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WE RAISE almost £4 billion annually, are custodians of over £8 billion of community assets, and employ more people in Scotland than the NHS.* Who are we? Scotland's Third (Voluntary) Sector, that's who: the c.45,000 diverse organisations whose contribution to society is so important, and so often overlooked. Perhaps it's time we asserted ourselves and reminded others of the value of what we do. What do you think? Comments, please!

A draft Report on May's 'Stronger Together' Event has been prepared and will be sent out for comment and feedback. The Report will also be available to view on the CVS Stirling website.

* SCVO data, November 2007

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

Stirling Veterans' Day 2009

19th – 21st June (various venues)

Veterans' Day - it's actually a whole weekend! - recognises and honours the contribution of our veterans past and present and acknowledges the skills our veterans have to offer and are able to pass on to young people.

Highlights will include:

- ⇒ Sports Challenge
- ⇒ Tea Dance
- ⇒ Kings Park Tattoo
- ⇒ Flotilla on the Forth
- ⇒ Church Service



The 'Pipers' Trail' was a popular feature of last year's Veteran's Day in Stirling

Look out for the posters and fliers, or visit www.stirling.gov.uk/veteransday for details.

Support for Veterans: The **Veterans Knowledge Map** is an online, interactive directory of organisations, including charities, that offer practical help and advice to Veterans, their families or their representatives.

You can find it online at www.veterans-uk.info/knowledge/knowledge.html

Raploch Launch of CLEAR

Room 4 & 5, Raploch Community Campus, Raploch, Stirling
Monday 22nd June, 7pm

All of Raploch is invited to this event, at which Raploch Community Partnership will introduce itself and launch & launch its CLEAR Project.



Raploch Community Partnership

RCO is based in Raploch Community Campus
Stirling FK8 1RD
Tel: 01786 272305

Raploch Community Partnership (RCP) is a community organisation aiming to give local people information and understanding on how the changes and regeneration in Raploch will affect them. They will represent local people on subjects such as Housing, Community Planning & Community Safety during the regeneration of Raploch and take their views to the URC and Stirling Council to influence changes. Any results and feedback will be discussed at Open Meetings and posted out to those on their mailing list.

RCP hold public meetings every third Monday of every month in the Community Campus and EVERYONE in the Raploch area is invited to attend. So if you're not happy with something and want to see positive changes in Raploch – tell them!

What Is the CLEAR Project?

CLEAR stands for Community Liaison Engagement And Research. The Project will train four 'Animators' as sessional workers to engage with every resident and every group within Raploch. 'Animators' are people who work with the members of a community to help get them informed and excited about local issues. They are also residents of the neighbourhood who understand the problems it faces.

They will then feed back the results from the surveys they have carried out and this information will be taken forward by the CLEAR Project Team to negotiate and establish the changes you have asked for.

RCP will also use the 'Animators' to inform people of local training and employment opportunities, learning initiatives, voluntary organisations, community groups and other organisations of interest to the community.

This engagement aims to strengthen relationships between Raploch residents and encourages people to be more self sufficient and active as a community.

(Childcare facilities are available at Open Meetings if there are 4+ children attending – contact us 1 week in advance if you would like to use this service)

Welfare Rights 2009

CPAG (Child Poverty Action Group) in Scotland Conference

Glasgow Caledonian University, 70 Cowcaddens Road, Glasgow

Friday 26th June, 10 am – 4 pm

COST: £100 per delegate



With the credit crunch and more and more people looking to the welfare system for vital financial support, this conference is a timely opportunity to find out about the latest developments in benefits and tax credits.

It is also an opportunity to debate whether Scotland's advice sector is adequately resourced to help families get the advice they need and whether the latest UK welfare reforms will help or hinder efforts to end child poverty.

This conference, the only one of its kind in Scotland, will be of interest to those involved with welfare rights advice. It offers the opportunity to hear about the latest developments in benefits and tax credits.

