

CVS Stirling e-Bulletin –4th July 2008

This weekend and next see events that combine a good day out with support for good causes - check them out below. Plus some inspiring news about some Scottish social enterprises.

Comments and suggestions for the website and eBulletin are welcome. Emails to: lee.stevenson@cvs-stirling.org.uk

Deadline for contributions for Friday's bulletin is the previous Monday. If you have any queries, please call 01786 469916 and ask for Lee or Donald.



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summer Fête

Strathcarron Hospice grounds, Randolph Hill

Fankerton, Denny

Saturday, 5th July, from 1 pm.

Tomorrow **Strathcarron Hospice** offers a great family day out at their 2008 Summer Fête. All the traditional favourites will be on offer: barbecue, tombolas, bingo ... stalls with home baking, cake & candy, crafts ... entertainment ... refreshments ... The only thing that can't be guaranteed is the sunshine!

The Hospice provides free, specialist palliative care to patients in the Forth Valley and certain adjacent areas with active progressive illness, and support to their families. Referrals come from GPs and hospital consultants. More about the work of the hospice can be found on their website, www.strathcarronhospice.org



LGBT Youth Scotland's National Gathering 2008

West Park Conference Centre, 319 Perth Road, Dundee

Saturday, 5th July – Sunday 6th July

LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) Youth Scotland is holding a two-day event, beginning tomorrow.

Who is it for?

- those under 26 who are: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender
- friend, family member, or ally of LGBT people
- youth groups, student societies, individuals

The event is which is all about you and your choices. Get involved with really useful workshops about issues that matter to you.

There will also be a whole host of fun activities like professional hairstyling, scavenger hunts, outdoor games, chill-out space, ceilidh and disco.

For more information, and to register for this event, visit the LGBT website, www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/getinvolved/national-gathering



Veterans' Day

Kings Park, Stirling

Saturday, 12 July

FREE

Stirling will host Scotland's premier Veterans' Day event on Saturday 12 July 2008. The culmination of two weeks of celebration, it will include a **parade of pipers**, bands and veterans through the city, **RAF Tornado flypast, parachute jumps** and a **Family Tattoo** with a whole host of displays and activities.

Schools will display their veterans project work, advice and information for veterans will be available, and there's the chance to find out about the **Stirling Project's** ongoing work to re-build a 'Stirling' - the namesake aircraft which played a major role in the Second World War.

Veterans' Day is an annual commemoration of all veterans living in our communities, to honour and recognise their contribution, past and present. There are about half a million veterans living in Scotland. Along with their children and other dependents, this brings the Scottish veterans community to over a million - one in five of the population.

Support for Veterans

The MoD works in partnership with the Scottish Government, plus a range of charities and agencies, to offer help and advice for veterans who need support.

Veterans Scotland is the coordinating body, representing 30 groups and charities. Among the support agencies are

- **SPVA** (Service Personnel and Veterans' Agency)
Formed in April 2007 as a single organisation to enable serving personnel and veterans to access information and advice on pay, pensions, compensation claims, records of service and medal entitlement.
- **Royal British Legion**
Providing financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served and are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and their dependents. Currently, nearly 10.5 million people are eligible for support.
- **Poppy Scotland**
Supports veterans and their dependents in Scotland through the help of dedicated volunteers and donors. All money raised is used to provide financial help to individuals, advice on pensions, providing grants and research to organisations that give specialist support to veterans.
- **BLESMA** (British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association)
The National Charity for Limbless and Ex Service Men and Women, their dependents and Widows.

A useful resource is the [Veterans Knowledge Map](#), an interactive online directory of contact information which provides a full list of support services in local areas, tailored to your current particular questions or needs.

Full details of Stirling's Veterans' Day Celebrations are available on the website, www.stirling.gov.uk/veteransday



GROUP NEWS

Scottish Social Enterprises Leading the Way

It's been an good month for social enterprises in Scotland, with three of them picking up awards:

1. **Spruce Carpets** (the Glasgow-based carpet recycling venture) won the title of Social Enterprise of the Year 2008 at the prestigious *Scottish Business in the Community Awards*.
"an excellent story about innovation and sustainability built on a simple business model"

2. **Transition Extreme** in Aberdeen, the youth sports charity, won an accolade at the *Grampian Awards for Business Enterprise*.
3. **Forth Sector** in Edinburgh, which provides supportive employment for people with mental health problems, beat off competition from over 50 nominations across the UK to win Social Enterprise of the Year at the *2008 Edge Upstarts Awards* in London.

"an especially deserving finalist not just because it is a highly successful social enterprise in its own right – but also because it helps to develop others."

