

## NEWS

### New Companies House Rules

1st October 2009 saw the implementation of the remaining sections of the Companies Act 2006. These sections include the following:

**Forming a Company:** there will be a new format to the Memorandum and Articles, with the Memorandum of Association simply recording the subscribers who undertake to form the company. It will be the articles which set out the principles covering the way the company conducts its business. Existing companies do not need to make any changes for now.

**New forms:** Companies House has produced new forms to be used for incorporation, appointments of new directors, termination of directorships and notifications of changes.

**Filing Directors' addresses:** Directors can choose to use a service address rather than their home address for the public record at Companies House. They will still be required to provide their home address, but this will be held as protected information at Companies House. Previously implemented sections of the act have introduced changes such as:

- ♦ the removal of the requirement for a private company to have a Company Secretary;
- ♦ the need for all electronic communications, including emails and websites, to include the company's name, number, registered office and other particulars (as business letters were already required to do);
- ♦ the deadline to file annual accounts reduced from 10 months to 9 months;
- ♦ the requirement for at least one actual person to be a director; the setting of a minimum age of 16 for directors (this was already the case in Scotland);
- ♦ and the introduction of specific duties for directors to: act in a way which they consider most likely to promote the success of the company, to exercise independent judgment, to exercise reasonable skill, care and diligence, to avoid conflicts of interest, not to accept benefits from third parties, and to declare an interest in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the company. For further information see [www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk) .



### Scottish Charities hit by £6 million blow as leading charitable funder withdraws

Hundreds of Scottish charities are set to lose at least £6m a year in funding with the announcement that the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland is closing its door to new applications for grants for the foreseeable future. However, it is to fully honour existing commitments to charities and will make final awards in December as planned.

An independent organisation and one of the leading charitable funders in Scotland, it operates to a covenant that dictates that the organisation, alongside the three other autonomous Foundations that cover the rest of the UK, receives a share of 1% of the Lloyds Banking Group's pre-tax profits per annum. However, the losses predicted by the Group means that there are virtually no monies due to the Foundation in the coming year, which has forced Trustees to close the door to new applications indefinitely.

## Events Licences

The Criminal Justice and Licensing Bill contains proposals that require voluntary organisations to apply for a license to stage events where there are various stalls. It would be left to local authorities to decide on fees, potentially creating a postcode lottery on charges, and a new burden on organisations. The removal of this exemption for "functions held by charitable, religious, youth, recreational, community, political or similar organisations" has the potential to be devastating for the community and voluntary sector. Removing the exemption would mean that events like church fundraisers, village fetes and bring-and-buy sales would need to have a market operator's licence, issued by the local authority. While such a licence varies in cost between local authorities, the average fee is already around £200 a year. Many village halls, which often organise such events, have annual incomes of only £3000 a year or less.

This will have serious repercussions for charitable and community organisations, particularly those at the grassroots level. The obligation to spend several hundred pounds on a licence takes money from local good causes and may lead to people abandoning local volunteer fundraising altogether.

SCVO is working with the Committee and the Scottish Government to address this and other issues concerning voluntary sector events. The Justice Committee is drafting its Stage 1 report, to be debated next month.

## Water Charge exemptions for small charitable organisations

Small charitable organisations are set to benefit from improvements to the Government's Water Services Charges Exemption Scheme. Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth, John Swinney, announced the changes to the Exemption Scheme which will ensure that registered charities with a small income will continue to be eligible for exemption from water and sewerage charges from 2010 to 2015.

Key changes to the scheme will include:

- ♦ Any registered charity that moves premises from 1 April 2010, that continues to meet all other criteria, will retain its exemption. Any registered charity that has moved premises since 1 April 2006, and as a result lost its exemption, will, from 1 April 2010, be able to reapply for exemption.
- ♦ Any registered charity that receives a permanent liquor licence from 1 April 2010 will continue to be eligible for exemption. Any registered charity that received a permanent liquor licence from 1 September 2009 will, from 1 April 2010, be able to reapply for exemption.
- ♦ The maximum income criteria will be increased from 1 April 2010 from 50,000 pounds to 60,000 pounds, and will increase by 1500 pounds per annum thereafter.

The Exemption Scheme applies to certain small organisations, largely charitable and voluntary, that formerly received reliefs under the three area water authorities on a discretionary basis. For more details, visit <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/10/16112707>.



**Tenants First**  
HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE

## Funding Support Extends NE Ethnic Minority Housing Initiative

Tenants First Housing Co-operative has received funding that will allow it to continue its pioneering ethnic minority housing project for a third year. The funding, which has been received from the Lintel Trust, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Council, will enable Tenants First Housing Co-operative to provide a specialist housing information and advice service for ethnic minorities in the north east of Scotland.

