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With just one week to go till the **Third Sector Forum Event** (see below) we're urging all our local charities, voluntary groups and social economy organisations to send a representative (or two) along next Friday.

We know you're busy people, but the issues at stake have implications across the whole Sector. This will be an important step in the journey towards systematic, effective representation in community planning and decision making, and we need a good turnout of people who can contribute ideas and opinions about how to take the process forward.

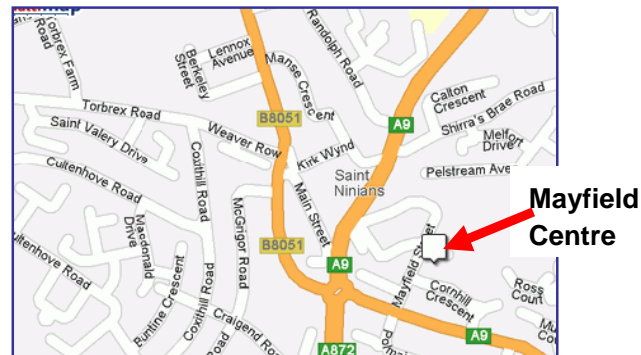
Comments and suggestions for the [website](#) and e-Bulletin are welcome.

Emails to: lee.stevenson@cvs-stirling.org.uk or donald.saunders@cvs-stirling.org.uk

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Third Sector Forum Event
Mayfield Community Centre,
Sunnybank Road, St Ninians, Stirling
Friday, 29th May, 9.30 am – 1 pm



Parking Disabled access

As the countdown to the Event begins, we urge those of you who haven't yet responded to our invitation to get in touch with us, either by phone, fax, email or by posting back the form. There's still time to register and get involved!

Here's a brief outline of the morning's agenda:

- 9.30 am **Coffee and Registration**
- 10.00 **Welcome and Introduction**
- 10.10 **Presentations:** *Why are we here?- the context and purpose of today's event. A possible model for a Third Sector involvement in decision making will be presented for discussion.*

- 10.50 **Q & A**
- 11.00 **Workshops:** *workshops will be held around each of the 5 CPP Critical Partnerships: health, economy, learning, housing and community safety.*
- 12.15 pm **Lunch:** *a buffet lunch will be laid on, with a further chance for networking and informal discussion. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements or preferences.*

Please phone 01786 469916 or email lee.stevenson@cvs-stirling.org.uk if you'd like any further information. We look forward to seeing you there.

Your Health...Your Community

Stirling's Public Partnership Forum - "The place for public dialogue about Health and Community support"

Council Chambers, Viewforth, Stirling

Wednesday 27th May, 6.30 pm (for 7 pm start) – 9 pm

This, the next meeting of Stirling's PPF (Public Partnership Forum), will focus on:

- ⇒ **dental services** throughout NHS Forth Valley
- ⇒ An update on the future **Stirling Community Hospital**
- ⇒ The election of a **Deputy Public Partnership Forum Representative** (Post currently Vacant)

Please let us know if you would like to attend this meeting, also if you need crèche facilities to enable you to attend or have any other special requirements or require interpreter services, or if you are interested in becoming a Deputy PPF Representative.

Contact Jessie-Anne Malcolm on 01324 614660 or e-mail:

jessie.malcolm@fvpc.scot.nhs.uk

Come along and join in the discussions!

Free Golf Training for Disabled Juniors

St Michaels Golf Club, Leuchars

Wednesday, 3rd June

Scottish Disability Golf Partnership has arranged this FREE golf training session for anyone under twenty one years of age, with a disability, serious health issue or mobility problem.

A PGA Professional will be on hand to provide tuition and guidance to any youngsters wanting to learn about the game or develop their existing skills. Training will be given using the driving nets and on a fun 'Velcro' golf ball target game.

Parents, friends or carers are welcome to attend and the SDGP is covering the costs of the training for the junior players!

Anyone interested should complete the short form below and return it as indicated.

Name _____	Disability _____	
Address _____		
Post Code _____	Telephone _____	E-mail _____

Return to sdgp09@blueyonder.co.uk

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TRAINING & RESOURCES

A Guide Through the Recession

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)'s **free online guide** will assist you and your organisation through the downturn. Get advice on issues including recession proofing your organisation, tightening up your financial systems, staff management, strengthening key relationships, financial sustainability, demonstrating your impact, and more. Find it at www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/recessionresources



FREE Expert Guidance

10 new, practical downloads available free of charge through My DSC. Login with your email address and existing DSC password or follow the simple registration process at www.dsc.org.uk



STEP 'Credit Crunch' Workshops

A series of FREE half-day workshops held in rural locations across the Stirling area.
12 am – 12.30 pm



Due to the demand from STEP'S previous successful series of credit crunch workshops at Stirling Enterprise in February they have decided to take these workshops out to rural areas to give people who can't make it into Stirling City the chance to attend.