*N.B: Forth Sector has several downloadable resources on its website, including a useful "**Business Planning Guide to Developing a Social Enterprise**" See www.forthsector.org.uk/resources.htm*



Rooms for Rent - from Relate

Relate Forth Valley, the organisation providing relationship counselling services to Central Scotland, have announced they have the following rooms to let in Falkirk:

- 1st Floor Suite of rooms to let, just of town centre location. Close to all rail and bus links.
- 5 Large rooms, shared toilets and kitchen with another charity. P.O.A.

Please contact Margaret or May at Relate Forth Valley, Tel. 01324-670067 or e-mail info@relateforthvalley.org.uk

TRAINING and RESOURCES

'Training for Change'

Skills for Community Action – Courses in 2008

Enfield St. Stephen's, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JP

Friends of the Earth Scotland are offering 'Training for Change': short training courses in Glasgow.

The **Media Training courses** will help you understand how the media works and increase the public profile of your project or campaign. The **Planning course** will help you understand the Planning system and increase your influence over what is built locally.

1. **Media and Communication Skills**

27th September & 4th October

10am - 5pm

- how to use the media to help a project, campaign or community action with skills from journalists and press officers

2. **The Planning System and how to use it**

11th & 25th October

10am - 5pm

– influence what gets built and what doesn't with advice from experienced planners and campaigners

These events are also a chance to meet new people, make friends, be yourself and have fun. Register now to make sure you get a place!

To register your interest or to find out more visit

www.foe-scotland.org.uk/trainingforchange or phone 0131 243 2700.



Stirling's Health Profile

Stirling is just one of the **2008 Health and Wellbeing Profiles** for Scotland's 40 Community Health Partnerships (CHPs) which have been compiled by the Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) and are now available online.

The CHP Profiles build on the 2004 community health profiles published by NHS Health Scotland. Each contains a map of the area, 'at a glance' commentary on the findings for that area; a chart showing findings for 61 indicators of health; trend and rank charts for eight key indicators, and a table of 'definitions and sources'.

The Profiles

- provide organisations and communities with up-to-date and locally-relevant **public health intelligence**
- highlight **health and social inequalities**
- provide **local information** for targeting resources and priority-setting

They will be of particular use to any organisation wishing to align themselves more closely to their CHP for purposes of partnership working. Also, they highlight priority areas of need which can be targeted by voluntary organisations in their activities and funding searches.

The Profiles can be downloaded from the ScotPHO website, www.scotpho.org.uk

RECRUITMENT

Forth Environment Link

Executive Director

Salary £26,000 - £28,000 pro rata, 28 hours/week

Forth Environment Link (FEL) is a small but vibrant charity delivering a variety of programmes, projects and services in the field of environmental education and sustainable living for people of all ages and communities across the Forth Valley area. Currently based in central Stirling, there are 6 part time staff employed to support the current and ongoing work.

The organisation has grown from a volunteer-run nature club into a well established organisation providing essential professional services and programmes with support from a number of key partners, including Stirling Council, Forth Valley NHS, Scottish Natural Heritage and SEPA. Our current projects cover a range of subject areas including; waste minimisation; biodiversity; local food production and support for Eco-Schools Programme.

We are looking for a new **Executive Director** to lead the organisation into the next phase of development and growth. Such an individual will possess the vision, enthusiasm and leadership skills to champion the long-term strategy for the organisation, and in so doing, build and expand on FEL's current strengths.

The Executive Director is responsible for all aspects of running and managing Forth Environment Link.

This position is part time (4 days per week), fixed contract until March 2010. For more information, or to request an application pack, please phone or email Alison Hyslop on 01786 449215, info@forthenvironmentlink.org **Closing date for applications is 28th July.**

FUNDING

Helping Rural Access to Funding

The Scottish Government has contracted with the Crofters Commission and the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) to provide a technical support service for rural community organisations to help them access funding

from a range of sources, including the new Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP).

The **Rural Direct** service will offer advice, support and technical expertise. This is a free service available to constituted community groups in rural areas throughout Scotland. The Crofters Commission are delivering the scheme in the Crofting Counties and the SCVO are delivering the service in the rest of Scotland.

Rural Direct won't write applications for you, but they will help your community group with the applications process to programmes such as Rural Priorities, Big Lottery Fund, Climate Challenge Fund and more. If you're applying for Scotland Rural Development Funding, Rural Direct can help you in a range of ways. They will also help you understand the range of other funding opportunities available and to write the best possible funding applications.

You can contact the service by calling 0845 838 8598. Calls will be charged at local rate. You can also email your query to ruraldirect@scvo.org.uk



The Ashden Trust - Community Arts Awards

The Ashden Trust is a grant-making charity focusing on climate change, sustainable development and improving the quality of life in poorer communities. Grants in the Community Arts category are for the most part small, under £10,000. The trustees have a particular interest in encouraging creative projects for children, especially the very young, and for young people living in remote rural areas.

These projects will sometimes, but not always, have an environmental angle. The Trust will also consider proposals for arts projects for children and adults with particularly severe mental or physical problems.