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The project, led for Tenants First by Alison McLaughlin, aims to break down the barriers to housing that people from ethnic minority groups may face. The service is provided to help people understand their housing options, including both social and private housing sectors. In the second year of the project, Alison has assisted more than 200 people across Aberdeen City and Shire, on matters such as housing allocation and assisted with applying for housing and explaining the rights of private sector tenants.

The Ethnic Minority Housing project began more than three years ago with the production, by Tenants First, of a series of leaflets offering translation and interpretations about the co-operative in ten languages. This early initiative has been followed up and Alison McLaughlin has since established strong links with various ethnic groups, including Chinese, African and Muslim communities, through established community groups and cultural organisations.

[www.tenantsfirst.com](http://www.tenantsfirst.com)

## **Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme October 2009 Progress Update and Refreshed Frequently Asked Questions**

Please find below a link to the latest Progress Update from the Scottish Government on the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG Scheme). Included in this issue are updates on guidance and training plans, secondary legislation and an article about the policy direction on regulated work with children and protected adults. Also included on the webpages are revised FAQs on the PVG Scheme.

Access the update at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/children-families/pvglegislation/News>

## **Grampian Air Gun Surrender Campaign**

A further 10 air guns have been taken off the street in week two of the ongoing joint Grampian Police initiative. So far, 24 air guns have been voluntarily surrendered during the initiative. In a bid to encourage people to surrender their air guns, people can also dispose of them by placing them in special red bins at stations across Grampian. The initiative which is backed by Scottish Government Justice Minister Kenny MacAskill, the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC), the SSPCA, Crimestoppers and local authorities is scheduled to end on November 6.

## **New Guidance on Best Practice for Community Capacity Building**

New guidance on best practice for Community Capacity Building has been published on-line by Learning Connections. The new guidance has been produced in consultation with CCB practitioners and managers throughout Scotland and brings together the latest good practice guidance in one easily accessible place. It includes advice on:

1. Background to Community Capacity Building – how to articulate what CCB is to others and how to promote CCB within your organisation.
2. Planning community capacity building – how to plan and implement your CCB work.
3. Building and sustaining community capacity – how to make links with communities and building and sustaining the work you do with them.
4. Monitoring and evaluating community capacity building activity – advice on why it is important to do this, how to get started, how to sustain it and how to use the information you gather effectively.



The resource “Capacity for Change” is contained within the Learning Connections website at:  
[www.scotland.gov.uk/buildingcommunitycapacity](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/buildingcommunitycapacity)

## Seasonal Flu - protect yourself and others



Free vaccinations against seasonal flu are available for people aged 65 and over and for adults and children aged 6 months to 65 years in certain risk categories from October 2009. Amid all the publicity surrounding swine flu, it is important not to underestimate the impact of seasonal flu. Every year it accounts for approximately 8,000 deaths. It can bring on serious complications for people in "at risk" groups and lead to other serious illnesses such as pneumonia. In the average winter, up to 15% of the population will be affected.

The jab can never offer 100% protection from seasonal flu, but does have a success rate of between 70 and 80% while others are more likely to get milder symptoms. Don't forget, the seasonal flu jab does not protect against swine flu. Some people who are entitled to the free seasonal flu vaccination may also be offered the H1N1 vaccination this year.

For further information, visit [www.infoscotland.com/flu](http://www.infoscotland.com/flu)

## H1N1 vaccine programme

The H1N1 vaccination programme began in Scotland on October 21. Further details on the plans which will be phased in over the next few weeks were announced last week by Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing Nicola Sturgeon. Ms Sturgeon also revealed that the majority of the vaccine will be administered in a single dose. GPs will begin to invite people in the at risk groups to come forward for the vaccination over the next few weeks. People should wait for this invitation from their GP. NHS Boards in Scotland are leading on the vaccination of the health and social care workforce.

For more details, visit <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/10/15154358>

## Business know how and social change

Business Know How North East is part of a wider national programme to forge productive third – private sector exchange

Many organisations in the third and private sectors face similar challenges, particularly around leadership and financial sustainability in a fast changing economic, social and policy environment. Yet there are currently few opportunities for them to work together or exchange experiences and knowledge. The aim of the business know how and social change programme is to forge productive third sector-private sector networks locally across Scotland to enable them to do just that.

The Business Know How programme includes events which aim to bring together the private and third sectors to build mutually beneficial relationships, share issues, identify opportunities, increase understanding and shape the future of the programme.

