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SO LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION is to stop giving out grants after December! The announcement by one of the country's major funders has sent shockwaves through the sector, and is ample demonstration (if any were needed) of the potentially devastating impact of the recession on voluntary sector organisations. Scottish charities stand to lose around £6 million annually (a sum that rather puts the Scottish Government's recent announcement of a £1.7m Resilience Fund to counter the effects of the credit crunch in perspective).

But all is not lost. The sector is rallying to demand the Foundation's future be secured. Organisations like YouthLink Scotland, Children 1st and YMCA Scotland are mobilising, and SCVO is leading the call for action. For the background, and how you can help, see below – *Funding & Awards* (P.4)

As the effects of the financial crisis bite, we want to find out more about its effect on our members: what has been the impact (if any) on *your* organisation's sustainability, operational capability etc. How do you see the future? Have you changed your funding strategies? We're keen to hear from you on these (and other) topics, so do get in touch.

It's good to share – and we might even be able to help.

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

Christmas Fayre

McLintock Hall, Balfroun

Saturday, 24th October, 10 am-3 pm

West Stirlingshire Friends of Strathcarron Hospice are holding their annual Fayre tomorrow at the above time and venue. Admission (Adults, £2, children free) includes tea, coffee, cake.

‘Wear It Pink’
Friday, October 30th



Next Friday is the **Breast Cancer Campaign’s** ‘Wear it Pink’ day, the annual fundraising event that last year saw more than 1.5 million people taking part across the UK, and almost £3.5 million raised to fund research into breast cancer: its diagnosis, treatment, prevention and cure. Every day, around 125 women in the UK are diagnosed with breast cancer.

The Campaign is looking for support. You can register to help in the campaign at the website, www.wearitpink.co.uk/

Professional Development in Adult Education

Learning Link Scotland Regional Event

The Tolbooth, Stirling

Wednesday, 11th November, 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

Cost: £20 Members/£40 Non-Members (including refreshments)



This event is tailored to look at Continual Professional Development (CPD) with a special focus on practitioners’ needs within the national context. It will allow participants to understand more about the role and definition of Continual Professional Development and explore existing CPD opportunities for practitioners in Community Learning and Development.

From here we will look at the national context in relation to the work of the CLD Standards Council, LLUK and the National CLD Workforce Development Strategy concentrating on new initiatives in developing CPD qualifications for adult learning practitioners and contribute to their development.

‘Professional Development in Adult Education’ is a half day event for staff, volunteers and students working in or with an interest in adult education in the community:

- 3rd Sector Organisations
- Learning Link Scotland Members
- Local Authorities
- Further and Higher Education

To make a booking, email Stephanie Haigh – shaigh@learninglinkscotland.org.uk

Next 20 Years: The Challenge for Social Welfare, Debt, Housing and Asylum Law

A major holistic conference ... plus a celebration

Glasgow Film Theatre, Rose Street, Garnethill, Glasgow

Wednesday 18th November, 11.30am-5.30pm (followed by drinks reception at 5.45pm)

The event from the Legal Services Agency (20 years old next month) includes presentations on mental health, landlord and tenant, mortgage arrears, asylum and trafficking, debt, health and safety at work, poverty, climate change, human rights and management issues, together with 8 Workshops on the same topics.

Everyone is invited - LSA members (and any observers) are invited to the AGM as part of the day.

After the event, all delegates are invited to a free drinks reception at LSA's offices, Fleming House, 134 Renfrew Street, Glasgow from 5.45pm to 7.45pm. Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing will propose a toast to LSA's 20th birthday celebrations and comment on the challenges of the next 20 years.

Visit www.lsa.org.uk/thenext20yearsthechallenge.aspx for the full programme, plus details of costs and online booking links. Spaces are limited, so book now to avoid disappointment!

'Judge a Book by its Cover? Not me!'