- Workshops will cover the following topics:
- Experiences of employment and support allowance
- Kinship care update
- Medical evidence and the First-tier Tribunal
- New tribunal rules
- Tax credits overpayments – getting to grips with COP26
- Keeping your home – benefit issues around eviction/repossession

More information is available on the CPAG website

www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/training/default.htm where you can download a conference programme and complete the booking form. Or you can email bkelly@cpagscotland.org.uk with your contact details.

When economies turn sour: *International reflections on the third sector, government and recession*

Augustine Church Centre, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh

Thursday 25th June, 5.30pm

FREE

SCVO's Chief Executive Martin Sime recently returned from a six month study tour which straddled the banking collapse and recession in several countries. In this lecture, he will explore the short and long term impact on the third sector and reflect on the lessons to be learned. (This event will include a wine reception.)

For more information, email helen.swatton@scvo.org.uk or phone 0141 225 8019,

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TRAINING & RESOURCES

E-Learning from SCVO

SCVO's new 2009/10 Training Programme will soon be available, both on the web and in hard copy, and we'll let you know as soon as it is published.



But in the meantime, were you aware that they also offer **online learning**? Courses are generally free, do not require registration, and can take just a few hours. Current topics include Branding, Diversifying Your Income, Introduction to Project Management, and the SCVO Governance Programme (in six parts). You can also access Learning Scotland's Learning Bytes courses here (these do require registration, and carry a modest fee).

Check out what's available at

www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/ServiceAndResources/ELearning.aspx

SCIP New Mentoring Guide

The Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice has just released a new publication '**A Guide to Mentoring Across Generations**' written by Alan Hatton Yeo and Scott Telfer.

The guide is a useful introduction to intergenerational mentoring and will be of interest to practitioners, managers and volunteers. The document can be downloaded from the SCIP website at www.scotcip.org.uk/pdfs/guidetomentoring_web.pdf and hard copies are being distributed to all members of the Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice network.

Online Self-assessment Tool

A new, online **self-assessment tool**, produced by the Centre for Charity Effectiveness at Cass Business School and funded by Capacitybuilders, can help you determine your organisation's strengths and weaknesses in eight key areas including governance, finance and people. The questions it asks will help you identify where you already meet the basics for sustainability and where you need to do more work.

The tool is on the KnowHow NonProfit website, www.knowhownonprofit.org/tools-for-success/self_assessment. This is an online knowledge resource for the nonprofit sector. Information that you enter will be confidential.

You will need to register on the website to access the tool. You may find that you can enter all the information quite quickly, in less than ten minutes - or you may want to complete the self-assessment in stages. On completion, you can print a report that lists all your findings and advises on areas to be strengthened.

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FUNDING

Pudsey's New Programme

A new grant programme from BBC's Children in Need - '**Fun and Friendship**' - is specifically targeted towards not-for-profit organisations working with disabled young people aged 12-18.



The purpose of the programme is to help projects create and enhance opportunities for disabled young people to meet friends and have a good time, as independently as possible. It is a 3-year programme which expects to make a maximum of 12 grants of up to £300,000 each across the UK.

To read the full guidelines, or download an application form, go to www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/funandfriendship.shtml. **Deadline for applications is midnight on 31st July.**

Cashback for Communities – Round 3

A further round of funding for youth projects under the Cashback for Communities Scheme has been announced.

- ✓ ***Do you deliver youth work projects in an area of multiple deprivation?***
- ✓ ***Are the young people in your area at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs and anti-social behaviour?***
- ✓ ***Are the young people aged 10-19 years?***
- ✓ ***Are there gaps in local youth work provision in your area?***

Then the CashBack for Communities Fund could help you to increase youth work events and activities in your area.

What is the Grant Fund?

The fund has been set up as part of Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 which takes funds confiscated as part of the proceeds of crime and reinvests them back into local communities.

Who Can Apply?

The CashBack for Communities Fund for Local Youth Projects is open to applications from local groups and partnerships. Be sure you are applying for the right fund. There are other CashBack initiatives for football, rugby, women and girls' football, basketball, Scottish Screen, and Arts & Business Scotland. The Scottish Government website has details www.cashbackscotland.com

What Will Be Funded?