To find out more visit: [www.aberdeencn.info/BKH/BKHEvents.asp](http://www.aberdeencn.info/BKH/BKHEvents.asp)

## Carers Rights Day December 4th 2009

The theme for national Carers Rights Day this year is 'Caring for your income and pension'. Carers Rights day is a national event designed to promote carers rights around income and pensions. The Carers Centre in Belmont Street Aberdeen will be open as usual on Carers Rights Day for carers to drop in for information and advice on all aspects of caring including benefits advice. More information about Carers Rights Day is available on the Carers Scotland website [www.carerscotland.org](http://www.carerscotland.org)

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## SMALL OFFICE TO LET WITHIN THE PORT ELPHINSTONE COMMUNITY HOUSE, INVERURIE

Fully furnished with computer, printer and filing cabinets if required. Kitchen facilities available. Car parking space. Suitable for charitable or non-profit making organisation that provides a service to Inverurie or the wider community. Price negotiable dependant on hours required.

For more details and viewing

Contact: Sharon Strachan  
01467 625206  
spstrachan@tiscali.co.uk

## events & TRAINING



### CVS Training Initiative

**Fit for Funding, Thursday 5th November 2009**

**Mintlaw Village Hall, The Square, Mintlaw, 10am to 1pm.**

**£20 per person**

**CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKING, MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**

This course will help you and your group achieve success in your funding applications, by following recognised good practices and some good general advice.

To book places, contact: Diane or Shirley on 01358 722205  
or email [admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk](mailto:admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk)



### Tackling smoking in the community



Are you involved in supporting your local stop-smoking service or tobacco control alliance in reducing the harm caused by tobacco in Scotland? Why not? The Scottish Tobacco Control Alliance (STCA) and the No Smoking Day campaign team are staging a joint seminar on 5th November 2009 at the Queen's Hotel in Dundee focusing on partnership working to reduce smoking rates.

This is an opportunity to find out what is happening around Scotland to tackle tobacco sales to children, reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and to play a part in the 2010 No Smoking Day Campaign.

For more details and to register for this free all-day event contact David Robertson: [david.robertson@ashscotland.org.uk](mailto:david.robertson@ashscotland.org.uk)

### PANDEMONIUM

**The Peterhead Pirate Parade presented by Theatre Modo**

**7.30pm - Saturday 7th November, Broad Street, Peterhead. Free and unticketed**

**Dress for a wild night in the North-East of Scotland.**



A pageant of pirates, smugglers, excise men and marooned sailors, complete with boats, naval battles, an isle of the dead, and an exploding treasure chest. A thrilling processional extravaganza through the streets of Peterhead brought to life by over 300 young people from Peterhead and the surrounding area. Pandemonium is a youth regeneration project led by Theatre Modo in partnership with the Reaching Out Project, Community Planning Partners and Aberdeenshire Council.

# EVENTS & TRAINING

**Inverurie Choral Society concert on Armistice Sunday: The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins**  
Sunday 8th November at 7.30pm in the Acorn Centre (Inverurie West Church), West High Street, Inverurie. Tickets £10 (children under 14 free)

Refreshments will be available to purchase after the concert



## Aberdeenshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership Events

Aberdeenshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership, in association with SMART Recovery UK, will be running a series of public events across the Shire from 9th-13th November to promote the concept of SMART Recovery. The Roadshow will comprise public presentations and open group sessions, to which all are welcome who want to come along to find out more about SMART and whether it might be for them:

Monday 9th November, Northern Horizons, Peter Street, Peterhead, 12-2pm  
Tuesday 10th November, United Reform Church, Mid Street, Fraserburgh, 2pm-3.30pm  
Wednesday 11th November, Acorn Centre, West High Street, Inverurie, 1pm-3pm  
Thursday 12th November, South Church, Cameron Street, Stonehaven, 2pm-4pm  
Friday 13th November, Linden Centre, Castle Street, Huntly, 2pm-4pm

There will also be two morning presentations open to professionals and volunteers working or coming into contact with people with problem substance use:

Tuesday 10th November, Lifeshapers, Stevenson Centre, Victoria Street, Fraserburgh, 10am-12pm  
Thursday 12th November, Stonehaven Community Education Centre, Bath Street, 10am-12pm



## CVS Training Initiative

### Health & Safety Awareness Networking Event



Tuesday 10th November 10am - 3pm. Ellon Kirk Centre, Ellon. £20 per person (includes morning and afternoon tea/coffee and a light lunch).

This event will provide an overview of what is required to implement a safety management system and be able to identify Health & Safety issues relevant to your organisation. It will also raise awareness of how to identify what is required to manage Health & Safety and identify hazards in the workplace and relevant sources of information and support that are available.

