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A mixed bag of items this week – which we hope means there's something for everyone!

Next issue, we'll have news of our forthcoming AGM in September, as well as a significant event at the Norman MacEwan Centre: the **SAAP Open Day** on Friday, 21st August. This is to launch the Stirling Area Access Panel, a group which has close links with CVS Stirling and operates from our offices. We'll bring you further details of what promises to be an entertaining and eye-opening occasion – in the meantime, it's a date for the diary.

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.

TRAINING & RESOURCES



CVS Fife Training Events

A selection of Training Events coming up next month of interest to voluntary groups: (full list of training events at <http://www.cvsfife.org/courses/date.htm>)

- [Customer Relationship Management \(CRM\)](#)
Friday 7th August 2009, 9.30am - 4.30pm (1 Day)
Adam Smith College, Business Solutions
- [Course 06 - Promoting Diversity in Your Volunteer Programme](#)
Tuesday 11th August 2009, 9:30am - 3:30pm (1 Day)
Volunteer Centre Fife
- [Time Management](#)
Tuesday 11th August 2009, 9.00am - 3.30pm (1 Day)
Venue: To Be Confirmed
- [Planning for Your Area of Responsibility](#)
Tuesday 18th August 2009, 9:30am - 3:00pm (1 Day)
Adam Smith College, Leven Campus
- [Data Protection](#)
Friday 21st August 2009, 9.30am - 12.30pm (Half Day)
Adam Smith College, Business Solutions
- [Marketing for Voluntary Organisations](#)
Friday 21st August 2009, 9.30am - 4.30pm (1 Day)
Adam Smith College, Business Solutions

■ [Course 07 - Health and Safety and Risk Management in your Volunteer Programme](#)

Wednesday 26th August 2009, 9:30am - 3:30pm (1 Day)

Volunteer Centre Fife

■ [Teambuilding](#)

Thursday 27th August 2009, 9.00am - 3.30pm (1 Day)

Venue: To Be Confirmed

Young People & Money

Forthbank Stadium, Springkerse, Stirling

4th November, 9 am – 4.30 pm

FREE

The Financial Services Authority (FSA), in partnership with Citizens Advice and leading youth charity Fairbridge, has developed Young People & Money, a series of free, one-day training courses around the country.

The course is designed to better equip organisations who work with vulnerable young people (16-25 yrs), developing organisations' understanding and providing them with supporting toolkits to help young people make more sense of their money and hence increase their financial capability.

The core subject areas covered in the course are:

1. The psychology of young people and money
2. Income, budgeting and banking
3. Costs of credit and comparing credit deals and options
4. Debt Management including when, where and how to refer young people for money advice
5. Skills to engage young people in financial matters
6. Identifying practical ways to use and embed the exercises/materials in your existing work

To make a booking, visit www.a4emoney.co.uk and follow the directions to sign up. Places on each course will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis and are limited to a maximum of 20 per course. If this date/venue is not suitable, the website lists other courses around the country, and you can leave a notification of interest in attending any training.

Scottish Charity Accounts and Reporting to OSCR

SCVO, Mansfield Traquair Centre, 15 Mansfield Place, Edinburgh

30th November, 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

This SCVO seminar will look at what OSCR now expects from charities in terms of compliance, so it will be of interest to the majority of us. For information phone Jane Baillie 0131 474 8019, email jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk, or visit

The Community Channel

Community Channel is the only TV station dedicated to highlighting issues from both local and international communities as well as the voluntary and charitable sectors. They also run programming seasons throughout the year (i.e. Black History Month, Fairtrade Fortnight, Mental Health Week, International Women's Day, Change Makers Week).



The Community Channel is a free-to-air TV station available to 16.5 million households in the UK and to 41 million potential viewers.

- *Around 1.2 million people tune in every month*
- *The Channel receives more than 10,000 responses a week from viewers to calls to action.*
- *Launched in 2000 as a three hour a day TV channel, it now broadcasts 24/7 on Sky 539 and Virgin 233.*
- *The Channel is also on Freeview 87 every day from 6am to 9am,*

About 10% of their programming is commissioned: the rest comes from major broadcasters, independent producers - and charities.

