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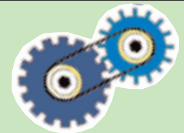
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Grow Your Group - 14th May

CVSA are running an event for voluntary and community groups based in Central or South Aberdeenshire on 14th May. The purpose of 'Grow Your Group' is to provide support and information on the range of issues that face them - particularly in the current economic climate.

As there is more and more emphasis on the 'Big Society', voluntary groups will begin to take on more local responsibility within their communities. With this in mind, we are providing a range of speakers and workshops for the day covering these issues:

- ◆ Funding
- ◆ Growing the 'Big Society'
- ◆ Community and Social Enterprise
- ◆ Community Assets
- ◆ Development Trusts
- ◆ Community Renewable Energy

Groups who attend the day will be given a free information pack containing information gathered from the contributors of the event. A full programme of events and booking form for



practical ideas for nurturing community organisations

the day is included with this newsletter and spaces for the day are limited, so book early!

If you are interested in attending, please contact:

**Linda Babbs on
01569 668055 or
linda.babbs@cvsa.co.uk**

Closing date for applications 6th May.

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations

The Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) is a new legal form which will allow Scottish charities to incorporate without becoming companies. The SCIO is intended to help charities enjoy the benefits of incorporation, including limited liability and legal personality, without being subject to the complex apparatus of company law and dual regulation currently faced by charitable companies. SCIOs will be registered with and regulated by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). The Regulations will commence from 1 April 2011.

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THE BOXROOM

Boxroom Sale!



CVSA's own second-hand furniture shop, The Boxroom, is having a half-price sale next week. The Boxroom shop will soon be closing temporarily for a much needed re-fit and all goods will be sold at 50% off in order to clear as much stock as possible beforehand. The sale starts on Monday 4th April for ten days. The Boxroom will then close for refurbishment from 15th - 22nd April and will reopen on Saturday 23rd April. The Magpie shop (across from the Boxroom) will remain open as usual. The Boxroom would like to thank all its customers for their continued support and staff and volunteers are looking forward to the refurbishment and reopening.

Tillybrake Industrial Estate, Banchory Tel: 01330 823800 or 01330 538001

contact us...

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72a High Street, Banchory AB31 5SS tel: 01330 825027
email: mail@cvsa.co.uk website: www.cvsa.co.uk

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations

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The Office of Scottish Charitable Regulator (OSCR) have prepared an overview of SCIOs which is available from their website at: www.oscr.org.uk/scottishcharitableincorporatedorganisations.stm. OSCR will also be producing guidance on the new legal form, to be published on that web page along with further information on their

processes and new application forms. Contact OSCR at www.oscr.org.uk or call 01382 220446.

Aberdeen Crohn's and Colitis Support Group

With North East Scotland having the highest per capita incidence of Crohn's in the world, more support is needed on a local level. Run by volunteer fellow sufferers, the support group is an informal coffee morning where people can pop in, chat to others, share stories and get peer support. This is a free social group. Starting on Saturday 26th March 2011, the support group will meet on the last Saturday of each month from 10.30 to 12.30. It's a pop in, so come when you like between those times.

Premises have been kindly donated by Sheena Crossan of Third Level Resources - the address is 2nd floor, 35a Union Street, Aberdeen, AB11 5NB.

The organiser of the group is Gayle Kaufmann, who can be contacted by e-mail at gayle.kaufmann@insightmotivations.co.uk or call her on 07912 077354.

Mearns Area Partnership Project Worker

- ♦ required for research and consultation into transport issues
- ♦ to be based in Inverbervie and Laurencekirk
- ♦ 22.5 hrs per week for 6 months.
- ♦ evening and weekend work will be required

Closing date for applications
Thursday 7th April, 12.00pm
Interviews to be held
Friday 15th April, am

For further details and application form please phone Mearns Community Transport 01561 377000 or download from www.mearnsareapartnership.org.uk

North East Sensory Services (NESS) launch their new name



G rampian Society for the Blind (GSB), a leading local charity, has now become North East Sensory Services or NESS! Since August last year GSB has also been providing services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing - so, on 10th March, NESS formally launched their new name and they now continue to provide emotional and practical support to anyone affected by a sight or hearing loss locally.