To book places, contact: Diane or Shirley on 01358 722205  
or email [admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk](mailto:admin@cvstraininginitiative.org.uk)



## 2009 Sleepout for Charity - Help to raise £20,000 for charity

Positive Action in Housing and Student Action for Refugees (STAR) have announced their 2009 Scottish Sleepout to raise money for the Lifeline Project, which provides food, shelter and practical support to destitute asylum seekers in Glasgow. This major event will take place in several locations, including Glasgow, Dundee and St Andrews on Thursday 12 November 2009 from 8pm until sunrise. All are invited to take part. A press conference will take place in Glasgow with high profile speakers. Their target is to raise £20,000 to prevent the closure of Positive Action in Housing's LIFELINE Project, which was highlighted recently in the Independent newspaper.

If you would like to take part in the 2009 Sleepout contact Jonathan Grant on 07921589013 for a sponsorship form and details of venue etc. To simply make a donation online, visit:

<https://www.charitychoice.co.uk/donation.asp?ref=51590>

Donate by PAYPAL to: [donate@paih.org](mailto:donate@paih.org)

# EVENTS & TRAINING

## **The Companies Act 2006 - What You Need To Know 10am-12 noon, Friday 13 November 2009 (Edinburgh and Inverness)**

This seminar will look at what you need to know to ensure that your charitable company complies with new legislation, and reporting requirements of charitable companies.

Cost SCVO members £15 (£25 non-members)

To secure a place, please visit:

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/SCVOEvents/ViewSCVOEvents.aspx?al=t&EID=1147&from=t&f=0>

## **Positive Partnerships - Investing in the Future Scottish Pre-school Play Association's National Early Years Conference 13th November, Radisson SAS Hotel, Glasgow**

This year's theme Positive Partnerships - Investing in the Future provides SPPA with a perfect platform to reinforce the aspirations contained within the Early Years Framework and underlines the importance of strategic partnerships with independent sector organisations. Our speakers will also demonstrate how to enhance positive learning outcomes in the lives of Scotland's youngest children through best practice and positive behaviour.

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

## **THE ETHNIC MINORITY FORUM Presents Understanding the journey through the Criminal Justice System**

**14th November, 10am - 3.30pm, Portlethen Academy, Bruntland Road, Aberdeen**

A one day Seminar to increase awareness of Scotland's Criminal Justice System, particularly amongst Ethnic Minority people and Newcomers.

Book your free place now by contacting Faiza Nacef, Development Ocer, Aberdeen City Council Community Planning & Regeneration, St Nicholas House, Broad Street, Aberdeen AB10 1GZ  
Tel: 01224 523183 Email: [FNACEF@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:FNACEF@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

## **Workshop - Is Alcohol Ever the Answer?**

The Grampian Healthy Working Lives team have organised one day workshops for employers who would like information on how to manage employees who may have an alcohol problem. The workshops are FREE and for workplaces in Aberdeenshire with less than 250 employees.

The workshops last from 10.15am - 4pm and a free lunch is included.  
16th November 2009 Heugh Hotel, Stonehaven

If you would like a place, please contact Linda Rendall: [linda.rendall@nhs.net](mailto:linda.rendall@nhs.net) or 01224 558486.

## **training 4 trainers**

An agreed programme delivered to participants encompassing food and health:

- ◆ Key nutrition messages ◆ Practical food preparation
- ◆ Utilisation of Confidence to Cook pack and supporting resources

The next 2 day course is on Wednesday 18th & 25th November 10-3 both days at Summerhill Training Kitchen. A further course is planned for Monday 30th November & 7th December 10-3 both days in the Huntly Community Training Kitchen. For further information please contact Fiona Matthew on 01224 558414 or email: [fiona.matthew@nhs.net](mailto:fiona.matthew@nhs.net)

# EVENTS & TRAINING

## **Employment law update 2009**

**18th November, 10am to 12pm or 2pm to 4pm, Thistle Aberdeen Airport Hotel, Aberdeen**

Nothing stands still in the field of employment relations. New legislation and recent decisions from the courts and tribunals have led to developments that will affect all employers. Our 2009 Employment Law Update will help keep you up to date. We provide a summary of the main changes affecting you and your organisation and help you to plan ahead. So whether you are an employer, a manager or a Human Resources specialist why not take two hours out of your schedule to brush up on the latest employment law news?

To book your place visit [www.acas.org.uk/training](http://www.acas.org.uk/training) where you can book securely online.

## **3rd Sector Showcase - 'Waving the 3rd Sector Flag'**

**In conjunction with the Lord Provost Peter Stephen and Deputy Lieutenants  
Thursday 19th November 2009, Town and County Hall, Aberdeen  
Showcase 10am – 5pm (Free Entry!)**

### **Showcase**

The showcase will demonstrate the volume and value of 3rd Sector organisations and the amazing work that is done throughout the City by them.