4th November 2009 in Inverness (10 am – 12 pm)

11th March 2010 in Edinburgh (10 am – 12 pm)

This SCVO seminar aims to discover more about the process of stereotyping, and how misinformed judgements may lead to prejudice and discrimination. For information contact Jane Baillie jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk , phone 0131 474 8019.

Moving Forward into 2010: Third Sector Skills Conference

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations

Edinburgh Training and Conference Venue, 16 St Mary's Street, Edinburgh

Thursday 3rd December, 10 am – 3.30 pm



Throughout 2009 SCVO and the Scottish Government have been working with key third sector organisations and key skills partners to develop the new framework for a Scottish third sector skills strategy. This event aims to provide an opportunity to discuss how new arrangements and recent developments in skills could help third sector organisations in Scotland to be as effective as possible and to fulfil a crucial role in contributing to Scotland's economy.

Speakers include Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Keynote Speaker); Jayne Stuart, Director of Learning Link Scotland, and Alison Cairns, Head of Development, SCVO. There will be sessions on the **Future Jobs Fund Third Sector Consortium** and **Councils for Voluntary Service / Third Sector Interfaces**.

For more details, including costs, and to book a place go to|||||

www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/SCVOEvents/ViewSCVOEvents.aspx?al=t&EID=1148&from=EventHome

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LGBT Youth Scotland Training Sessions

LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual) Youth Scotland has announced details of its new training calendar for 2009. This year's training sessions will cover general LGBT awareness, as well as specific sessions on legislation and health.

Dates for sessions (all in Edinburgh)

- **Understanding the needs of LGBT People** - 20th October
- **Understanding the health needs of LGBT young people** - 3rd November
- **Understanding LGBT legislation requirements** - 17th November
- **Challenging homophobic bullying in schools** - 24th November
- **LGBT Domestic Abuse Level I: Exploring the dynamics and impacts of LGBT domestic abuse** - 29th October
- **LGBT Domestic Abuse Level II: Supporting LGBT people experiencing domestic abuse** - 27th November
- **Out of Sight, Out of Mind? LGBT people's experience of domestic abuse** - 1st December

To download the training calendar and book a place online, visit www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/training-and-professionals/book-now.htm

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FUNDING & AWARDS

Charities Hit as Funding Dries Up

One of Scotland's leading charitable funders, **Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland**, is suspending its grant making activities "for the foreseeable future."



As its income comes from a share of the profits of Lloyds Banking Group, which has predicted that it will not make a profit this year, almost all the Foundation's income has effectively been wiped out.

Lloyds Banking Group (which is almost half-owned by the taxpayer) has agreed to provide funding over the four years, but only on condition future funding will be halved and the Trust will lose its independent status.

The Foundation has said it will honour existing commitments and make final awards in December as planned. However, they will not accept applications for any further awards. They have written to all charities that have had awards in the last three years to let them know what is happening.

It has been estimated that Scottish charities could lose over £6 million a year in future income. Those involved in youth work will be particularly affected – around two thirds of the Foundation's funding last year went to youth work projects.

Foundation Factfile

- * Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland has its origin in the Trustee Savings Bank, founded in 1810 in Ruthwell, Dumfriesshire by the Rev'd Henry Duncan.
- * In 1985 the Trustee Savings Bank Group set up four independent charitable trusts (Scotland, England & Wales, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands) to distribute 1% of pre-tax profits - around 20% to Scotland.
- * In 1995, TSB Group and Lloyds Bank merged, significantly increasing the Foundation's income.
- * The Foundation has to date disbursed £82m. to Scottish charitable purposes.
- * The Foundation mainly funds recognised charities focused on improving the quality of life and creating equality of opportunity for people in Scotland, particularly the disadvantaged or marginalised.
- * Currently, the Foundation gives out around £6m annually, about two thirds of it to youth projects.

Charities are now demanding that the UK and Scottish Governments act to rescue the Foundation.

