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As summer draws to a close and we return from our various vacations, what better way to get back into gear than to sign up for an event or training programme to stimulate us, tune up our skills, and generally make us better equipped for the challenges to come? You'll find several here that could be relevant to your organisation.

We also signpost a number of useful resources for social enterprises, whether established, starting out, or just considering this option. And remember, CVS Stirling can help with more advice and information about all aspects of the social economy.

Comments and suggestions for the [website](#) and e-Bulletin are welcome.

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Toolkit: Understanding the impact that your organisation has on health

A Voluntary Sector Health Partnership Forth Valley Workshop

Mayfield Community Centre, Stirling

Wednesday, 26th August, 10 am – 12 noon

FREE for voluntary organisations in Forth Valley

(Lunch will be provided)



This workshop will outline the origin, focus and components of the **Health Awareness Toolkit** that was developed by the Scottish Forum for Public Health and the Scottish Health Impact Assessment Network on behalf of the Scottish Government.

The toolkit allows voluntary organisations and social enterprises to

- * assess their services,
- * reflect on their vision, aims and direction, and
- * identify the impact that they have on the health and wellbeing of their staff, service users, and the communities they operate within.

The result should be that organisations will be better placed to maximise their effectiveness, and also to identify ways of working with partners to contribute to wider outcomes (e.g. Single Outcome Agreement outcomes and achieving HEAT targets).

The toolkit can be used for:

- * staff and volunteer development
- * highlighting the impact of services on health
- * identifying potential partnership work
- * review and evaluation.

To make enquiry or to book a place, please contact Vicky Wan on 01324 692010 or e-mail vicky@cvsfalkirk.org.uk

Workforce Unit : Workforce Development Network Meeting

Jubilee House, Stirling

Thursday 27th August, 10.30 am -1.30 pm



This Network meeting will focus on the new **Voluntary Sector Development Fund (VSDF)** application form, and will also investigate **Modern Apprenticeships** in the light of the increased opportunities being made available for the sector.

Also featured will be the Scottish Government consultation on '**The Role of the Registered Social Worker in Contributing to Better Outcomes for Scotland**', which is an issue that will affect voluntary sector social service providers. The Workforce Unit is preparing a response to this consultation, and would like to hear your views.

Network members will find out up to date developments regarding the proposed H1N1 (**'Swine Flu'**) **Vaccination** of the social care workforce. In the meantime information will be updated on the Workforce Unit website, www.ccpscotland.org/workforceunit, where you can also download the full programme for the Network events.

To book a place, email Laura Weir at vsu.admin@ccpscotland.org or phone 01786 849752.

'Think, Explore, Influence'

Learning Link Scotland Conference

City of Edinburgh Council, City Chambers

Tuesday 22nd September, 9.30am - 3.15pm

£20 members/£40 non-members. Lunch included.

'**Think, Explore, Influence**' is a national conference for the Learning Link Scotland network launching 'Get Smart', the Big Lottery-funded support programme for members and partners.



During this event, practitioners will be able to help shape national policy and take part in practical sessions for professional development. They will be able to identify factors which have an impact on their work and the sector, and explore ways to influence them.

The three strands of the event aim to:

Who's the Conference for?

People working in, or with an interest in, Adult Education:

- ✓ **The Voluntary Sector and Communities**
- ✓ **Further and Higher Education**
- ✓ **Policy and Decision Makers**
- ✓ **The Business Community**
- ✓ **Students and Volunteers**
- ✓ **Local Authorities**

- * bring adult learning practitioners together to take some time to **think** about concepts – the values and principles that lie behind our work and lead to change in our society.
- * give them an opportunity to **explore** aspects of practice that will lead to better service delivery, more sustainable organisations and increased CPD opportunities for staff.
- * provide a space for dialogue with policy makers so practitioners can **influence** and shape policy making.

For bookings and any further queries contact Learning Link Scotland, Suite 6, 2 Commercial Street, Edinburgh, EH6 6JA or email: shaigh@learninglinkscotland.org.uk or phone 0131 553 3870.

Book early to be sure of a place!