### **Calling all Exhibitors!**

During the event, we will provide space for exhibitions. We would like to invite interested 3rd sector organisations to showcase and display information about their services and achievements to a wide-ranging audience. Increase your visibility and profile by becoming an exhibitor at this exciting event. The exhibition spaces will be placed in the Town and County Hall with refreshments being served all day. Space is limited, therefore we will limit the number of exhibitions and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis and will be limited to one per organisation.

The price for an exhibition space is £15.

For more information and exhibitors booking forms, please visit:  
<http://www.acvo.org.uk/Showcase.html>

## **Money & Legal Matters**

**Information Day for people with dementia and their carers**

**Friday 20 November 2009, 9.30am - 4pm, Richard Donald Suite, Pittodrie Stadium, Aberdeen**

An information day with workshops covering a wide range of money and legal matters, including benefits and financial help, powers of attorney, guardianship, paying care home fees, having your wishes heard, taking control of your own care, your rights to assessment and community care services and much more.

For further information or to book a place (cost £5), contact Anne Burnside on 0141 418 3936 or email [aburnside@alzscot.org](mailto:aburnside@alzscot.org). Closing date for bookings: 13 November 2009

# EVENTS & TRAINING

## Listening to Children: research and consultation 2010

'Listening to Children: Research and Consultation 2010' is an advanced training course run by the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships (CRFR), designed for people who want to improve their skills in research and consultation with children and young people.

The course involves a combination of online learning and classroom sessions covering a range of topics from creative methods to ethical issues and dissemination practices. Based at the University of Edinburgh, the course is running from 25th January 2010 until 1st April 2010. There are 2 two day sessions at the University of Edinburgh on 28th and 29th January and 4th and 5th March.

Further information and booking email Kathryn Dunne at [k.dunne@ed.ac.uk](mailto:k.dunne@ed.ac.uk)

**THE GATHERING 2010**  
*get involved!*

**The Gathering 2010**  
**18th & 19th February - Edinburgh International**  
**Conference Centre (EICC)**

Don't miss Scotland's biggest charity and voluntary sector event! Whether you are a volunteer, a board member or work for a charity or social enterprise, or just want to find out more, this is an event not to be missed, so get involved! Be the first to find out about the latest products, services and deals - hold your own fringe event and get people involved in your campaigns - take a stall and spread the word about your organisation. The Gathering is the largest voluntary sector event in the UK so make sure you and your organisation are part of it.

For further information please get in touch with our dedicated events team email at [thegathering@scvo.org.uk](mailto:thegathering@scvo.org.uk) or telephone 0131 474 6172

## Has your community got the "X Factor"?

If you have you will be interested to know that moves are afoot to gauge interest in an inter-community competition in Aberdeenshire provisionally called Oor Talent. The idea would be that each Community will hold their own Oor Talent Competition and from their own deciding concert, the top three acts will compete against winners from all the other areas. The final winner and runners up, including the last 12 acts from this, will form a touring concert and perform throughout Aberdeenshire in each of the areas that signs up to this idea. Don't miss this opportunity to help your local talent be recognised. The more people that sign up, the more finance will be available and remember, you will be engaging and helping your local community.

Sign up now by contacting John Lewis, Chair of Donside Community Council by writing to Hay's Court, Alford, Aberdeenshire AB33 8GE or email [johnlewis101@btinternet.com](mailto:johnlewis101@btinternet.com).

## Dementia Advisors - new posts with Alzheimer Scotland

Alzheimer Scotland is creating a number of new Dementia Advisor posts across Scotland, including the North East. Dementia Advisors will support individuals with dementia, their families and friends all the way through their journey, providing light-touch ongoing support and information, signposting and connecting people to peer supports or appropriate services. They will also develop family and carer support structures and work within local areas to develop dementia friendly inclusive communities. These are very flexible posts and will require an unusual combination of skills. You need to be a committed, dynamic and experienced individual.

For further information, please visit [www.alzscot.org/pages/vacancies/dementia-advisors1.htm](http://www.alzscot.org/pages/vacancies/dementia-advisors1.htm)

# FUNDING



## Achieving Community Empowerment (ACE)

The Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) has been awarded over £400,000 from the BIG Lottery Fund to deliver the Achieving Community Empowerment (ACE) capacity building programme in Scotland.

The programme aims to build the capacity of emerging community groups by providing mentoring support, developing learning materials, facilitating the sharing of knowledge, experience and learning between participating projects and communicating key lessons more widely. The programme will run for four and a half years and will directly benefit 50 groups across Scotland.