In the midst of a credit crisis and times of uncertainty, it can be tempting to batten down the hatches and go in to survival mode. Budgets get slashed, spend is reined in and a feeling of apprehension comes to bear on all aspects of business activity...which is only natural.

Organised by Stirling Enterprise (STEP), these workshops will provide practical tips and guidance on how to move forward in 2009.

- **Drymen, Friday 29th May**
PR on a Shoestring During a Credit Crunch
- **Killearn, Tuesday, 16th June**
Understand Your Business Financials in Difficult Trading Times?
- **Dunblane, Thursday, 18th June**
Employment Law Update for Employers

To book a place on any of these courses, contact Stirling Enterprise (STEP), Tel: 01786 463416 or email: kdavis@stirling-enterprise.co.uk

Gift Aid Toolkit

If you're not sure just how Gift Aid could boost your charity's income, HM Revenue and Customs have published a Toolkit on CD. Among its resources are a basic guide, templates and an interactive claim form.

If you'd like a CD, phone HMRC Charities on 08453 020203 or email charities@hmrc.gov.uk

Accessing Help Online

Often people in need of help can find it really difficult to pick up a phone and explain their difficulties, and other contact options may suit them better. One of these is the **Scottish Support Groups Directory**, an online resource that can put people in touch with support groups in their local area. Users can search by topic, keywords, post code or town - help, as the saying goes, can be just a click away.

If *your* organisation isn't in the directory yet, and you think it should be included, contact supportgroupsadmin@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk

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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Realise your Enterprise Potential!

Free Mentoring support for Third Sector organisations across Scotland



Do you have some inspiring ideas to develop your organisation and help realise your sustainability? Perhaps you're looking to tender for new contracts or diversify your income base. Help is at hand with the new **Realise Mentoring programme**. You can access free, confidential mentoring support from experienced mentors with expertise in the areas of greatest interest to you.

Whether it's successfully bidding for tenders, managing cultural change or developing your organisation's sustainability, we can match you with the right mentor for your needs. Visit www.realisementoring.org.uk for details.

Planting New Seeds

New companies and those in their early stages may have high growth potential, but still find it difficult to attract capital from banks and investors. Help could be at hand in the shape of the **Scottish Seed Fund**.

This is a new fund targeting businesses that can show high growth potential in terms of new products, new markets or increased employment. They can apply at any time for loans and equity investments of £20,000 - £100,000 from the Fund, though 50% will need to be secured from other private sector investors.

For details about the Fund, visit www.scottish-enterprise.com/funding-grants-seedfund

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FUNDING

Grants available from Community Empowerment Action Plan

The Community Empowerment Action Plan was announced at the end of March 2009, and encourages people in both rural and urban areas to participate in the running of their neighbourhoods. The Action Plan provides clarity on what community empowerment is, **why** it is important and **how** communities can get involved.

A range of best practice examples from across Scotland are set out, providing information and inspiration for people who want to have a say in the decisions affecting their communities.

There is also information on the variety of grants that are accessible to community groups, providing potential investment of around £180 million from a range of government sources.

You can read or download the action plan at
www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/03/20155113/0

Remember: CVS Stirling can help find the right funder for your needs. Using the FunderFinder search programme, we can quickly identify potential funders for your specific requirements.

Just print out the form from our website www.cvs-stirling.org.uk (or we can send one out), return it to us, and we will take it from there.



Funding Search Facility

Grantsnet, the free grants information site, has overhauled its search facility. The site offers grant information for charities, voluntary organisations and not-for-profit organisations at **no charge** and without any requirement to register.

The service, which covers England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, is run by a team of volunteers. The site's advanced search function now enables users to search by region and by activity, and allows users to sign up for e-mail updates of new grant information that matches your interest.

Check it out at www.grantsnet.co.uk/

Youth funding package for training and healthy eating activity



If you are working with, or know someone who is working with, young people aged 12 to 25, Community Food and Health Scotland (CFHS) have a new youth funding package for training and healthy eating activity.

The package comes in 2 parts:

- **Part one** will provide up to £1000 towards the cost of members of staff, volunteers or peer educators to complete the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland (REHIS) Elementary Food and Health course.
- **Part two** will pay towards the costs of developing healthy eating activities with young people. (*Healthy eating activities could include: trying out healthier options in youth*)

cafes / snack bars; buying equipment to produce healthier food in cafes / snack bars; buying equipment and food to run healthy cookery courses; or developing gardening activities.)

