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## Boxroom Open Day & Magpie Project Launch



Join us at the Boxroom between 10am and 1pm on Saturday 8th May, for the official opening of the Boxroom extension (our new covered outdoor sales area).

Waste Aware Grampian will be bringing along their publicity caravan and gazebo, giving out information on re-use & recycling projects and initiatives across the area.

The day will also give everyone a chance to find out more about our exciting new 'Magpie' Project, which we're hoping to launch at the Crows Nest site over the weekend of 8th-9th May.

Further information on the Open Day will be out in April, so watch this space! And if you are interested in volunteering for the Magpie project, get in touch!

## Crathes Hall for hire!

Have you heard about Sunday Afternoon Tea Shetland style? About thirty years ago, one village hall in Shetland needed to raise funds for repairs, so they decided to host afternoon tea every Sunday afternoon during the summer. This was a huge success and they raised lots of funds for their hall. The idea grew and spread and now each summer Sunday dozens of village halls in Shetland are hired out to voluntary groups, a different group each week. This means that your group only has to put on the tea once during the summer but afternoon tea takes place every Sunday throughout the summer. This has proved immensely popular both with local residents and with tourists.

Crathes Hall Committee would like to offer Crathes Hall for hire Sunday afternoons during the summer in order to allow local

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## volunteers needed

**Want to get out there and do something about our 'throw away' society?**



CVSA's new Magpie Project is about to start work in Banchory - and we're looking for Volunteers who want a piece of the action!

Would you be willing and able to give two or more hours a week working outdoors as a Volunteer at the Crow's Nest Household Waste Site? Members of the public arrive there every day to dispose of items they no longer need. Your mission would be to keep an eye open for good quality furniture and other household items being brought there for disposal - and to gently persuade their owners not just to 'tip' them, but to donate them for re-sale in the Boxroom. Supervision, training and protective clothing will be supplied.

**Interested? Contact CVSA on 01330 825027, or email [Alan.Young@cvsa.co.uk](mailto:Alan.Young@cvsa.co.uk)**

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aberdeenshire advice  
services network

Use them - Join them!

**A**berdeenshire Advice Services Network (AASN) is a Network of advice giving agencies across Aberdeenshire run by fully trained staff and volunteers to provide free, confidential, independent and impartial advice to any member of the community who needs it.

The Network comprises of all the Citizens Advice Bureaux in Aberdeenshire and also the independent Advice Centres who have permitted access to the Citizens Advice Scotland database of information in giving advice. This enables the advice given to always be the most up to date, and to the highest standards.

They have locations in Banff, Banchory, Ellon, Fraserburgh, Huntly, Inverurie, Peterhead, Portlethen, Stonehaven, Turriff and Westhill. Opening times and contact details are all on

the website: [www.aberdeenshire-advice.info](http://www.aberdeenshire-advice.info)

If you are an organisation that offers services which you feel could be signposted through their advisers, then please let them know about you. There may also be opportunities for the Network to link to you through their website.

At the hub of the Network is its Management Committee whose role is to maintain a strategic view on how best to meet advice needs within our communities, and which manages funding from Aberdeenshire Council in order to fulfil this. If you are someone who either has or wishes to develop experience in working within management committees, AASN can offer you challenging opportunities as part of a cohesive work team.

**Contact the Network Co-ordinator on**  
[aasn\\_admin@aberdeenshire-advice.info](mailto:aasn_admin@aberdeenshire-advice.info)

## Investors In People Award for local charity



**G**rampian Society for the Blind (GSB) the leading provider of services to people with a serious sight loss in Grampian and to people who are Deaf and Hearing Impaired in Moray has recently been awarded the prestigious Investors In People Quality Award. Indeed, not only have the society achieved the standards of the general award they have also been recognised for the advanced Bronze Award.

Chief Executive Graham Findlay stated "we are delighted that the work we do has

been recognised by the Investors In People Programme. For any organisation to be successful you need to treat your staff, volunteers and service users well".