SCDC are currently devising the systems and processes to identify eligible groups for the programme and expect to launch further details of the application process in the New Year. In the meantime, if you would like to express your interest and be added to our database to receive further detailed information, please contact Aileen Skillen on 0141 248 1924 or email: [aileen@scdc.org.uk](mailto:aileen@scdc.org.uk)

## Resilience Fund for third sector organisations

A £1.7 million fund has been launched by the Scottish Government to help charities and voluntary organisations survive the recession. Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 will potentially be available to Third Sector organisations which can demonstrate:

- ◆ How the recession has led to increased demand or significantly undermined their services
- ◆ Any increased pressure on their services is as a direct result of the recession
- ◆ That prior to the recession they were a viable organisation with a proven track record of delivery over two years
- ◆ What caused the problem, and their proposed solution including the submission of a detailed Recovery Plan
- ◆ They have unrestricted reserves equating to less than six months' running costs of the organisation
- ◆ The requirement for the Resilience Fund and their longer term viability with certification by an auditor or chartered accountant to that effect
- ◆ Appropriate safeguards are in place for both the expenditure of funding and, if the need arises, recovery.

The fund, which will be open for five weeks from late October, is being delivered as part of the £12 million Third Sector Enterprise Fund. Organisations seeking information on the fund, or potential applicants, should contact Mary Lyden on 0141 305 4176.

## Recession response - BIG Lottery Fund

As part of the BIG Lottery's UK response to the recession announced in June this year, an additional £5 million is being made available from Friday 23rd October to a number of our existing grant-holders in Scotland who are working with people and communities most in need following the economic downturn. Funding is being channelled through existing grantholders to ensure help can be provided quickly to communities most in need. This recession package is available to current Life Transitions, Supporting 21st Century Life, Growing Community Assets, Young People's Fund and Primetime grantholders with projects that are not due to end before March 2010. All eligible projects have been contacted and advised to request a "changes to your grant" form if they wish to apply. These forms can be requested by contacting the Information Team on 0870 240 2391 and further details about the recession response can be found on their website at [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/newsroom-sco](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/newsroom-sco)

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## Youth Scotland - Girls on the move



Girls on the Move is a programme designed to increase physical activity levels among girls and young women in Scotland. Girls on the Move is funding and supporting projects which provide opportunities for young women to participate in sport and physical activity, and enable young women to gain the skills and experience needed to lead activities within their own communities. The project is funded by The Robertson Trust and Scottish Government and delivered by Youth Scotland supported by The Robertson Trust and Health Scotland.

Young women aged 16-24 can take part - applicants don't have to be experienced in sport or dance but must have an enthusiasm for physical activity and be interested in becoming a leader within their own community, youth group or school. Applications are particularly welcome from young women who

- live in disadvantaged communities
- have experienced homelessness or are living in care
- have disabilities or mental health issues
- are from black and ethnic minority communities
- are mothers of young children.

For more info and an application form, go to [www.girlsonthemove.org.uk](http://www.girlsonthemove.org.uk)  
email [girls@youthscotland.org.uk](mailto:girls@youthscotland.org.uk) or call 0131 554 2561

## Enterprise Fund and Credit Union Fund

The Scottish Government has invested £12 million in the Third Sector Enterprise Fund to help the third sector to contribute towards Scotland's success. The Fund aims to help established third sector organisations to become more sustainable and increase their capacity and capability. The fund offers awards of between £25,000 to £100,000 to third sector organisations who can demonstrate how they intend to make transformational step changes to their capacity, capability and sustainability. Credit Unions can also apply to the Enterprise Fund where the level of funding being asked for is more than £25,000.

They expect to make the majority of awards from both funds throughout 2009. However all funding must be claimed in full before 31 March 2011.

The application process for both funds is the same; you can access information and guidance on how to apply at: [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/funding/enterprising-skills-fund](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/funding/enterprising-skills-fund)

For more information regarding the Third Sector Enterprise Fund email the Enterprise Fund Administrator at [enterprisefund@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enterprisefund@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or contact the relevant team member for your area : Grampian, Highlands & Islands (including Argyll): Joanne Newton 01224 332 979.

For more information regarding the Third Sector Credit Union Fund email the Enterprise Fund Administrator at the email address above or contact: Guthrie Handley 0141 305 4172 or Margaret Smith 0131 244 0460.