If *you* want to help, here are some ways:

- **write** to Gordon Brown to ask him to intervene - the government owns 43% of the combined bank! His address is: Gordon Brown MP, 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA
- **write** to Eric Daniels, CEO , Lloyds Banking Group, Head Office, 25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
- **write** to your MP, your MSP and your MEP to ask them to act

SCVO has prepared a suggested letter template – you can download it from

www.scvo.org.uk/scvocms/images/scvo/LetterTemplate-Lloyds%20TSB%20Foundation.doc

For comment from SCVO, click on

www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/TFNPR/ViewTFNPR.aspx?pr=9836&from=PRHome&al=t&page=

For the Lloyds TSB Foundation statement, visit their website at

www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?cat=Home

Help for Community Energy Schemes

Organisations looking to develop renewable energy schemes may be able to access assistance from Community Energy Scotland.

This is an independent Scottish charity, actively supporting and funding community groups throughout Scotland to develop sustainable energy projects. Community Energy Scotland were awarded the contract to deliver CARES across the whole of Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Government for three years from May 2009

CARES stands for **C**ommunity and **R**enewable Energy **S**cheme, and is the Scottish Government's rebranding of the previous *Scottish Community and Householder Renewables Initiative* (SCHRI) programme.

CARES offers grants of up to £150K to a range of community organisations - eg Community Councils, Development Trusts, Housing Associations and Local Authorities - to help develop renewable energy schemes. Communities may apply for funding for technical assistance and capital grants for renewable energy equipment installation and associated costs. Under CARES

there is no set grant funding. The amount of funding awarded is determined on a case by case basis.

The local CARES Development Officer (Stirling, Perth and Kinross) is Jamie Adam, phone 07768864118.

www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/cares.asp

Funding For Safer Streets

The Scottish Government has announced that all Scotland's Community Safety Partnerships will be able to apply for funding through the **Safer Streets initiative**, to help ensure that people going out for the night can enjoy themselves in a safe environment.

The Safer Streets initiative is a locally delivered programme, building upon existing partnership working, to conduct high visibility, high impact, joint initiatives to reduce alcohol-related violence and disorder in city and town centres.

Longer term, it aims to encourage CSPs to build capacity, encourage innovation, deliver a sustainable change to practice and share that practice.

The Safer Streets funding of £400,000 will be available from November 2009 to March 2010. It is to be divided between all 32 local authorities to fund community safety initiatives including high visibility police patrols in "hot spot" areas, street pastors, targeting of street drinkers, enhanced CCTV and late night taxi marshalls.

Further information can be found at www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/09/22095854

LintelTrust Celebrates 30th Anniversary

LintelTrust, a charitable trust that works with voluntary organisations and local communities throughout Scotland to help provide solutions for people in housing need, has now been raising funds and providing grants to Scottish projects for 30 years.



The Trust's broad aim is to encourage and enable individuals to live as independent a life as possible in their homes and to play an active part in their communities. They have established three core funding themes:

- Mainstreaming Equalities Programme
- Older People's Programme
- General Grants Programme

Voluntary, not-for-profit organisations can seek funding for projects which meet the objectives of the Trust - projects which:

- support or develop communities throughout Scotland

- encourage or enable individuals to live a full life in their own homes or community
- encourage the development of new housing options or services to respond to new or existing needs, particularly for older people, ethnic minorities, single homeless, people with physical disabilities or learning difficulties
- identify or enhance good practice in the delivery of services
- encourage the development of partnerships to address needs
- prevent or address homelessness
- provide advice, information or advocacy services

The Trust does *not* fund individuals; large capital projects; holidays; vehicles; general appeals or projects that are not housing related.

For a full list of criteria, and how to apply, visit the Trust's website, www.linteltrust.org.uk/index.html

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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Age Concern Enterprises

Early next year, **Age Concern Scotland** and **Help the Aged Scotland** will merge into one charity (title to be decided).

They are also moving into the sphere of social enterprise, with a range of products and services designed to raise valuable funds at the same time as helping older people. These include travel and home insurance, funeral planning and life insurance.

The organisation recently branched out into providing emergency alarms for older people living alone and is looking at other suitable enterprises, such as providing stair-lifts and mobility equipment or private health insurance for older people.