It is unusual for an organisation to be successful in gaining the standard at the first attempt and GSB are in the rare position of achieving the advanced award as well at the first attempt. Mr Findlay went on to say "this is a recognition of the hard work done by our Board, Staff and Volunteers to ensure we provide the best services possible to our service users. However, this isn't the end of the road and we must ensure that we continue to provide the best support for all involved in the work of the organisation in these challenging times"

## Crathes Hall for hire!

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voluntary groups to host fundraising Sunday afternoon teas. Crathes Hall is well situated to attract a lot of custom. During the summer there is a lot of passing tourist traffic, both local people and visitors from farther afield. There are also a lot of people walking and cycling the Deeside Way, which passes close by the hall. And there are a lot of local people who enjoy a chat, a cup of tea and a fine piece!

We would like to give this idea a try this summer, so if you would like to hire the hall for your group one Sunday afternoon to put on Sunday Afternoon Tea, please contact Nicola Chambury on 01330 844523 or at [nchambury@btinternet.com](mailto:nchambury@btinternet.com) for further information.

## The Rozelle Trust

The Rozelle Trust aims to help charities whose activities are primarily based in Scotland, or overseas in developing countries. Priority is given to projects that support the very poorest in their community. Please note that only registered charities can be funded. Their main priorities are:

- ♦ Children and young people
- ♦ People living in poverty (particularly self-sustaining work)
- ♦ People with disabilities

There are no deadlines for submission and no minimum or maximum grant. Applications may be sent any time, but please note that it may take up to two months to obtain a decision. For more information, visit [www.rozelletrust.org](http://www.rozelletrust.org).

### Lankellychase Foundation “Small Grants for Summer Activities 2010”



Around 120 grants of £500 each are available to charities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to support summer activities for children and

young people aged from 5 to 17 who are young carers or who are living in refuges for families escaping domestic violence. Guidelines and application forms are available on [www.lankellychase.org.uk](http://www.lankellychase.org.uk) and can be requested in hard copy from 01235 820044.

### Big Lottery £50 million investment

A new £50 million Lottery investment in Scotland will help to transform the life chances of young people leaving care and fundamentally improve the lives of older people with dementia and their carers, the BIG Lottery Fund have announced. They are currently exploring innovative and valuable ways to deliver the money to a range of beneficiary groups, with the first funds becoming available in 2012.



funds will be distributed. BIG seeks to work with a range of key stakeholders, including the Scottish Government, in developing this proposal over the next few months.

In December 2009 the BIG Lottery Fund announced that it will have around £400 million in total to invest in Scotland in the five years from 2010. Plans for the remainder of this investment will be finalised in the coming months, and further announcements on this are planned. BIG plans to open its new range of strategic funding programmes in June 2010.

The Big Lottery Fund has already begun work to develop the way in which these

### fundinginbrief

The **People’s Millions** competition which Big Lottery Fund runs in partnership with ITV, has awarded nearly £22 million to 388 projects across the UK over the past five years. These projects have provided opportunities for people to enjoy their local area, whether indoors or out, and improve local facilities for all to enjoy. This year £3.8 million has been set aside for the competition. They expect to make five awards of up to £50,000 (including VAT) in each of the 15 ITV regional news areas. The deadline for applications is 12pm on 14 May 2010 with awards being made in November 2010. To apply or find out more visit The People’s Millions website at [www.peoplesmillions.org.uk](http://www.peoplesmillions.org.uk) or call us on 0870 240 2391.

**Community Food & Health (Scotland)** has an annual small grants scheme available for groups and agencies in Scotland who wish to improve access to, and take up of a healthy, varied and balanced diet. Grants from £500 to £4000 are available and grant recipients are expected to spend their grant money within one year. The grant scheme is very popular - visit the website to see who received grants in 2009. The 2010 small grant scheme will launch on 29th April, with a closing date of 9 July. Application forms will be available from 29th April at [www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/smallgrants.php](http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/smallgrants.php). Contact CFHS on 0141 227 6463/6464 or email: [cfh@consumerfocus.org.uk](mailto:cfh@consumerfocus.org.uk)

**CVSA Charities Fair Sunday 13th June 2010 Banchory. If your group would like to hold a stall to raise awareness or funds email Valerie Cameron on [Valerie.Cameron@cvsa.co.uk](mailto:Valerie.Cameron@cvsa.co.uk) or call 01330 825027**

## ..training..

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

### Health & Safety and Risk Assessment (Certificated Course)

Wednesday 28th April  
9am - 5pm, Kirk Centre, Ellon  
£50pp, closing date: 14th April.