Priority will be given to projects / activities which address inequalities, and particularly to

proposals for activities which will take place in areas of multiple deprivation to fill gaps in provision for young people in those areas. Other areas may be funded if they are seen as suffering from particular problems or lack of resources. The grants will fund organisations which support young people who are currently involved or at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs and or anti-social behaviour. The emphasis is on youth work interventions constructed with and for young people in the 10 –19 age group, therefore, requests for large capital items of equipment only will not be supported.

A limit of £10k has been set for applications; *however local assessment panels will be free to make larger awards to flagship projects in their area.*

Projects / activities must be completed by 31st May 2010 and all accounts settled by July 2010.

Funding Application

Applications should identify how the proposed activities will:

- target young people from areas of multiple deprivation
- fill gaps in provision for young people, taking account of defined and identified local priorities and needs – and how they will add value and build on existing provision.
- be open to all young people but target those involved in, or at risk of becoming involved in, violence, alcohol, drugs or anti-social behaviour.
- support and encourage the involvement of local people (particularly young people) in the development, management and running of the project.
- Increase adult volunteering.
- be developmental in nature and support young people to develop skills and signpost them to other appropriate activities in line with Curriculum for Excellence. (See www.ltscotland.org.uk/curriculumforexcellence/)
- promote positive behaviour and a positive image of young people.
- address issues of accessibility

Copies of the **application form** and **guidance notes** can be downloaded from www.youthlinkscotland.org .

Comic Relief Grants – a New Strategy

Comic Relief has unveiled a new grants strategy for the next four years, following Red Nose Day, which raised a record £78m this year.

Charities and other non-profit groups are being invited to apply for funding for overseas projects, which will receive 60 per cent of distributions, and for causes in the UK.

There are to be bigger and fewer overseas grants - averaging £500,000 - and in the UK an expansion of small grants for a greater number of organisations.

A partnership with the Community Foundation Network involves distributing £6.1m to 53 community foundations in the UK for grants to benefit disadvantaged communities. Of this funding, £5m will be set aside for grants of up to £10,000.

Applicants do not have to be registered charities, but must have constitutions and management committees. Comic Relief is also providing some UK funding for distribution to social enterprises and social entrepreneurs through the charity UnLtd.

Because many charities are suffering from the recession, Comic Relief is gearing up for a sharp upturn in applications. **One in six bids for funding for causes in the UK, and one in seven bids for international grants are currently successful.**

If you want to apply for a Comic Relief grant, go to www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant where you'll find all the guidelines and application procedures. The deadlines for the first three grant-making cycles are:

Cycle 1 – 24th July 2009

Cycle 2 – 13th November 2009

Cycle 3 – 5th March 2010



Scottish Arts Council Capital Grants Scheme 2009/10



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

The level of grants is £10,000 - £100,000 and the amount available for applications will be limited to a maximum of 75% of the project costs. In addition to the aim, the fund will seek to support projects which prioritise the following:

- ⇒ People living in deprived areas
- ⇒ Disabled people
- ⇒ People aged 65+
- ⇒ Ethnic minority communities
- ⇒ People living in rural areas

As of 11th June, the application form and guidelines were not yet available, but are due shortly. Visit www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding/apply/organisations/capital.aspx or phone 0845 603 6000 (local rate). **Deadline: 21st August.**

Does your village have a bright idea?



Village SOS is a new initiative from the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) and the BBC. It is searching for six UK villages with a great business idea and six enterprising individuals to act as Village Champions and help them achieve their ambitions. Together they will create a new venture, with funding of between £100,000 and £400,000 from BIG.

Driving the initiative is the belief that villages are often sitting on a range of untapped potential that, with the strength of the community behind them, could be turned into thriving businesses.

Village SOS also aims to make an impact beyond the funded villages through a major learning campaign, which will help other villages use the learning and enthusiasm to take a bold step towards starting a new business that will regenerate their own communities.

If you live in a rural village with fewer than 3,000 people and have an idea for a new business that could bring energy and life back to your community, then Village SOS could be for you.