Visit or call NESS at www.nesensoryservices.org or 0845 27 12345.

Scottish Charity Awards 2011 open for entries

Charities, community groups and dedicated local champions will have their hard work recognised at this year's Scottish Charity Awards.

The awards are open to any charity, voluntary organisation, community group or individual charity volunteer or staff member. Public and private sector bodies can also enter through the partnership award. This year the categories are:



Charity of the Year
Campaign of the Year
Partnership Award
Community Action Award
Charity Champion Award

The deadline for entries is 8th April 2011. Visit the website at www.scvo.org.uk/tfn/news/scottish-charity-awards-2011-open-for-entries-2/ to find out more or contact events@scvo.org.uk

Celebrating Volunteering!

To help celebrate European Year of Volunteering (EYV), the Voluntary Action Fund (VAF), with funding from the Scottish Government, is dedicating small grants to promote and celebrate the work of volunteers in Scotland. Grants will be awarded for activities that clearly contribute to:



- ♦ Increasing the number of people engaged in volunteering
- ♦ Increasing the diversity of volunteers, especially those from disadvantaged groups
- ♦ Volunteers feeling valued and supported

The grant is open to community groups and voluntary organisations with an annual income below £250,000; however, groups with an income below £100,000 will be considered a priority. In addition, free training to help increase the skills of members, staff or volunteers will be offered to groups applying for a grant. It is expected that the majority of grants made will be around £500; although grants of up to £1,000 may be awarded for exceptional projects. Applications for the EYV programme are welcome throughout the year, with two deadlines being 15 April 2011 and 15 September 2011.

For more information please visit the Voluntary Action Fund website at www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk

Early Years Early Action Fund



Early Years Early Action' is a new fund being run by Inspiring Scotland in partnership with the Scottish Government. The aim of the fund is to improve the outcomes of vulnerable young children and to help them to achieve their potential.

Launching the fund during a visit to North Edinburgh Arts Centre on 8th March, Children's Minister Adam Ingram said: "The early years lay the foundations for a child's future life and life

chances. This Early Years Early Action Fund will enable national voluntary sector organisations to work with Inspiring Scotland and local projects to help local people and local communities create better lives for themselves and their children."

The fund will be for charities who operate on a national level and those who deliver front-line services in more than one local authority area. It will open in mid-May and full criteria and application forms will be available then.

Find out more at: www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/Home/Our-Funds/Early-Years

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LIVE UNLTD, the charity for social entrepreneurs, is inviting young people between the age of 11 and 21, who have a passion and talent to change the world around them, to apply through Live UnLtd for a grant of up to £2,000 to start up their own business, sports teams, recreational groups and host events. Live UnLtd will also offer support to help with the running of the project. Applications to the scheme can be made at any time. www.live-unltd.com.

The LankellyChase Foundation has announced that it is seeking applications from registered charities to support summer playschemes for children between the ages of 5 – 17 years. Preference is given to small local playschemes lasting 4 – 6 weeks, and groups planning special activities for youngsters who are disadvantaged. This year the Foundation will be making approximately 120 grants of around £500, to organisations and preference will be given to applications from organisations affiliated to a relevant nationally recognised body. The closing date for applications is the 13th May 2011. www.lankellychase.org.uk/how-to-apply/15

Towergate Charitable Foundation Special Grant Fund supports for a range of charitable activities. Charities and community groups around the UK can apply. In addition to the Special Grants Fund, Towergate Foundation supports national charity partners and also local charities through staff activities in local offices. <http://digbig.com/5bdnyw>

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Did you know that you can now borrow eBooks and audiobooks directly from the Aberdeenshire Council Library website? You can now enjoy titles including best sellers and classics on your computer or MP3 player - all you need is an internet connection and a valid library membership. After download, most titles can be transferred to a mobile device such as an iPod or Sony Reader - and there is automatic return, so no late fees!