The Community Channel has a useful (FREE) resource for charities called 'Your Charity Space.' This is a simple blogging tool for you to write about the charities and causes you support and to get others involved in what you're doing. It's for anyone involved with a charity - individuals or organisations - to share charity news, information, events and fund raising activities with others.

You need to register on the site to be able to create a new blog and upload text, images and video, and to be able to comment on other people's blogs. Registration box is in the top left hand corner of the site. It takes a few minutes and is free – just visit

www.communitychannel.org/component/option,com_registration/task,register/Itemid,59/

Once registered, you login in and go to 'Your Charity Space' on the main menu bar. Once in the YCS main index, click Create new blog and start writing text, browse for an image, if you have one, or a video clip. And Save.

If you would like more information on our programming or the charities and organizations involved, call: 08708 505 500 or email: info@communitychannel.org

A Resource Centre on Our Doorstep

The Community Resource Centre provides a variety of services that are available to community groups and organisations within the Stirling Council area. The Centre enables both groups and individuals to serve their communities and to tackle issues which arise within their communities.

The Resource Centre produces a series of training and information leaflets and other publications, at a nominal price which includes p&p.

For more information contact: Community Resource Centre, 15 Dumbarton Road, Stirling FK8 2LQ Phone: (01786) 432311 Fax: (01786) 432325 Email: resourcecentre@stirling.gov.uk

NEW Health Information supplement for Youth Workers

Youth Scotland, in partnership with NHS Health Scotland, has published a Health Information Supplement specifically for youth workers.

The handy, four-page document is an accessible and simple summary of current health initiatives, resources available and links. It aims to assist full time, part time and voluntary youth workers in their work with young people by providing the latest news, sources of information and signposts to key websites.

The Health Information Supplement is available to view online in an easy to view format, complete with interactive web links. View it here: <http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/Launch.aspx?referral=other&refresh=N1r90a5FD21o&PBID=3f19f336-a4a2-4a29-af60-54d086f09951&skip>

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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Stirling Council Procurement Opportunities

Provision of Care at Home Services (Community Services)

Reference : SC/COM/0643/110110/24(48)

Applications are invited from interested parties for the provision of Care at Home Services for the period 11th January 2010 – 20th January 2012, with two additional one year extension options to 10 January 2014.

This tender seeks to establish a Framework Agreement with three providers to provide Care at Home Services, mainly to older people. Service provision will be required after service users have undertaken an intensive period of home-based re-ablement. The service will develop alongside the current change programme within Community Care, and will seek to achieve pre-determined outcomes for, and agreed with, service users.

Applications for inclusion in the tender process must be made **by 1400 hours on Friday 24th July**, either in writing to Stirling Council , Community Services, Room 35, Viewforth, Stirling FK8 2ET (For the attention of Mary Prior) or by e-mail to contractsteam@stirling.gov.uk

For further information, please telephone 01786 442582 or email contractsteam@stirling.gov.uk

Public Sector Contracts

The Scottish Government has created a portal to allow organisations to be given **prior notice of public sector tendering opportunities**.

To register, go the Public Contracts Scotland Website, www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

New Investment Fund for Social Enterprises

Big Issue Invest will soon be launching a **Social Enterprise Investment Fund** to provide long-term, growth capital for social enterprises that have a clear social purpose and can demonstrate a sustainable revenue stream and growth potential.



Investments will be from £50,000 to £500,000, with the possibility of additional future investment depending on the success of the business. Big Issue Invest hope to take a long term view of the investment and will be looking to generate returns through cash flow in a manner which doesn't jeopardise the social objectives of the business. Visit www.biginvest.co.uk/ for more information.

Social Return on Investment – A New Guide

In last month's budget, Alistair Darling announced that public services would have to cut costs by becoming more efficient. But organisations like the **New Economics Foundation (nef)** has always believed that striving for what is termed 'efficiency' often jeopardises the quality of the services offered, leading to poorer outcomes and, ultimately, greater costs in the long-term.



nef has pioneered the use of Social Return on Investment principles (SROI), a way of measuring the value of the things we do, not just in economic terms but also in social and environmental terms. Fortunately, the Government is beginning to take notice: the Cabinet Office has just published a guide to SROI, which has been co-authored by nef staff.