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TRAINING & RESOURCES



Relationships Scotland Central

Interested in **training to be a Relationship Counsellor?**

Relationships Scotland is recruiting now for its new Diploma training course:

- * Part time study
- * COSCA certificate or equivalent

For more information contact the Manager, May Chamberlain, on 01324 670067, email info@relationships-scotlandcccs.org.uk

SVA Think Tank DVD

Supporting Voluntary Action (SVA) has produced a DVD following the recent **Think Tank events** at Glasgow's Hampden Park, which were attended by around 140 delegates. They

were invited to air their views and ideas on the future of voluntary action in Scotland in a 'Big Brother'-type interview booth.

The result is a 15-minute DVD which should stimulate debate about what kind of umbrella support infrastructure the voluntary sector (charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises) wants to see developed.

The DVD can be viewed online at www.scvo.org.uk/sva, or copies can be requested from supportingvoluntaryaction@scvo.org.uk

You can also read a **Summary Report** of the Think Tank event by clicking on www.scvo.org.uk/scvocms/images/ShapingFutureSummaryReport.pdf .

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FUNDING & AWARDS

Future Jobs Fund Bid Successful

The Scottish Voluntary Sector Consortium's bid to provide thousands of opportunities under the Future Jobs Fund scheme has been successful.

Over 200 voluntary organisations from across Scotland joined the collective bid to provide six month-long posts for 18-24 year olds who have been unemployed for nearly a year. Almost 3,000 jobs with a community benefit will be created in Scotland in the first six months of the scheme and **over a thousand of these are to be provided by charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises**

In the Forth Valley, Stirling local authority area will get 38 FJF jobs, 47 will go to Falkirk, and Clacks will get 22.

Details of successful bids, jobs by area and types of jobs by sector can be found in the press release on the Scottish Office website, www.scotlandoffice.gov.uk/scotlandoffice/12423.html For the SCVO's response, go to www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/TFNPR/ViewTFNPR.aspx?pr=9514&from=PRHome&al=t&page=

The Learning Launchpad

This grant scheme will provide grants for organisations that work with young people, whatever their background, to help them achieve their potential. The scheme will support ideas that:

- * have a social impact on individuals and on society;
- * are innovative and sustainable;
- * can be replicated;
- * are run by passionate and competent people.



There are two stages of investment:

1. **Stage one** investments of up to £30,000 - for people or fledgling organisations that are starting out with a new idea.
2. **Stage two** investments of up to £100,000 - to assist established organisations or initiatives to develop further.

Next closing date is 24th November 2009. For more information, or to apply for a grant, visit their website, www.learninglaunchpad.org

GlaxoSmithKline IMPACT Awards

GSK's IMPACT Awards are designed to recognise and reward charities that are doing "excellent" work to improve people's health.

- * Organisations must be at least three years old, working in a health related field in the UK, with a total annual income between £10,000 and £1 million
- * Up to 20 awards will be made, with ten winners receiving £25,000 and other organisations receiving £3,000 or £5,000.
- * Organisations that win or are highly commended for an award will also be offered free training valued at £3,500

The 2010 IMPACT Awards guidelines and application form are available at www.kingsfund.org.uk/research/projects/gsk_impact_awards/ Closing date for applications: 5pm on 25th September.

SURF Awards

The SURF Awards, first presented in 1998, are the major independent awards for community regeneration projects in Scotland. They are presented each year to initiatives judged to be doing outstanding regeneration work in Scotland's underprivileged communities.

The awards are about recognising and rewarding best practice, and intended to promote the work being done in our disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

Following the judging process, SURF Award certificates will be presented at a special dinner event on 3rd December in Glasgow. Shortlisted and winning entries will subsequently be showcased in a widely circulated publication, as well as through SURF events, the SCR learning networks, and online channels. This year, the three winning projects will also be offered consultancy services to help them build on their success in future,

If you are involved with, or know of, a deserving project or initiative, you can consider nominating it for a SURF Award in one of the three categories - People, Place and

Partnership. Go to www.scotregen.co.uk/news/default.asp?ItemID=1017 for further information on the application process for the 2009 Surf Awards. **The closing date for entries is 21st September.**

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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Understanding Social Enterprise

Glasgow

14th & 15th October (10 am – 4 pm both days)

Costs: £95 for third sector employees



This course from the Social Enterprise Academy aims to develop a broad view of the concept of social enterprise, the challenges established enterprises currently face, and what the future holds for this emerging movement.

The programme will include lively discussion and a study visit, and participants can take home a useful information pack.