## Made in Scotland 2010



The Scottish Arts Council has announced that it is inviting applications through the Made in Scotland 2010 programme. Funding is available to Scottish dance and theatre companies, as well as individual artists, to present artistically ambitious work at the Fringe in the Made in Scotland showcase in 2010. Made in Scotland is a joint initiative between the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the Federation of Scottish Theatre and the Scottish Arts Council, supported by the Scottish Government's Edinburgh Festivals Expo

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Fund. Funding is intended to support the costs involved in presenting a production at the Fringe and mitigate against the financial risks this involves. Surgeries with staff at the Fringe and the Scottish Arts Council will take place to discuss potential Made in Scotland applications and advise on bringing a show to the Fringe.

The deadline for applications to Made in Scotland 2010 is Monday 23rd November 2009. For more information, please visit: [www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding/expofund.aspx](http://www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding/expofund.aspx)



## Big Lottery Fund - 2014 Communities

Does your local sports club need extra money or volunteers to help realise its ambitions?

Is your group trying to encourage more people to take up healthier lifestyles?

Does your project encourage young and old to come together for sport or physical activity?

If so, then 2014 Communities could be for you. It is this projects ambition to create a lasting legacy from the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow to help people live longer, healthier lives. Local sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, community councils and schools can apply for a six month grant of between £300 and £1000 (including VAT).

For more information visit [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/2014](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/2014) or call the hotline on 0870 240 2391.

## People's Postcode Trust

The People's Postcode Trust is an independent charity which will provide financial support for small organisations, bodies and community groups across the country. The People's Postcode Trust aims to make Scotland a better place for both people and nature. They want to make a real difference to small organisations and community groups all across Scotland through grants ranging from £500- £10,000. The Trust achieves its objective through funds it receives from the People's Postcode Lottery. Funding will be available for individual projects ranging from £500 up to £10,000.

The People's Postcode Trust is currently accepting applications for funding through its website at [www.postcodetrust.org.uk](http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk)

## Energy Assistance Package - funding for fuel poverty

As winter approaches, the Scottish Government would like to raise awareness of their Energy Assistance Package The package includes a range of measures with the aim of supporting those having difficulty in heating their homes, including:

- ◆ Tackling low incomes through benefit and tax credit checks
- ◆ Reducing high fuel costs through advice on social tariffs
- ◆ Improving the energy efficiency of the property through advice, insulation and heating measures.

Those most vulnerable to fuel poverty are eligible for most assistance, potentially including free insulation and central heating. These groups are: families with a child under 5 or a disabled child under 16 living in an energy inefficient property and in receipt of income or disability-related benefits; those over 60 with no central heating; those 60-74 living in an energy inefficient property and in receipt of income or disability-related benefits, or those over 75 living in an energy inefficient property

**The Energy Assistance Package scheme is being managed for the Scottish Government by the Energy Saving Trust and you can find out more about it by visiting:**

**[www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Scotland-Welcome-page/At-Home/Energy-Assistance-Package](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Scotland-Welcome-page/At-Home/Energy-Assistance-Package)**

# FUNDING

## Cash for Your Group—Community Chest

The Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) is pleased to announce that the Community Chest has reopened for new applications. The Community Chest, a grant aimed at smaller community groups and voluntary organisations across Scotland, will provide grants of up to £1,000 and free training to groups with an annual income under £25,000. Groups can apply for funding for a wide range of activities or operational costs. However, they are particularly keen to fund activities that will help build and develop strong organisations, for example; training for committee members and volunteers; visits to other organisations and conferences or professional support and consultancy. Applications for the Community Chest programme are welcome throughout the year with the next deadline on 31st December.



Groups wishing to apply for a Community Chest grant can download the application form and guidance notes from the VAF website at [www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk](http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk). Alternatively contact Patricia or Chris at the Voluntary Action Fund, either by telephone on (01383) 620780 or by e-mail at [Patricia.McKibben@voluntaryactionfund.org.uk](mailto:Patricia.McKibben@voluntaryactionfund.org.uk).

## Children 'Go Play'



Funding totalling £4 million is to be provided by the Scottish Government to improve play opportunities among five to 13 year-olds. 'Go Play', which will run over two years, will help improve facilities and services in areas where children have the least opportunities to develop through play. Voluntary groups will be able to submit funding bids from mid-September, with support available for regional bodies, small grassroots community organisations and medium and large scale charities. Inspiring Scotland - the national charity which uses skills and money to improve the lives of Scotland's most vulnerable people - will manage the fund and work with these groups to increase their capacity for providing play opportunities.

For the full story, visit: [www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/08/11101002](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/08/11101002)

## Event Funding

The National Events Programme, run by EventScotland, offers funding to support events taking place outside Edinburgh and Glasgow which increase tourism and raise the profile of Scotland's regions. The next funding round closes on October 2nd and will provide support for events taking place between 1 May 2010 and 30 April 2011. Events should have some confirmed financial support from appropriate agencies; inspire and involve local communities and generate economic benefits amongst other criteria.

