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Disclosure Check: Scottish Government to Address Confusion

The Scottish Government has agreed to change the law to ensure that many charities working with vulnerable adults are able to access full background checks on staff and volunteers.



The move follows a sudden change in Disclosure Scotland's interpretation of the law that meant some charities providing one-to-one support to disabled or vulnerable adults were no longer able to access enhanced disclosure checks.

The government has now said it will make an amendment to existing laws **before the summer recess** to include a definition of social care services.

The change in policy originally occurred because too many charities and voluntary organisations had been accessing enhanced disclosure checks unlawfully according to the Scottish Government. The current law was carefully designed to ensure that organisations could not

breach a person's right to privacy by accessing background information without good cause.

However, the Government has found itself under pressure to revise the moves because the change was implemented without consultation with key service providers, including the voluntary sector.

The Scottish Government is currently finalising the details of the new protection of vulnerable groups legislation and scheme, which is due to be implemented in 2010. It is set to completely change the background checks system in Scotland.

We will continue to update you with the developments of the Disclosure scheme relating to Vulnerable Adults. If you have any queries about this, or any other part of the Disclosure process, please call us on 01330 825027 (Banchory office), 01467 629027 (Inverurie office) or the Central Registered Body in Scotland at 01786 849777.

SCVO Future Jobs Fund Consultation

The Future Jobs Fund, a major new initiative which will operate across the UK, was announced as part of the April 2009 Budget. It is designed to create 15,000 jobs across Scotland between October 2009 and April 2011.

The 18 month initiative is focused on young people aged 18 – 24 who have been on Job Seekers Allowance but it will also support some long-term unemployed people who have barriers to employment or live in areas with high concentrations of unemployment.

A key element of the programme is that the jobs created should provide community benefit and in Scotland there is an expectation that over 1,000 green jobs will be created as well as jobs in social care, childcare, health, energy efficiency, sports and the arts.

SCVO invites your views on what a Scottish programme of the Future Jobs Fund should look like as we now have a chance to influence how it will operate in Scotland.

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SCVO Future Jobs Fund Consultation

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Scottish Third Sector consortium to help the sector to work together and co-ordinate delivery of this innovative job creation programme.

They want your ideas on what jobs could be created to bring community benefit and what linkages could be made to other initiatives that might be funded by the Scottish Government, UK Government, Big Lottery etc.

To register your organisation's interest in getting involved in the Future Jobs Fund, email SCVO at: future-jobsfundscotland@scvo.org.uk or telephone the Future Jobs Fund Team on 0141 225 8017.

Kincardine & Deeside Mental Health Association

K&D MHA are a charitable user led association aimed at promoting positive mental health and reducing social isolation.

The Association works with Aberdeenshire Council to facilitate the running of two groups which meet weekly, in Aboyne and in Banchory. These are both aimed at people experiencing mental health problems and are welcoming, friendly and supportive in building social confidence. There are also a variety of other activities in and around the area providing interest and fun. We have an active walking group and a blossoming allotment to which

people who are experiencing mental health difficulties are invited to come along.

If you have an interest in mental health K&DMHA are currently looking for people to participate on our committee, to provide a broader view, give helpful and constructive advice and support with fundraising and development. The committee meet 5/6 times a year.

If you feel you have the experience, interest in mental health and wish to help this small friendly group we would very much enjoy meeting you.

For more information please contact: Loraine Lawton, Tel. 01330 826298

St Ternan's Fair

This year's St Ternan's Heritage Fair has been chosen by Aberdeenshire Council as one of its Homecoming 2009 Heritage Fairs. It will take place over two days, Saturday 13th June and Sunday 14th June 2009. To see the list of what's happening go to www.banchory.org and click on St Ternan.

Saturday is the Heritage part of the Fair, focusing around Scott Skinner Square and the Library and Museum building with a bookstall run by Banchory Lions, an Open day at the Museum/Library and the Masonic Lodge and Heritage presentations from local primary schools, the first day closes with Banchory bands night featuring Soul Academy.

Sunday is the Family Fun bit of the Fair and will be held in the Bellfield Park running from



around 10am till 4pm. The Fair Committee would like to invite you to be part of this fun-packed day.

On the Sunday there will be part of the field set aside for any local organisations, societies and charities to take part in the Fair. The opportunity is there to promote, inform or fundraise for your

group. There will be no fee for taking part, all they ask is that you provide your own table/s, awning and seats and that you let them know that you would like to be part of St Ternan's Fair by contacting Anne Lamb as soon as you can at Jannelamb@aol.com so they can work out who goes where!

****Please note that this Charities Village will not be hosted this year by K&D Voice and that no marquee will be provided. We will, however, have a stall at the Fair ****

Made in Scotland

The Scottish Government has announced a £1 million boost for the Edinburgh Fringe over the next two years to showcase Scottish-based dance and theatre artists.