To book online, go to the website www.theacademy-ssea.org which has full information on SEA courses. Or you can contact learn@theacademy-ssea.org, phone 0131 243 2670

FREE Social Enterprise Resource Documents

RCVS (Renfrewshire Council for Voluntary Services) have free copies of the following documents available:

- ***Tendering for Public Sector Contracts (2nd Edition)***
- ***Better Business: A Strategy and Action Plan for Social Enterprise in Scotland***

To request copies, email gordon.mclean@rcvsweb.co.uk or phone 0141 587 2487.

Social Enterprise Awards

The Social Enterprise Awards recognise and reward the UK's best social enterprises - businesses that operate to further social and/or environmental goals Prizes are on offer in the following categories:

- **Best Social Enterprise (Large)** - operating for at least three years and with a turnover in excess of £1m
- **Best Social Enterprise (Small)** - operating for at least three years and with a turnover less than £1m



- **Best New Social Enterprise** - *operating for less than three years with at least one year's set of accounts*

The competition will be run in two stages. Initially, interested organisations are asked to submit an entry to the relevant regional heats (one each in England, Wales, **Scotland** and Northern Ireland). Judges in each region will select three winners (one in each category) who will proceed to stage two, where a **public vote** will determine the overall UK winners.

For full details of the Awards, and how to enter, go to www.socialenterpriseawards.org.uk/pages/socialenterpriseawards.html **Deadline for applications is 28th September.**

Enterprising Third Sector Organisations Zone

There is now a new zone on the Third Sector Division pages of the Scottish Government website which outlines all support available to Third Sector organisations through the Enterprising Third Sector Action Plan. This includes support on **business development, public sector procurement, opening markets** and **demonstrating added value**. Check it out here: www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/enterprising-organisation

Public Contracts Scotland

Once more we would remind any voluntary organisations interested in delivering public sector services that they should register for the Public Contracts Scotland portal - just visit www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk for this **free** service.

By registering, you will automatically be made aware of contract opportunities as they arise for any theme(s) in which you have expressed an interest.

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GROUP NEWS

Deafblind Scotland: 20th Anniversary Exhibition

Lenzie Union Church Hall, Lenzie

31st August, 2 – 10 pm.



This year Deafblind Scotland, the association of deafblind and dual sensory impaired people, will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its establishment.

To mark the occasion, they have organised an **exhibition of photographs and memorabilia** covering two decades of service.

And for the (much) more adventurous, there are **Anniversary Abseils** from the Titan Crane at Clydebank on 5th & 6th September and 3rd & 4th October, and from the Forth Rail Bridge on 11th October. For more information, visit their website, www.deafblindscotland.org.uk

Village Hall Windfall

Balquhiddar Village Hall is among the latest beneficiaries of the Awards for All programme. The £3,000 award will be used to buy staging equipment and improve access to the venue.

Volunteer Management Training Programme

Volunteer Centre Stirling, in partnership with Volunteer Centre Falkirk, is offering a series of Intermediate level courses this autumn which will be of interest to anyone who organises or coordinates volunteers.

The courses, which run from September through November, cover topics such as **'Matching Volunteers to Roles and Tasks,' 'Supporting and Supervising Skills'** and **'Increasing Volunteer Effectiveness through Training and Development'**. They will all be held at Volunteer Centre Falkirk and each will run from 9.45 am to 4 pm. Costs are dependent on your organisation's income bracket.

You can get more information from Jennifer Shearman 01786 446071, or email jennifer.shearman@volunteerstirling.org.uk

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OTHER NEWS

Local Health News

In the last issue of the eBulletin, we drew your attention to the health news available from Health Directorates Weekly Bulletins.

We should also point out that *local* health news is easily accessible at the Forth Valley NHS website, www.nhsforthvalley.com

Here you'll find all the latest news on topics such as progress on the new Larbert hospital, and NHS Forth Valley's Integrated Healthcare Strategy.

Mapping the Social Services Landscape

The Voluntary Sector Social Services **Workforce Unit** has produced a guide which maps out the key organisations operating in the social services field in Scotland.

Specifically, it gives voluntary sector social care providers an indication of the range of **intermediary and umbrella organisations** with they may need to link and engage. It also describes each organisation and gives links to further information sources.

You can read or download a copy of 'Mapping the Social Services Workforce Organisational Landscape' by going to

www.workwithus.org/CampaignHelper/EmailLinkRedirect.aspx?param=R%2bdyj42cZ2o1XjP8mO64Ogelv2Xd8KWu

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