### Management Committee Skills

Wednesday 5th May  
6pm to 9pm, BRIDGE CVS, Mintlaw  
£15pp, closing date: 28th April.

### Introduction to Manual Handling - am, Introduction to Moving and Handling - pm

Friday 14th May  
am - 9.30am to 12.30pm  
pm - 1pm to 4pm  
Wyness Hall, Inverurie  
£70 full day, £35 half day  
closing date: 29th April

### Fit for Funding

Friday 21st May, 11am to 2pm  
Dalvenie Gardens Resource Centre,  
Banchory. £20pp,  
Closing date: 11th May

### Self Harm Awareness

Wednesday 26th May, 9.30am to 1pm  
Acorn Centre, Inverurie. £12pp  
Closing date: 12th May

### Practical Stress Management Workshop

Wednesday 2nd June, 9.30am to 1pm  
Kirk Centre, Ellon  
£20pp, Closing date: 24th May

### Appointed Persons First Aid

Wednesday 16th June, 9.30am to 4.30pm, Bettridge Centre, Newtonhill.  
£45, Closing date: 2nd June

## BBC Strategy Review Online

The BBC Trust is the governing body of the BBC. They are responsible for setting the overall strategic direction for the BBC. Last year the Trust agreed with the BBC Director-General that he should conduct a strategic review of the BBC's activities and they have now received his proposals.

The BBC Strategic Review has listed five core editorial principles - putting quality first, doing fewer things better, guaranteeing access, making the licence fee work harder and setting new boundaries.

Here are some of the brief summaries of what could happen in different areas of the corporation:

- ◆ Closure of BBC Switch and BBC Blast - services across radio, online and TV aimed at teenagers. Recognising the lead role that Channel 4 and other broadcasters have in serving this audience.
- ◆ Reduction of entertainment and comedy on BBC Four.
- ◆ Extending CBBC finishing time until 9pm.
- ◆ Closure of Radio 6 Music.
- ◆ Closure of Radio Asian Network.
- ◆ Half of the BBC websites will close

The next step is for the BBC Trust to consult the public and then publish its own final report. Although the BBC Trust welcomes the general direction of these changes, they are committed to taking decisions which are in the best interests of the public. You pay for the BBC and, before the Trust take any decisions, they want to know what you think. **Closing date: 25 May 2010**

**To take part in the consultation, visit:**

**[https://consultations.external.bbc.co.uk/departments/bbc/bbc-strategy-review/consultation/consult\\_view](https://consultations.external.bbc.co.uk/departments/bbc/bbc-strategy-review/consultation/consult_view)**

## Launch of North East Scotland Equalities Network (NESEN) website

Check out the new North East Scotland Equalities Network (NESEN) website at **[www.nesen.org.uk](http://www.nesen.org.uk)** North East Scotland Equalities Network (NESEN) is a user-led Grampian wide Equality Network. The Network brings together people from the different equality strands - gender, race, disability, faith and belief, sexual orientation and age - through a wide network membership of (mainly) voluntary sector individuals, groups and organisations from across Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray.

# focus on: setting up home, the *green* way...

*Janis Louden was inspired to share her story of how she furnished her new home after reading about our new Boxroom Magpie furniture reuse project last December...*

When Janis Louden and her family first began renting their seven bedroom house in the Corse Estate in Aberdeenshire, friends asked how on earth they would furnish it. The house is extensive, with 20 rooms and after major renovations and redecoration, Janis took the initiative to furnish it in such a way that was affordable, achievable and a great example of reuse and recycling.



the quality and the price, but because of the increased awareness that many things can be diverted away from landfill sites. We hope that Janis's story inspires all our readers to donate their unwanted furniture and household goods to these outlets - and perhaps use them when looking to furnish their own homes.

After a few months of the renovations being completed, the 150 year old house has now been furnished almost exclusively with second-hand furniture and household goods thanks to Freegle (formerly Freecycle), our very own Boxroom, local Charity Shops and donations from friends. The entire house has cost around £1000 to furnish, and what is most incredible and noticeable when looking around the house is the quality of the goods Janis has found from these outlets. Leather and velvet vintage chairs, 3 piece suites, ornate lamp bases, mirrors, curtains, framed pictures and crockery have all been bought or donated to create a beautiful home - all in excellent condition.

