



K&D Voice & Gordon Rural Action

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Enhanced Disclosure Update:

New legislation for those working with Adults at Risk

Staff at K&D Voice appear to have stumbled across an important - but unannounced - change affecting Standard and Enhanced Disclosures for people working with 'Vulnerable' Adults (now referred to as "Adults at Risk").

Our first indication that things had changed came on 18th March, when CRBS (the Central Registered Body in Scotland) turned down what had seemed up to then like a routine application for an Enhanced Disclosure for someone being considered by a local Voluntary Sector organisation for work alongside adults with learning difficulties.

When K&D Voice staff contacted CRBS about this, we were told that a new and much tighter interpretation of the law relating to Enhanced Disclosures had lately been brought into operation.

The changes mean that to be eligible to access an Enhanced disclosure certificate for working with Adults at



Risk, organisations must be registered, or eligible to register with the Care Commission OR the job must require the person to work with Adults at Risk in receipt of health services as part of their normal duties.

Full details of the change can now be accessed directly from the CRBS website at www.crbs.org.uk, from the K&D Voice website, and hard copies are available from our Banchory and Inverurie offices.

All Third Sector organisations employing paid or unpaid staff working with or alongside "Adults at Risk" should familiarise themselves with this information. Those providing services to Aberdeenshire Council or other statutory bodies should also take a look at the

Contracts or Service Level Agreements they hold for those services, and should contact the statutory body concerned if the change in the law means they are no longer able to meet the terms around Disclosure set out in those agreements.

K&D Voice and GRA are, as ever, keen to support the Voluntary & Community Sector locally in any way they can, and would encourage any organisation encountering difficulties with this change to get in touch at an early stage so that the best possible support and assistance can be provided. These developments are on-going and may be somewhat confusing, so we will try and keep you up-to-date with details as they emerge.

Finally, it should be emphasised that these changes relate only to Disclosures for work with "Adults at Risk"; none of the current changes appears to relate in any way to Disclosures for work involving Children and Young People.

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Citizens Advice Scotland Urges Action on Debt and Income

A report by Citizens Advice Scotland has called on the Scottish and UK Governments to take urgent action to ensure that the effects of the recession on vulnerable individuals and families are minimised. The CAS report, which draws on evidence collected from Citizens Advice Bureaux across Scotland, welcomes the Scottish Government's announcement of a new Debt Action Forum and calls for recognition of the vital support provided by CAS and other



frontline advice services. Last week Alex Neil MSP, the new Minister for Housing and Communities announced that £1 million would be spent on supporting debt advice, with £395,000 being spent on Bureaux across the country. For further details visit: www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/02/23162345

Third Force News Scottish Charity Awards 2009

Are you proud of your achievements? Want your hard work recognised? Then enter the TFN Scottish Charity Awards!

The Awards are an excellent opportunity to celebrate success and get your charity's work recognised. Whether you're a household name or a tiny grassroots project, TFN wants to hear from you. The Award categories are: Charity of the Year; Campaign of the Year; Charity Champion For; Partnership Award and Community Action Award. The closing date for nominations is Friday 17 April 2009 and the TFN Scottish Charity Awards will be held on 11 June 2009. For more information or an application form please email susan.smith@scvo.org.uk or visit the SCVO website at www.scvo.org.uk and go to the news and events section.

National Health Information and Support Service (NHIS)

Are you a community group/ project involved in disseminating health information? If so, then this item will be of interest to you!

The Scottish Government have undertaken to establish a National Health Information and Support Service by April 2009. The service will provide a single shared health information resource which brings together quality assured local and national information from the NHS and other sectors. This service will be delivered through three channels - online, face to face and telephone.

This service will support members of the public, patients and professionals in finding health information when and where they need it, in the format they require. It will also support them in developing the skills and confidence to understand and use the information effectively.

Isabella Leese, Information Officer, NHS 24, is currently compiling a list of community groups/projects who are involved in the dissemination of health information. Please e-mail your contact details to Isabella on isabella.leese@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk and she will be in touch with you to explain further how you can be involved. For more information on NHS 24, visit www.nhs24.com.

staff moves!

GRA CVS staff are on the move! Both Alison Melville, Information Manager and Wendy Smith, Database Worker for GRA will be moving to the Inverurie office at 15a High Street before the end of March. Please note that we will still be providing the same services across the central and south Aberdeenshire area.

Should you wish to contact either of them, the phone number at Inverurie is 01467 629072 and their email addresses will remain Alison.Melville@gordonrural.org.uk and Wendy.Smith@gordonrural.org.uk.

Funds for Historic Buildings Website

The Funds for Historic Buildings website is a comprehensive guide to funding for anyone seeking to repair, restore or convert for a new use any historic building in the United Kingdom which is listed, scheduled or in a conservation area and of acknowledged historic merit. It includes details of virtually all substantive funding sources which specialise in historic buildings, as well as many (including a variety of regeneration programmes) which provide funding for historic building projects

How is the Recession Affecting You?