Download a FREE (PDF) version of **A Guide to Social Return on Investment** at www.neweconomics.org/gen/z_sys_PublicationDetail.aspx?pid=286

Ideas Campaign seeks to Combat Recession

A 'Community Ideas Campaign' has been launched to help communities across Scotland respond to and recover from the current economic difficulties. The campaign takes the

form of a sort on online 'think tank', and is based on the Irish Ideas Campaign, during which 5000 ideas were generated in one month to help regenerate the Irish economy.



"No Whinging" is the Campaign's motto – so keep positive!

EVH, who are running the Campaign, want to seek people's ideas, drawing from their own experiences to identify how Scotland can emerge from this recession and how communities can play their part and help Scotland compete on the world stage again.

Launched on 4th June 2009, the initial phase of the campaign is seeking people's ideas to preserve and grow employment, stimulate activity across the community and make it easier for ordinary people to make a difference.

Their motto is 'no whinging', so the campaign will only consider ideas that are positive and think about solutions, not the problems! In September, they will produce an action plan for the Government, individuals, communities, business and other organisations.

To post an idea or comment visit www.communityideascampaign.socialgo.com

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FUNDING

OSCR Publishes Fundraising Guidance

OSCR has published guidance on compliance with the Charities and Benevolent Fundraising (Scotland) Regulations 2009. The Regulations have been keenly awaited by the sector and take effect from **1st July 2009**.

The Regulations specify how fundraisers must operate in their dealings with charities and the donating public.

OSCR's guidance has been produced jointly with the Institute of Fundraising Scotland and hard copies are to be issued to IOFS members as well as to Scottish members of the Public Fundraising Regulatory Association and Fundraising Standards Board.

You can download the guidance document (PDF) from www.oscr.org.uk/PublicationItem.aspx?ID=5e0d8c96-d618-4868-b3d6-841ebd5c36fb

Lloyds Halts Overseas Funding

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland Trustees have decided not to invite applications for their overseas programme this year. The Foundation assures us the programme will be kept under review, and all existing awards, including multi-year awards, will be honoured in full. All their other award programmes will continue to run as normal.

Sport Relief Open for Applications

Sport Relief is a grant making programme managed by Scottish Community Foundation on behalf of Comic Relief. It was set up to use the power and passion of sport to tackle poverty and disadvantage, both in the UK and in some of the world's poorest countries.

In the UK, Sport Relief will fund work which uses sport and exercise to strengthen communities and provide opportunities for people who are excluded or disadvantaged. This may be through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disability, race, sexuality or gender.

This programme is now open for new applications through the Community Grants programme. The fund criteria remain the same but the grant levels and application process has altered to bring Sport Relief in line with the Community Grants programme;

Grants will range from **£1,000 - £5,000** and are available for not-for-profit community groups that want to use sport to:

1. Increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation;
2. Help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives to regain their confidence and self-esteem.

This will no longer be offered as a separate grants programme - applicants will apply using the existing standard Community Grants form. Please refer to the website www.scottishcf.org/strengthening-communities/apply-for-a-grant/ for more details.

Arts Funding Update

The Scottish Arts Council has announced that funding of up to £100,000 is available for equipment and public art, and up to £250,000 is available to help create opportunities for people to participate in the arts across Scotland by investing in new equipment and improving arts facilities.



The **Scottish Arts Council Capital/Infrastructure Fund** aims to help create opportunities for people to participate in the arts across Scotland by investing in new equipment and improving arts facilities. The Scottish Arts Council will accept applications for both equipment and/or minor building work:

- New equipment to support participation in the arts and artistic production
- Minor building work and fit-out of spaces

Guidance notes and application form can be downloaded at www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding/apply/organisations/capital.aspx The closing date for applications is **21st August 2009**.

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GROUP NEWS

Info Wanted on Groups

Balfron Children's Community Partnership are endeavoring to collate information on **children, youth & community groups** within the communities that feed into Balfron High School.

Do you know of any children, youth or community group running in the following communities: Arnprior, Buchlyvie, Kippen, Fintry, Balfron, Killearn, Strathblane, Drymen, Croftamie and Buchanan?