For further information, see the EventScotland website at [www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/national-events-programme/](http://www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/national-events-programme/)

## Community Foundation Express Grants Scheme

The Scottish Community Foundation new grants scheme is 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 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 <http://www.scottishcf.org>

# FUNDING

## Vodafone's World of Difference Programme



Vodafone is giving people 18 years old and over anywhere in the UK the opportunity to make a World of Difference in the Community. Successful applicants could spend two months working at the charity of their choice. Vodafone will pay the charity £2,500 and the applicant will receive the balance left after the charity has paid all National Insurance and Tax contributions for their placement. Vodafone will also give successful applicants a new mobile phone, with a pre-loaded SIM.

In order for applications to be considered, the applicant will need to; have discussed their intention to apply for World of Difference with their chosen charity and have a plan for what they would like to achieve in their two months with that charity; provide contact details for their chosen charity; be available for an induction day in London either on the 11th January 2010 (for placements beginning on the 12th January 2010) or 12th April 2010 (for placements beginning on the 13th April 2010).

For more information visit: <http://worldofdifference.vodafone.co.uk/aboutWOD.html>

## BBC Children in Need

The BBC has announced that the next funding round of the BBC Children in Need is now open for applications. BBC Children in Need provides grants for up to three years to properly constituted not for profit organisations working with disadvantaged young people aged 18 or under.



The next closing date will be the 15th January 2010, with grant decisions and notifications in late April 2010. For more information, please visit:  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general\\_grants.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml)

## Inspiring Scotland's Go Play Programme

Inspiring Scotland would like to hear from charities delivering play opportunities for 5 - 13 year olds in Scotland. £4 million is available over two years, with three strands to the funding: national and regional infrastructure organisations; creative approaches to play across Scotland; organisations delivering play services on one of eight targeted local authorities. There is a single stage application and the deadline date is Friday 6th November.

To find out more have a look on the website at  
[www.inspiringscotland.org.uk](http://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk) or call 0131 442 8763

## Lintel Trust Scotland General Grants Programme

The Lintel Trust is an unendowed charitable trust that works with voluntary organisations and local communities throughout Scotland to help provide solutions for people in housing need. 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. Applications are accepted quarterly and the next deadline for applications is 13th November.

For further information, application forms and guidelines visit: <http://www.linteltrust.org.uk/id10.html>

# CONSULTATIONS

## Consultation on National Occupational Standards for Trustees

One of the most important challenges facing third sector organisations is governance. The National Occupational Standards for Trustees and Management Committee Members were developed in 2006 to provide guidance on this. Now they are being reviewed and you are invited to take part in the consultation.

See here for more details: [http://www.skills-thirdsector.org.uk/national\\_occupational\\_standards/trusteenos/standards\\_for\\_trustees\\_consultation/#](http://www.skills-thirdsector.org.uk/national_occupational_standards/trusteenos/standards_for_trustees_consultation/#)

## OSCR Consultation: Integrated Reporting

OSCR has just announced a public consultation on their Integrated Reporting proposals. OSCR was formally established as a new statutory regulator in April 2006. Since April 2006 they have developed and published a comprehensive Scottish Charity Register, underpinned by a proportionate reporting system. In 2009 OSCR are reviewing the information supplied to them by charities and how they use this. This major initiative is their Integrated Reporting Project which focuses on the Scottish Charity Register. The aim is to develop their reporting requirements so that these are more integrated, as well as ensuring the information gathered is of interest and relevance to charities and to the general public.

Full details are available at: <http://www.oscr.org.uk/integratedreporting.stm>

## VCA needs your views on the "Turnaround" magazine

Volunteer Centre Aberdeenshire are running a survey until the end of November to get people's views of the current version of 'Turnaround' magazine. The survey is primarily aimed at volunteers, but we would really value the opinions of volunteer involving organisations who have read the magazine too. To complete the online survey, please just visit our website [www.vcaberdeenshire.org.uk](http://www.vcaberdeenshire.org.uk) and follow the instructions there. If you have not seen the magazine or no longer have copies, you can also download Turnaround from the website. As a thank you for those completing the survey - we are entering their names in a prize draw for a £20 gift card.

## next newsletter

The next CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South newsletter will come out on the week beginning 23rd November.

The deadline for **pre-arranged** contributions for this edition is Monday 16th November.

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](mailto:Lindsay.Allardyce@cvsa.co.uk)

Alternatively, if you would like to be removed from this mailing list, please let us know.

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