The Made in Scotland fund is open to applications from dance and theatre artists, companies or organisations based in Scotland for the presentation of productions as part of Made in Scotland at the Fringe. The Made in Scotland programme will see its first performances presented this August. This new funding will continue and expand this showcase opportunity for talented Scottish-based performers to promote their best work

to international audiences at the Fringe. Made in Scotland also includes an international touring element, allowing successful performances to travel with their productions as a direct result of performing at the Fringe.

Funding through Made in Scotland for individual companies will be distributed through open application through the Scottish Arts Council. All Scottish-based artists and arts organisations are eligible to apply. Details of the application guidelines and deadlines for this year's Made in Scotland programme are yet to be confirmed by the Scottish Arts Council and will be reported when announced.

Town Centre Regeneration Fund

Applications for this scheme which aims to revitalise the country's hard pressed high streets are now open. The fund will complement efforts already underway to support town and city centres across Scotland which are feeling the effects of the economic downturn. A wide range of bodies including local authorities, Community Planning Partnerships, Business Improvement Districts, Town Centre Managers, local Chambers of Commerce, businesses and third sector groups are eligible to apply. For an application form and more information about how to apply,

visit the Scottish Government website at: www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/town-centres/tcrf

There will be two rounds of assessments of applications. The deadline for consideration in the first round will be June 5 2009. The deadline for the second round will be August 21 2009.

Grantfinder

To arrange a Grantfinder funding search for your group, email Lindsay.Allardyce@kdvoice.org.uk or call 01330 825027

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BIG Lottery Fund opens Secret Millionaire funding pot

Lottery funding worth £1 million has been lined up to give away in grants across the UK of up to £10,000 from the Fund. In Scotland grants are available between £500 and £10,000. The Big Lottery Fund has joined up with Channel 4 to create The Secret Millionaire Fund website which will allow applicants to:

- nominate a community project they think would benefit from funding, or
- apply directly themselves.

Successful applicants to The Secret Millionaire Fund may then be selected for filming by Channel 4 and appear on the website or on the TV programme itself. Visit the Secret Millionaire website at <http://secretmillionaire.channel4.com/> or call 0844 88 80 100.

Execution Charitable Trust

aims to be an entrepreneurial and progressive funder of effective charities that tackle the causes and symptoms of poverty and disadvantage. It focuses support on multi-purpose community organisations that work in deprived neighbourhoods. In addition to providing financial support, ECT can provide more than just money to charities to enhance their sustainability and the results of their work. For more information, visit www.executioncharitabletrust.org/

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards

has announced that it is now accepting applications for grants to support children's education and welfare projects. The funding is available to community and voluntary groups who can apply for grants of between £500 and £4,000. The closing date for applications is the 30th June 2009. For more information, please visit <http://dig-big.com/4yscx>

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

ELEMENTARY FOOD HYGIENE

This full-day REHIS registered event results in a nationally recognised certificate after the successful completion of a short examination.

Thursday 4th June 2009
9.30am – 5pm
Resource Centre, Maud
£60 per person

ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION ACT 2007 – BASIC AWARENESS

This half-day session will help anyone involved in working with adults at risk become more aware of their responsibilities to the people in their care

Tuesday 9th June 2009
10am – 1pm
The Kirk Centre, Ellon
£20 per person

STAFF TRAINING – DEVELOPMENT PLANS & CPDs

How to implement development plans to get the best out of your workforce.

Wednesday 17th June 2009
10am – 1pm
Dalvenie Gardens Resource
Centre, Banchory
£10 per person

Please call if you would like to book a place on any of the above courses or require further information.

Heather Hopper bus service

The Cairngorms National Park Heather Hopper bus service is to run on an even bigger network this summer.

Co-funded by the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) with the Aberdeenshire and Highland Councils, additional services will be offered by Stagecoach in 2009.

The Heather Hopper, which began operating on Monday (May 11), will continue until September 26, with most services operating seven days a week.

In Ballater, the 501 Heather Hopper connects with Stagecoach Service 201 to/from Aberdeen and Braemar. The 502/3 Heather Hopper operates Ballater-Aboyne-Banchory-Aberdeen and Ballater-Braemar-Glenshee, then to Aberfeldy via Pitlochry or to Perth via Blairgowrie.

The 504 will run Newtonmore-Kingussie-Aviemore-Grantown-Tomintoul-Aberlour-



Dufftown, connecting to the 501 Tomintoul-Strathdon-Ballater.

The new services mean travellers can spend up to four hours in Grantown or Ballater, or passengers from Grantown can spend time shopping in Elgin. The Park Authority is working with the Cairngorms Hostels group to market the services to visitors.

The new timetables can be found in the 5th edition of the Cairngorms Explorer, out now across the Park, and online at the CNPA's website at www.cairngorms.co.uk/parkauthority/publications/ or by Googling 'Cairngorms Explorer 2009'.



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design & marketing support for charities
and social enterprises

Do you want to promote your charity or social enterprise?
Do you have something new to share with your local community?

Bobbinsnail will support you by writing your news releases
and making sure your news is distributed through local media
and your industry contacts.

Bobbinsnail can also support all your design needs whether starting
from scratch or developing an already established brand.