Previous recipients of Ashden funds include Scottish Opera (for their work with primary schools) and Glasgow Repertory Company (for their Shakespeare Garden project, which involved young carers in drama and environmental workshops). To find out more about the Ashden Community Arts awards go to www.ashdentrust.org.uk/communityarts.html or phone 0207 410 0330.

OTHER NEWS

SSLN Tayforth Professional Development Award (SS) in Practice Learning

Tayforth Social Services Learning Network is about to pilot the new Professional Development Award (SS) in Practice Learning (Stage 3).

The award is aimed at anyone helping to contribute to the learning of others within a social work or social care setting.

There are places for voluntary sector organisations as part of the pilot. If you are interested in applying for a place, you can nominate a maximum of three applicants. You also need to rank the order of these applicants so that, if one place is allocated to your organisation, you have indicated which applicant you would prefer this was offered to first.

All of the application forms and additional documentation are available on the [Workforce Unit website](#) for you to download and complete.

These forms should be returned by Friday 15th August to: Gillian Lappin, Perth and Kinross Council, Blackfriars Development Centre, North Port, Perth PH1 5LU or email: glappin@pkc.gov.uk

If you would like to discuss the PDA further, please email nhenery@tayforthsssln.co.uk or telephone 01382 504194

FUNDER OF THE WEEK: the Frank Buttle Trust

Frank Buttle, the founder of the Trust which bears his name, was something of an eccentric, but a man of great vision and determination.



The Frank Buttle Trust

William Francis Buttle – always ‘Frank’ to his family – was born 19th October 1878. He was educated at Whitgift Grammar School, near Croyden, and went on to train as a solicitor. But his real ambition was to become a clergyman, and he ended up as a Church of England vicar.

He was described at the time as *"the Church of England's most fantastic Parson – solicitor, real estate operator and shrewd share speculator – a legendary figure who some call a saint, and some a miser. In 30 years he has built up two fabulous trusts which he claims will one day educate, maintain and send out to life 1,000 children a year who are either illegitimate or from broken homes."*

On the outbreak of the First World War, Frank Buttle determined to devote himself to child welfare work, especially in connection with children rendered homeless and orphaned through the war. He formed the National Adoption Society, and by 1930, 3,000 adoptions had been arranged and a home for unmarried mothers established in Surrey.

But as the years went on, Frank Buttle's activities brought to his notice large numbers of children for whom no adopters could be found, and his thoughts ran to helping their mothers themselves to bring them up, in addition to continuing to help adopted and orphaned children.

A complete ascetic and financial genius, he set about raising £1 million to establish the Trust, and when he died in 1953, he was within sight of his objective. Later that year, the full amount was raised and it became operational.

The Frank Buttle Trust is now the largest UK charity providing grant aid solely to individual children and young people in particularly difficult circumstances and who may be experiencing significant deprivation. They may be estranged from their family, seriously ill, or experiencing a range of other social problems.

The Trust provides support through the following grant aid schemes:

- The Child Support Scheme
- The Grant Scheme for Students and Trainees
- The School Fees Scheme
- The BBC Children in Need Small Grants Scheme

Child Support Grants

These are intended to make a positive contribution to the lives of children and young people when their safety, health or development are at risk, by providing necessities such as clothes, bedding and essential items of furniture and household equipment. On occasion, the Trust funds short-term therapy costs. The main criterion is that the item or service to be funded is **essential** to the well-being of the child, rather than desirable.

Students & Trainees Grants

The Grant Scheme for Students and Trainees helps young people facing severe social, emotional or health problems, or those whose education has been undermined by problems of this kind in the past, to acquire academic, trade or professional qualifications.

School Fee Grants

Sometimes, for a wide variety of reasons, the only option open to some children, other than going into public care, is to be given financial assistance with the cost of independent day school or boarding school. The Trust makes grants towards fees at boarding schools, both independent and state, and fees at independent day schools.

Children in Need Grants

The Trust distributes grants on behalf of BBC Children in Need and welcomes applications from referring agencies throughout the United Kingdom on behalf of children and young people aged 18 or under who are in need. Grants are generally for such items as clothing, beds, bedding, washing machines, cookers and other basic essentials.

Frank Buttle Trust funds are regularly accessed by local authority social workers, health visitors, probation officers and a host of voluntary organisations providing frontline services to children and young people. **Applications must be made through a statutory agency or voluntary organisation, which is capable of assessing the needs and administering a grant on behalf of the Trust. Applications are not normally accepted from the families themselves.**

If you wish to apply for a grant under any of the above schemes, visit the Trust's website at www.buttletrust.org to download guidelines and information about the relevant grants programme.

Contact Details (Scotland): The Frank Buttle Trust, PO Box 5075, G78 4WA
Tel: 01505 850 437, or email scotland@buttletrust.org