Last year, the commercial arm of the organisation raised a quarter of a million pounds for its charitable works. Eventually the charity's 15 shops may be brought in to act as a shop window for the various commercial enterprises.

You can find out more about this social enterprise venture at www.ageconcernandhelptheagedscotland.org.uk/products_and_services

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VOLUNTEERING & EMPLOYMENT

Volunteers for 'Big Noise'

Perhaps you saw the BBC2 Scotland documentary on October 12th on the 'Big Noise' programme in Raploch? These talented kids were the first orchestra to be set up in Scotland by Sistema Scotland, which aims to bring 'Big Noise' projects to communities across the country.



Sistema (the name comes from the orchestra movement established in Venezuela in 1975) is a charity set up to break the cycle of social blight which sees children in many areas at risk of growing up to be involved in crime, substance abuse and anti-social behaviour. They believe one of the answers can lie in making music within the structure of a symphony orchestra.

They are currently working with over 200 children across our nursery musicianship programme, special educational needs programme, Primary 1 orchestral initiation programme and after-school orchestra. They also arrange excursions, and fun events like 'Take a Musician Home for Tea'.

To help the musicians deliver all this, Sistema Scotland are setting up a scheme for volunteers to join the Big Noise project.

They are looking for people who love being around children, cope well under pressure, are flexible, and have a good sense of fun. Volunteers would be supporting Big Noise musicians in setting up and packing away the orchestra, socialising with and supervising children in the break times, and being present during music sessions. A minimum time commitment would be required.

If you think you might fit the bill, send an email telling a bit about yourself and why you'd like to volunteer with the Big Noise to kathy.whitaker@sistemascotland.org.uk.

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Reducing Your Energy Costs

Utility Aid Ltd, SCVOs energy advice provider, can help SCVO members lower their exposure to high energy prices.



The SCVO energy service can be simply but not exclusively summed up in 3 ways:

1. **Free Energy Audit.** Establishing exactly how you currently do things, ultimately looking to help reduce costs.
2. **Automated Meter Reading.** Helping drive down the cost and usage with a 100% support service via the Charity Utilities Initiative, a service uniquely provided by people with disabilities who are experienced Energy Efficiency Managers.
3. The ability to **purchase directly** from the Wholesale Energy markets. Through its partnership with Inenco: the UK's largest wholesale energy broker, SCVO members can now combine their energy purchasing power and access prices that previously only large blue chip companies could.

Other services from the team are:

- ✓ Water cost validation and reduction services

- ✓ Energy Invoice validation services
- ✓ Housing Association specialist services
- ✓ Gas installation services

So to save money, control cost and help the Environment, why not give Paul Clark, Utility Aid's new Regional Director, a ring on FREEPHONE 0808 178 8170 quoting 'SCVO.' You can also contact him via email: pclark@utility-aid.co.uk or call him on 07500 798 922.

OSCR Consultation

OSCR, the regulatory body for Scottish charities, has announced a public consultation on their **Integrated Reporting** proposals.

Integrated Reporting is a project reviewing the scope of reporting requirements and processes, with a view to integrating and streamlining reporting for charities and introducing efficiencies for OSCR. The proposals are set out in the consultation publication '**Integrated Reporting - the future of reporting and the Register**' and include:

- **streamlined reporting**, including a reduced Annual Return Form
- an **enhanced Scottish Charity Register**, showing financial highlights
- **online services** for charities, including possible submission of returns and accounts and the ability to update information.

The document can be downloaded from www.oscr.org.uk/DocumentViewer.aspx?id=ae8a56f1-3abd-4d53-b0c1-0ee5708f4c39

OSCR will also be holding a series of User Groups across the country, in Aberdeen, Dundee, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness and Dumfries. These will provide stakeholders with the opportunity to discuss the proposals in more detail with our staff.

The eBulletin will give information on the User Groups as it becomes available. In the meantime, Scottish charities might take this opportunity to comment on - and influence - proposals which will affect them all.

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