Contact us to discuss your design & marketing needs on
077487 53073 or email: info@bobbinsnail.com

Sportsmatch Scotland

Sportsmatch, is the Scottish Government's business sponsorship incentive scheme for sport. It aims to match sponsorship which has been given to an eligible sports body by a company, Trust or private individual to fund projects to encourage new participation at grassroots level. Thus, if, for example, a local business gave £1,000 in sponsorship to its local football club to organise coaching in local schools, Sportsmatch would be able to match that with £1,000 of government money - and thereby double the amount of money available to the club.



sponsorship monies, Sportsmatch acts as an incentive to both sports organisations and businesses. Through doubling the amount of money available, organisations are given an incentive to seek business sponsorship and encourage companies to invest in grassroots sports. Awards start at a minimum of £500 and go up to £10,000 per project.

The closing dates for application for 2009 are: 15 July, 16 September and 11 November and all applications should be submitted on-line at <http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/SiteNavigation/Funding/TopicNavigation/Sportsmatch/S>

The Cattanach Charitable Trust (Scotland)

This Trust believes that helping young children and improving their well-being can bring about a healthier and happier community. The focus from 2007-2012 will, therefore, be on organisations and projects which offer hope of a better life to children, especially those under 10 years of age, and their families and communities. By targeting its grants in this way, the Trust means to address the needs of young children living in difficult and deprived circumstances, and to help them make the most of their talents and opportunities.

Grants are normally between £2,000 and £10,000 per annum but may be more, and the Trust prefers to make grants which contribute substantially to smaller-scale projects. Grants are initially for one year only but further funding may be available. The online application form and further information can be found at www.cattanach.org.uk or by calling (0131) 557 2052.

Charity Shop News



Helen and all the volunteers at the K&D Voice Charity Shop in Banchory would like to thank Fiona Scott from John Lewis for all her help with the window dressing over the past year and wish her luck with her

expanding family! Fiona has done a great job with the windows and her work was much appreciated.

It is hoped that the Charity Shop will receive further help from John Lewis next year as part of their commitment to building relationships with local communities and customers.

The Charity Shop continues to do well, raising money to support and provide services to the local voluntary sector.

If you are interested in volunteering at the shop, please contact Helen Coutts on 01330 825714.



dates for your diary

Volunteers Week

1st - 7th June

A national celebration of volunteers and volunteering.
Find out more about volunteering.
www.volunteersweek.org.uk

Taste of Grampian Food Festival

Saturday 6th June, Thainstone Centre, Inverurie
One-day food and drink festival - a great day out for all the family. Local producers invite you to taste and buy the finest of foods in the North-East. Appearances from celebrity chefs Jean-Christophe Novelli, Phil Vickery and Alan Coxon.

Dementia Awareness Week Celebration Kirkhill Forest, Tyrebagger, North of Aberdeen

Sunday 7th June, 11am-1pm

Come and join us on a healthy forest walk with your packed lunch followed by a coffee stop. Help us raise the profile of dementia in a fun and healthy manner. If you want to join us please contact Brenda Stewart at Alzheimer Scotland on 01224 644077 or BStewart@Alzscot.org

Carers Week

8th - 14th June

Six million people provide unpaid care to someone they

know. Despite this - and the fact that 3 in 5 people will be carers at some point in their lives - carers often face a lack of recognition in all areas of their lives. Carers Week will combat this by highlighting and celebrating the incredible contribution that carers make. Visit www.carersweek.org to find out more.

Grampian Society for the Blind 18th Annual Charity Bike Ride

Sunday, 16th August 2009, 12 noon

Starting just outside Stonehaven, both the 11 mile and the 25 mile routes take a circular ride around some of the most beautiful countryside in Kincardineshire. To register to take part email: www.grampianblind.org
Tel.: 0845 2712345

St. Ternan's Fair – The Banchory Birl

Sunday 14th June, 10am - 4.30pm

Traditional music event focusing on north-east music

Newmachar Summer Fair

Saturday 6th June, 1.30 - 4pm,
Newmachar Primary School

A day of fun at Newmachar Summer Fayre - meet special guest Angus the Bull and take part in the many stalls and attractions, including fancy dress competition for the kids!

Voice THRIFT 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: Tues-Fri 10am - 2.30pm & Sat 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.knowhownonprofit.org/tools-for-success/self-assessment

The Tools for Success online self-assessment tool asks your organisation some big questions to help identify key areas where you already meet the basics for sustainability and those where you need to do more work. It aims to help you determine your organisation's strengths and weaknesses in eight key areas including governance, finance and people.

www.itsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland are a grantmaking trust distributing in excess of £7 million each year to

recognised charities throughout Scotland. Visit their website to view grants, deadlines and a schedule of their surgeries.

www.holyrood.com

For Scottish, Westminster and international news about politics and society throughout the week.

www.scotcip.org.uk

The Scottish Centre for International Practice works with public, private and voluntary sector organisations, as well as individuals and families, to gather and share best practice, provide information and support, and develop new opportunities for intergenerational working in communities.