 Main Programme for 2011 will launch on 15th November 2010

Further information and guidelines: Starter for 6, Cultural Enterprise Office
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CONSULTATIONS & PETITIONS

Scottish Government Consultations

Consultation is an essential and important aspect of Scottish Government working methods. Given the wide-ranging areas of work of the Scottish Government, there are many varied types of consultation. However, in general consultation exercises aim to provide opportunities for all those who wish to express their opinions on a proposed area of work to do so in ways which will inform and enhance that work. Consultation exercises may involve seeking views in a number of different ways, such as written papers, public meetings, focus groups, questionnaire exercises or on-line discussion forums

To view current, forthcoming or archive consultations, visit:
www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations

PO Diversification Fund Scotland Consultation, 10th June - 9th July 2010

Scotland's local post offices will soon be able to apply for support from the Scottish Government's new £1 million Challenge Fund. The scheme is being launched to help post offices diversify with new business activities and become increasingly sustainable. A short consultation was launched by Enterprise Minister Jim Mather on 10 June 2010. The consultation ends on 9 July 2010.

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/support/podiversificationfondscot/poconsultation

Health Services for Children with Complex Needs - Consultation

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

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

next newsletter

The next CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South newsletter will come out on the week beginning 26th July 2010.

The deadline for **pre-arranged** contributions for this edition is Monday 19th July.

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

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