Has your organisation been affected by local authority funding cuts? Are you finding it more difficult to secure funding in the economic downturn? Have you found it harder to find grants? Are you dipping into your reserves? SCVO is calling on you to help build up a picture of how the financial crisis is affecting the voluntary sector. Perhaps your organisation or those you represent are struggling to meet demand with diminished resources or maybe you're seeing a boom in donations and volunteers? Whichever way the recession is affecting you, we want to hear about it. Please e-mail the SCVO Campaigns team at sarah.beattie-smith@scvo.org.uk with your experiences.

within a wider remit.

The website allows you to search through funding sources, contains general funding advice as well as information on the repair or restoration of historic buildings. Visit the site at www.ffhb.org.uk/

Self Management Fund for Scotland launched

The Self Management Fund is available to voluntary organisations and community groups throughout Scotland to support work to encourage people living with long term conditions to learn more about the management of their condition, and to become active partners in their own care.

The fund is set at £2 million per year, over the next two years. The Self Management Strategy is informed by the lived experiences of people with long term conditions.

Full details including guidance notes, eligibility and criteria for the fund can be found at the LTCAS website www.ltcas.org.uk where an application pack can also be downloaded.

Further information is available from:
Kevin Geddes

Director of Self Management
Long Term Conditions
Alliance Scotland (LTCAS)
Tel: 0141 404 0231 E-Mail:
kevin.geddes@ltcas.org.uk

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Scottish Community Foundation Express Grants Scheme

The Scottish Community Foundation has launched a new grants scheme aimed at community groups based in Scotland looking for funding. The new Express Grant scheme replaces the small grants scheme and offers grants of up to £2,000 to groups where small amounts of funding to make big differences in their communities. As the name suggests, Express Grants have a straightforward application process, and a short turnaround time, meaning that within six weeks, applicants will know if they've been successful. Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information, visit the SCF website at www.scottishcf.org

Scottish Natural Heritage: Enjoying Scotland's Outdoors Grant

Funds activities to raise awareness and understanding of the new access rights and responsibilities, and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. First 2009 Deadline for Applications Over £10,000 (Applications Under £10,000 Can be Made at Any Time) - 15th April 2009. Guidance notes and application forms can be downloaded at <http://www.snh.org.uk>.

Scottish Natural Heritage: Fighting Wildlife Crime (Scotland)

administered by SNH on behalf of the Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime (PAW) Scotland. Funds may be awarded to new and innovative projects tackling wildlife crime in Scotland. Grants of between £250 and £20,000 in any one financial year, and for up to 50% of eligible costs, are available. The next deadline is on 15th April 2009 and guidelines are available at: <http://www.snh.org.uk/pdfs/about/A229973.pdf>

Scottish Volunteering boost

P r i m e
Minister,
Gordon
Brown recently
announced a
£42.5m pro-
gramme to support
the voluntary sec-
tor in the UK in a
bid to help charities
deal with the recession.



£10m will be set aside for a UK volunteer brokerage scheme which is expected to provide 40,000 volunteering placements throughout the UK. Starting in April 2009, the scheme will allow jobseekers who have been unemployed for at least six months, and feel that volunteering would help them get back to work, to access suitable work-focused

placements without their benefits being affected.

The scheme is seen to be a major vote of confidence in the third sector throughout the UK with Gordon Brown saying "As a nation,

the way that we come through this downturn will depend not only on the actions of banks and politicians but efforts of people in communities the length and breadth of Britain - charities and voluntary organisations, community groups and social enterprises all working together to see us through the current crisis and to ensure we come out stronger and more resilient".



EVENTS

April

Daily throughout April and May
Jini Rawlings Exhibition
Duff House Country Gallery,
Banff. www.duffhouse.org.uk

20th -25th

Local History Week – two touring displays featuring notable historic locals at libraries across Aberdeenshire
www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/libraries.asp

May

All month

WORDFRINGE: Festival of New Writing - Throughout Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen
www.wordfringe.co.uk

2nd -3rd

Huntly Heritage Fair, Stewart Hall and Brander Building, Huntly, 11am-3pm.

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

Safetalk
Wednesday 6th May
Wyness Hall Inverurie

Appointed Persons First Aid
Tuesday 19th May
Bettridge Centre Newtonhill

Elementary Food Hygiene
Thursday 4th June
Service Centre Maud

Child Poverty Action Group

C P A G is the leading charity campaigning for the abolition of child poverty in the UK and for a better deal for low-income families and children.

Their 2009/2010 training courses are now online. You can view them at: www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/training/courses.

If you would like a copy of the 2009/2010 training brochure please email acarr@cpagscotland.org.uk

Scottish Government Consultations

Visit the Scottish Government website and you can view and be part of the range of consultations that are currently going on and see forthcoming ones that you may be interested in contributing to.