To find out more, or to browse the list of titles available visit:
<http://aberdeenshirelibraries.lib.overdrive.com>.

BBC Opportunity for 16-18 year olds

The World's Strictest Parents is back and is looking for participants now!

Twenty Television are working with the BBC on a major BBC3 television series working with disengaged teenagers. In the series they offer 16-18 year olds the opportunity to live and learn within a host family in a country around the world. In previous series they have sent the teenagers to places including Belize, Lebanon, Jamaica and India. They are now looking for applicants for a new series. This series will take UK teenagers to

live with caring and attentive families from all four corners of the globe, to experience different cultural approaches to family and parenting to those that exist in the UK. Twenty Twenty are looking for engaging teens with big characters who are maybe making bad decisions at the moment.

If you or your group have any teenagers in mind give their researcher Jamie Franklin a call on 020 7424 7706 or contact: jamiefranklin@twentytwenty.tv

Are you Volunteer Friendly?

The Volunteer Friendly Award is a simple, user-friendly quality standard designed by Volunteer Centre Dundee to support, recognise and reward groups who are good at involving volunteers.

Volunteer Friendly is about recognising that groups are good at working with volunteers. It's about supporting organisations to expand on

what they do well and develop best practice. And it's about rewarding organisations for all their hard work with volunteers.

Organisations or groups interested in applying for the Volunteer Friendly Award should contact their nearest Volunteer Centre at volunteerfriendly@vcaberdeenshire.org or visit www.volunteerfriendly.org.uk



Voluntary Arts Week 2011 6th - 14th May



Voluntary Arts Week is a chance for anybody who takes part in the arts or crafts for the love of it to showcase their activity and encourage others to join them. Run by Voluntary Arts Scotland, the week-long celebration is a great way to grow your group, let people know what you're up to - and simply have fun!

If your Arts Week event could help people take part in cultural activity long-term - you could also apply for a Make A Splash! small grant to help fund it.

For further information on Voluntary Arts Week, visit: www.vascotland.org.uk - and for to find out more about Make A Splash! go to: www.peoplemakingwaves.org.uk/makeasplash

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CVS Training Initiative 33/34 The Square, Ellon

Tel: 01358 722205

Email: admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk

Core Skills for Business

Monday 9th May, 10am - 4pm,
Craibstone Estate, Bucksburn
£68 vol sector £102 - all others
Closing date for booking: 21.4.11

Accounting Requirements for Charities and Duties of Trustees under OSCR

Thursday 19th May,
9.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30 - 4pm
Viewmount, Stonehaven
£20 - half day £40 - full day
Costs only for voluntary sector/
community groups
Closing date for booking: 5.5.11

Introduction to Counselling

Date TBC - late May/early June
9am - 5pm, Hopeville Club, Inverurie
£65 - vol sector £98 - all others
Closing date for booking: 12.5.11

Appointed Persons First Aid

Tuesday 24th May,
9.30am - 4.30pm, Mintlaw Hall
£45 - vol sector £68 - all others
Closing date for booking: 10.5.11

The Art of Marketing

Thursday 2nd June,
9.30am - 4.30pm, Viewmount,
Stonehaven
£15 - vol sector £100 - all others
Closing date for booking: 19.5.11

Fit for Funding

Thursday 9th June, 10am - 1.30pm
West Church Hall, Inverurie
£20 - vol sector £30 - all others
Closing date for booking: 26.5.11

Social Enterprise development workshops in Aberdeenshire



Firstport will be delivering the following Social Enterprise Development Workshops in the Aberdeenshire area in April, May and June. These courses will be free if:

- ◆ You have been trading as a new social enterprise for less than one year (not a subsidiary) OR
- ◆ You have received a level one award from either Scotland UnLtd or the Social Entrepreneurs Fund in the past 12 months.