All types of voluntary and community organisations, including charities, social enterprises, village and community based co-operatives, are eligible to apply. The final six projects will need to set up a Trust for their village to receive the grant.

- * The BBC will be documenting the journey of the six villages and their Village Champions for a major prime time series for BBC One in winter 2010. The programmes will follow the new enterprises from start-up to trading.

Find out more about the programme at

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_village_sos.htm?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg&tab=4 .

If you have any questions about the programme and whether you are eligible, ring the BIG helpline on 0844 88 88 677 or email general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

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OTHER NEWS

SCVO's FREE 'Grassroots' Membership

Now any voluntary organisation in Scotland with an annual income of less than £25,000 can become a member of SCVO (the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations) **absolutely free.**

SCVO is the national body representing and advancing the values and interests of the voluntary sector. There are many benefits to becoming a member, including

- Latest **news** about the sector
- **Support** to help your organisation run more effectively
- **Training** programmes to keep your group's skills up to date
- Opportunities to **work together** to represent the collective interests of the voluntary sector
- A range of **member services** and deals that can make a difference that matters - and save you money

You can find full details of SCVO membership in the booklet downloadable (PDF) at www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/AboutSCVO/SCVOMemberShip.aspx Alternatively, phone 0131 4748053, or email membership@scvo.org.uk

Third Sector CHP Network

Over the summer of 2008 Voluntary Health Scotland invited voluntary sector members of **Community Health Partnership (CHP)** committees in Scotland to respond to a questionnaire designed to find the future support needs and wishes of the committee members.

It sought clarification on whether VHS should continue to be an information hub, sending out information and organising regular events, whether the committee members would like to see developed their own network over which they could feel ownership or if it was felt a mixture of the two was the best way forward.

- * **The vast majority** of committee members who responded found the support from VHS beneficial and wished for it to continue. Twice as many would like this to be through developing a physical presence, rather than just an electronic one. However **95%** of people also wished to receive a regular e-news from VHS and a sizeable majority did feel able to contribute in some way to its content.
- * **Over three quarters** of the respondents would find a formal network of CHP committee members useful, with the majority wishing the opportunity to share knowledge and experiences. Most wished a combination of regional networks with the ability to call national meetings if required. It was also suggested that a good fit could be made with the regional CVS networks.
- * **Two thirds** of those responding felt they could be involved in the development and running of the network with the main reason for people not becoming involved being resource implications.

Following on from this research, the development of a peer support network for third sector members of CHPs took another step forward recently with the formalisation of a proper steering group.

A draft constitution is currently being drawn up and will shortly be circulated for comment. In the meantime, if you would like to know more about the steering group, please contact Bill Weir at bill.weir@vhscotland.org.uk

New Guidance for Cross-Border Charities

As a result of the recent commencement of OSCR's monitoring regime for cross border charities, OSCR has now published updated guidance for such charities.

The guidance is now split into two parts (click on the link to download):

- * [Seeking charitable status in Scotland](#) - Guidance for England and Wales charities on registration with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator
- * [Cross-border charity regulation in Scotland](#) - Guidance on statutory requirements and reporting to The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Existing cross border charities will be sent a copy of the Cross-border charity regulation in Scotland guidance which outlines the key aspects of the regulatory regime in Scotland and how these impact on English and Welsh charities that are also entered on the Scottish Charity Register.

English and Welsh charities who are considering registration in Scotland should actively consider both pieces of guidance.

Accessing Holidays for the Disabled

Around this time of year we're all thinking of planning our holidays, and people with disabilities are no exception. But they face particular challenges in finding suitable locations that cater for their needs.

The **Stirling Area Access Panel (SAAP)** webpage has useful links to resources such as guides, directories and websites that can make finding the right holiday that much less daunting. Go to www.cvs-stirling.org.uk/saap.htm and click on 'Resources'

One of the recommendations in the recent Calman Commission on Devolution's report is that UK-wide charities should be able to operate without having to register with both OSCR and the Charity Commission. But SCVO has called this 'a muddle to fix a muddle' – read their full response at www.scvo.org.uk/scvo (Media Releases)

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