Visit the webpage at:
www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations

Don't miss these opportunities to have your say.

focus on:

St. Ternan's Scottish Episcopal Church, Muchalls

Built in 1829, St. Ternan's Scottish Episcopal Church Muchalls has been at the centre of community activity for many years, providing a place of worship, congregation and community spirit. As with many old buildings, the church is in need of an upgrade: facilities at present are such that it is difficult to use the church for any other activity other than religious services, concerts, or musical recitals.

Earlier last year the Vestry of St Ternan's, which is the managing body for all the Church premises and Church activities, decided to set up a 'Planning and Premises Group' to undertake a review



of the current usage of the Church as a place of worship and community hub in the 21st Century. They put forward appropriate plans that now form the foundation of a project to extend and upgrade the historic building's facilities.

This project aims to provide a venue for a wide range of community activities, complying with current health,

hygiene, and safety regulations. Replacing the heating system and building an extension that will include toilets, (one for the disabled), a kitchen, and a meeting room, will transform the church into a venue that can be used by the whole community for a whole variety of purposes.

As part of the funding application process, the Planning & Premises Group are now looking for local groups who may be interested in using such a facility in that area. The Meeting Room would be particularly useful for groups who are small in numerical number (30 or under) that require a meeting room or venue that is relatively small compared with the community halls in the area. The group are not looking for funding from such groups, but merely a note of their interest in using the Church to show funders that there is a significant need for this community facility.

If you live in the North Kincardine area i.e. Muchalls Newtonhill Cookney Netherley Portlethen Stonehaven area, and think you and your group would benefit from such a facility, please contact:

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01224 733583

George.masson@lineone.net

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People's Millions

This is the fifth year that the Big Lottery Fund has teamed up with ITV, giving viewers the chance to vote on projects that provide opportunities for people to enjoy their local area, whether indoors or out, and improve local facilities for all to enjoy.

The People's Millions has funded a wide range of projects over the past few years including wildlife gardens, play areas, community halls and even an outdoor gym.

Since it began in 2005, The People's Millions has given out 50 grants across Scotland totalling just over £3m. This year, a total budget of £3.5m is available across the UK with 14 grants of up to £50,000 including VAT available in Scotland.

To find out more about visit http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_peoples_millions

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 15 May 2009.

dates for your diary

Stonehaven Farmers Market

Saturday 4th April, Market Square, Stonehaven
9am - 1pm.

Cadbury's Easter Egg Trail Leith Hall, Huntly

Friday 10th April 2009 - Monday 13th April 2009
Daily from 12-4pm Cost: £1 to take part in the trail.

Banchory Farmers Market

18th April, Scott Skinner Square, Banchory 9am - 1pm

The Black Feather Jacket Gang, Den Wood Car Park, Oldmeldrum.

Sunday 19th April 2009, 2pm - 4pm

Come and take a walk around a blossoming broadleaved wood, hear the birds' songs and visit the wood's own rookery. All welcome, children should be accompanied. Please book in advance.
Formartine Ranger: 01358 726417

Run Balmoral 09

Saturday 25th April 2009

This event appeals to families, corporate groups, club runners and visitors to the area.

Cost: 10K £18 SA Affiliated, £20 non affiliated.

For further information visit: www.runbalmoral.com

Drystone Dyking Weekend

Saturday 25th April 2009, 10am - Sunday 26th April 2009, - 4pm. Cost: £78 to be paid in advance

This weekend adult course led by local expert, James Watt, gives an introduction to this ancient craft.

Please wear stout footwear and gloves and bring a packed lunch, lump hammer, spade and crowbar.

Booking essential. Bennachie Centre

Chapel Of Garioch, Inverurie Tel: 01467 681470

The Yellow's on the Broom International Music & Arts Festival 09, Sillyflatt Farm, Inverbervie

Saturday 2nd May 2009 - Sunday 3rd May 2009

A spacious barn offering each evening an unparalleled variety of live international and homegrown music interspersed with surprises and a broad palette of local art forms... and a lot of fun!

For more info visit: www.yellowsonthebroom.ifb.co.uk/

"All our Futures" Exploring Opportunities: A Better Life for Older People. This one day event will take place on Tuesday 5th May 2009 at the Carmelite Hotel, Stirling Street, Aberdeen. For further information call 01463 713160 Age Concern Scotland, 3 Gordon Terrace, Inverness IV2 3HD

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Tel: 01330 825714



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www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces/animals/bees.shtml

As part of National Science Week, BBC Breathing Places has joined forces with Blue Peter to give away thousands of packets of bee-friendly seeds. Sadly three species of bumblebee have already become extinct here and many

more are in rapid decline - so order some free seeds on this site to educate your kids and help save the bees!

www.seemescotland.org.uk

'see me' is Scotland's national campaign to end the stigma and discrimination of mental ill-health, and they have just launched their second national survey 'Hear Me 2'. It aims to gather detailed information about the ways in which stigma affects those with experience of mental health problems. It is the only national survey of its kind in Scotland and you can also order hard copies of the survey direct from 'see me' by phoning 0131 554 0218. Ends May 09.