If you are unable to meet this criteria a charge will be made as follows:

- ◆ One workshop £25
- ◆ Two workshops £40
- ◆ Three workshops £45
- ◆ Four workshops £50
- ◆ Five workshops £55
- ◆ All Six workshops £60

Intro - What is social enterprise?

Wednesday 6th April 10.30am-12.30pm

To find out more/book your place, visit:
<http://introtosocialenterpriseaberdeen.eventbrite.com>

Managing Yourself Effectively

Wednesday 6th April 1.30-3.30pm

To find out more/book your place, visit:
<http://manageyourselfaberdeen.eventbrite.com>

Sales & Marketing- Understanding and communicating with your customers

Wednesday 11th May- 10.30am-12.30pm

To find out more/book your place, visit:
<http://salesmarketingaberdeen.eventbrite.com>

How to plan and manage your Cash Flow

Wednesday 11th May- 1.30-3.00pm

To find out more/book your place, visit:
<http://cashflowaberdeen.eventbrite.com>

Choosing the right Legal Structure for your social enterprise

Tuesday 14th June 10.30am-12.30pm

To find out more/book your place, visit:
<http://legalstructuresaberdeen.eventbrite.com>

Planning & Delivery- Writing your Business Plan

Tuesday 14th June- 1.30-3.30pm

To find out more/book your place, visit:
<http://businessplanningaberdeen.eventbrite.com>

dates for your diary

North East Sensory Services (NESS)

Swish Party for Ladies - Swap till you Drop

20 April 2011 from 7 - 10pm

at their 21 John Street offices.

Swishing involves bringing along your unwanted but good quality clothes and accessories and swapping them with someone else's items. You must take at least one item of unwanted clothing, a handbag or accessory.

As well as the Swishing, there will be beauty therapists, massages, Virgin Vie Jewellery, Dizzie Lynnes and a home bake stand.

Tickets are £8 (including cheese and wine)

contact 0845 27 12345 or email

helen.hetherington@nesensoryservices.org

Measuring Social Impact Event

Wed 22nd June, Inverurie, 10am - 4pm

Run by Social Enterprise Academy

(www.theacademy-ssea.org), this event gives

an invaluable insight into how your organisation can prove its social impact and the value it adds to society. It is of particular benefit to organisations tendering for contracts as there is growing recognition of the "added value" of social impacts within both private and public sector contracts. They are able to offer bursary-supported places on this programme. Fees are determined by your organisation's turnover.

Request an application pack from:

kate@theacademy-ssea.org or 01463 238088

Celebrate Aberdeen Parade

June 11th 2011, 11am

The third sector will come together to parade down the city's Union Street, supported by an array of street performers and musical entertainment. Register to take part at www.celebrateaberdeen.org

The Charity Shop

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

Opening Hours:

Monday - Saturday 10am - 4pm

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



THE BOXROOM

Recycle + Reuse

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

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

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

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www.celebrateaberdeen.org

Visit the Celebrate Aberdeen Parade website to find out more about the event itself and how you and your group can get involved. If you are in the private sector, you can also find out how to sponsor the participation of a third sector organisation. You can also follow Celebrate Aberdeen on Facebook and Twitter #celebrateabdn.

www.northeastopenstudios.co.uk

The North East Open Studios (NEOS) is Scotland's Largest Open Studios event - and they are now accepting applications for artists and makers to get involved. Dates for this year's event are 10th to 18th September 2011.

www.surveygizmo.com/s3/477790/Consultation-Stakeholder-Survey

The Scottish Government is reviewing and improving its consultation process. A major part of this project is to evaluate the consultation section on the Scottish Government website. If you have used this facility please take the survey at this address.

www.evaluationsupportscotland.org.uk/events.asp

View the SCVO training calendar here. Most of their workshops are specifically designed for voluntary organisations and mainly held in Edinburgh and Glasgow.