More information about the food and health course is available from www.rehis.org

CFHS Small Grants Scheme

In addition CFHS will open its annual small grant scheme on 21st April. Groups and agencies can apply for between £500 and a new higher limit of £4000 to develop healthy eating activities with and within low-income groups based in Scotland. **Closing date for applications is Friday, 26th June.**

For more information on these funding opportunities (including downloadable application forms) contact CFHS on 0141 226 5261 or visit www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk

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GROUP NEWS

New-look for Camphill Blair Drummond

Camphill Blair Drummond has announced changes to its website and logo, designed to reflect some of the charity's key strengths and represent the process of change it is undergoing. Check it out at www.camphillblairdrummond.org.uk

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OTHER NEWS

Single Outcome Agreements – a review of publications

Many of us still find Single Outcome Agreements a difficult concept to get to grips with. The SCVO website has a useful update on SOAs written with the Scottish voluntary sector specifically in mind.

It's a relatively jargon-free and user-friendly document, which reviews some of the key documents relating to Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs) - principally policy, guidance and research - and also seeks to provide some background to the arrangements in place with respect to the provision of public services in Scotland since the signing of the Concordat between the Scottish Government and CoSLA in November 2007.

You can view or download it at www.scvo.org.uk/scvocms/images/AS1%20-%20SOAs.doc

The Budget and the Voluntary Sector

If you'd like a concise, jargon-free account of what the latest budget means for our sector, DSC have provided a handy summary: **Summary of Budget 2009 - Policy announcements of interest to the voluntary sector.** This Word file can be accessed

through their website at

www.dsc.org.uk/NewsandInformation/News/Budgetgivessectoratickingtime-bomb

SCVO Launches Consultation on Future Jobs Fund

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) would welcome your views on what a Scottish programme of the **Future Jobs Fund** should look like. This is a major new initiative which will operate across the UK, designed to create 15,000 jobs across Scotland between October 2009 and April 2011, and we in the Third Sector have a chance to influence how it will operate in Scotland.

The 18 month initiative is focused on young people aged 18 – 24 who have been on Job Seekers Allowance but it will also support some long-term unemployed people who have barriers to employment or live in areas with high concentrations of unemployment. The programme has also been designed to ensure that short-term unemployed young people stay connected with the labour market and do not become the long-term unemployed of the future.

A key element of the programme is that the jobs created should provide community benefit and in Scotland there is an expectation that over 1,000 green jobs will be created as well as jobs in social care, childcare, health, energy efficiency, sports and the arts.

SCVO is bringing together a Scottish Third Sector consortium to help the sector to work together and co-ordinate delivery of this innovative job creation programme. They are looking for *your* ideas on what jobs could be created to bring community benefit and what linkages could be made to other initiatives that might be funded by the Scottish Government, UK Government, Big Lottery etc.

If you are interested in getting involved, or have ideas on jobs that could be created within your organisation or community, please contact SCVO at futurejobsfundscotland@scvo.org.uk or telephone the Future Jobs Fund Team on 0141 225 8017.

Scrutiny Panels on the Care of Older People

On 19th March this year, a Special Meeting of Stirling Council agreed to undertake a **Scrutiny Review** of the provision of care for older people in Stirling and to consider:

1. the future care needs of the elderly population of Stirling;
2. the way in which we delivered these care needs for our elderly population;
3. current and future practice in terms of looking after people in their own homes;
4. how best to manage the transition to any new model of care provision;
5. the financial situation.

Although the Scrutiny Panel meetings are conducted in private, discussion summaries of the issues covered are available below to download or view at www.stirling.gov.uk/index/council/meetings/panels/careolderpeople.htm .

Open Sessions

In addition, the Panel will hold Open Sessions on these dates:

- 4th June, 3 – 5.30 pm, the Bruce Room, Old Viewforth
- 18th June, 2 – 4 pm, Council Chambers, Old Viewforth

The sessions are **open to the public** and are an opportunity for the Panel to provide feedback on their findings so far. The Panel intends to report its findings and recommendations at the Council meeting on 25th June 2009.

Reducing Tobacco's Impact

The **Scottish Tobacco Control Alliance (STCA)** is looking for members from community health organisations.

Are you in a community health project, healthy living centre or anti-poverty project with an interest in reducing smoking rates locally? Did you know that there is an alliance of like-minded groups that holds regular meetings and offers help and support in doing just that?

The STCA is a forum for everyone in Scotland with a role in reducing the burden that tobacco imposes on the nation's health and economy. The STCA's Annual Meeting in Dundee on 19th June will focus on smoking and deprivation. Why not join the STCA and send representatives to STCA meetings and seminars to learn and to share what you know about changing Scotland's health culture for good?

For more information about the benefits of STCA membership and news of meetings and learning days, visit www.vhscotland.info or phone David Robertson, the Alliance's Manager on 0131 225 4759.

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