BCCP would be grateful if you could provide information on contact details, operating time and a short description of the group. For more information, or to pass details on, please contact Pam Campbell, Rural Development Worker, Communities Team, 2nd Floor, Wolfcraig Building, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, FK8 2HT. Tel No: 01786 432320 or campbellp@stirling.gov.uk

CVS Membership Grows... and Grows

The last few months have seen a substantial number of new groups taking up CVS Stirling membership. New members' details are added to the '**Essential Guide**' – check it out on our website at www.cvs-stirling.org.uk/Essential%20Guide.htm

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OTHER NEWS

Getting Info From Public Bodies – Invitation to Survey

This is a reminder to all voluntary organisations that they are invited to take part in a short online survey being carried out by Strathclyde University. This is part of a three-year study looking at some of the barriers and issues encountered by voluntary organisations who try to access information from public authorities.

Organisations of all shapes and sizes are invited to take part, regardless of whether or not they have previously requested information.

Please click here <http://tinyurl.com/strathclyde-survey> to go to the survey. For more information, please contact Kate Spence: kate.spence@strath.ac.uk or phone 0141 946 3481 / 07920263917.

And another one!

Another survey on a similar theme is being run by Local People Leading (LPL), an alliance of national and regional networks, local community groups and individuals that has come together to campaign for a strong and independent community sector in Scotland.

They want to find out **how well the public sector in Scotland is serving the needs of your organisation**. To do this, they want to hear about

- the ambitions of your organisation
- your experiences of local statutory bodies (such as local authorities, NHS boards, Community Health Partnerships, local police authorities, etc)
- and about your ability to work with the public sector to make a positive difference locally.

It will take just 10 minutes to have your say on this important issue. The information that you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and there will be no way of identifying the views of any one individual or group.

If you would like more information about the background to this survey contact Angus Hardie at Local People Leading on 0131 260 9501 or angus@localpeopleleading.net. If you have any queries on the completion of this online survey you can contact Kevin Williamson at EKOS on 0141 353 1994 or kevin.williamson@ekos.co.uk.

Access the survey here: <http://www.ekosonline.com/ekosonline/ekosonline/lpl.htm>

Charity Giving Drops

The number of Scots giving to charity has fallen by almost 10 per cent in a year, a new study shows. Charitable giving by the male population and the middle-aged, in particular, has dropped because of the country's economic troubles.

The findings come from the not-for-profit sector think tank and research consultancy **nfp-Synergy's Scottish Charity Engagement Monitor**.

Its latest figures show the number of people who have donated to charity has fallen from 79 per cent in April 2008 to 71 per cent in April this year. Researchers claim this could translate to a loss of more than £65m a year

HIV Prevention in Forth Valley

HIV Scotland and NHS Forth Valley have completed a report looking at the prevention needs of the Forth Valley area, **Needs Assessment Report: Integrated HIV Prevention in Forth Valley**.



The Report outlines key factors as to the background of HIV in the Forth Valley area, the services currently available and how they operate, and draws out six themes. Recommendations for future strategic direction provide a basis for taking forward the challenges of addressing the prevention needs of people living in Forth Valley.

The small Steering Group - with expert advice from professionals from public health, HIV clinical and nursing care, health promotion and national coordination - will continue to meet to ensure that this work is built into planning for the future. Forth Valley is not unusual in following recent trends in HIV in Scotland, where being diagnosed with HIV continue to increase.

More people are living with HIV and using treatment services than ever before. Populations most affected by HIV are increasingly diverse with men who have sex with men and those with links to sub-Saharan Africa particularly heavily affected.

Although primarily focused upon health related needs, the report finds that these are inseparable from social care, education, equality and diversity. The report calls for increased local support, as only through combined efforts across all sectors and sections of society, is the rising trend of HIV infection likely to be reversed.

One contributory factor in the experience of people affected is general lack of knowledge of what it means to be living with HIV, or even about some of the basic facts. Stigma often results, with people being marked out and experiencing isolation either because people know or think they are HIV positive or because there are other prejudices at work.

The report comes at an opportune moment, when at a national level, the Scottish Government is about to publish its HIV Action Plan for Scotland, the first for about a decade.

A copy of the report is available from the HIV Scotland website, www.hivscotland.org/

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