With the imminent pilot of the newly titled 'Magpie' furniture reuse project at the Boxroom and Crows Nest site, Janis's project should hopefully become even more common across the Shire, as people become more aware of the possibilities of opting for second hand goods - not only for

There are so many ways now to divert items from landfill sites - dumping really is a last resort. We hope to open the Boxroom Magpie Project at the Crows Nest recycling centre in Banchory this May - where quality furniture that is about to be dumped, can instead be donated to The Boxroom. The Boxroom second hand furniture outlet is open Monday - Friday 10am - 2.30pm and Saturdays 9am - 1pm and you can join Freegle at [www.ilovefreegle.org](http://www.ilovefreegle.org).

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Magpie project, please contact us on 01330 825027 or email [Alan.Young@cvsa.co.uk](mailto:Alan.Young@cvsa.co.uk).

**From top to bottom:** The outside of the estate house at Corse gives an idea of the size; Janis has decorated many walls of her house with beautifully painted plates from Charity shops; one of the three piece suites in the livingroom from The Boxroom; two gorgeous vintage velvet chairs from Freecycle; an old green leather swivel chair from the Boxroom.

## dates for your diary

### Mad Hatter's Tea Party

**Haddo House, Saturday 3rd April, 12 - 1pm**

**Child's price of £8 includes 1 free adult! (Additional adults £8)**

Play croquet on the lawn, roll eggs and hunt for the Cheshire Cat. Suitable for ages 5-10. Come in party dress. Places limited to 15 children per tour – please make sure to book in advance by calling 0844 493 2179 or email haddo@nts.org.uk

### Traditional Music Session

**Tuesday 6th April 8pm,**

**Aberdeen Arms Hotel, Tarland**

Informal session with local musicians  
Contact venue for details on 01339 881225

### Costume Design Workshop at Meldrum Library

**Friday 9th April, 11am**

For school aged children.  
Call 01651 871307 for details

### Deeside Way Spring Clean

**Saturday 10th April, 2-4pm, Meet: by Deeside Way  
at Old Station Place, Ballater**

Join thousands of others taking part in the National Spring Clean this April by helping to clear litter from the Ballater end of the Deeside Way.

All welcome, children must be accompanied.

### JAM - Johnshaven Artists and Makers Exhibition

**1st & 2nd May, Lifeboat House, Fore Street,**

**Johnshaven 11am to 6pm (Saturday)**

**11am to 4pm (Sunday)**

JAM - Johnshaven Artists and Makers are a local collective who come together regularly to exhibit their works at a Village venue.

### Boxroom Open Day & Magpie Project Launch

**Saturday 8th May, The Boxroom, Tillybrake**

**Industrial Estate, Banchory.**

See front page for details.

### The 11th Yellow's on the Broom International Music & Arts Festival 2010 22nd - 23rd May

Held in a spacious barn near Inverbervie offering international and Scottish live music of unbeatable value with a broad palette of local art forms... and a lot of fun! Visit [www.yellowsonthebroom.ifb.co.uk](http://www.yellowsonthebroom.ifb.co.uk)

## 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

## ...online...useful websites...online...

### [www.choicesaberdeen.org.uk](http://www.choicesaberdeen.org.uk)

Newly launched website for Choices Aberdeen who provide free confidential, non-directive counselling and practical support to people facing pregnancy related crisis. The website gives information on their services, details of workshops, newsletters and events as well as some case studies.

### [www.grampianfrs.org.uk](http://www.grampianfrs.org.uk)

The Grampian Fire and Rescue Service's web site. The site has regular updates on events held by the local Fire Service such as the 'once a week, give it a beep' campaign

which urges people to check their household fire alarms weekly. There is also loads of information on the activities on the rescue service.

### [www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk](http://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk)

Dyslexia Scotland aims to encourage and enable people with dyslexia, regardless of their age and abilities, to reach their full potential. Whether you are the person with dyslexia, parent, educator, employer or a supporter of those with dyslexia this website aims to give you support, advice and direction. The national helpline number is 0844 800 84 84.