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A shocking figure was recently reported in Third Force News (Issue 577): a survey by EVOC found that no fewer than 37% of voluntary organisations in Edinburgh fear they won't survive over the next few years. Edinburgh City Council's funding cuts are not unique, and if the picture is similar across the country the outlook for the sector is grim indeed. SCVO is compiling information to build a full picture of the threat to services in all areas, and is asking organisations to contact them with their experiences. You can email them at tfn@scvo.org.uk

On a more positive note, SCVO has launched its 2010 Manifesto, 'Doing Things Differently,' in advance of the UK election. This focuses on the strengths and economic importance of the sector and suggests how government might intervene to develop the sector. Download the document at [Voluntary Sector 2010 Manifesto: Doing Things Differently](#).

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.

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Action for Sick Children's Campaign

Launched in December 2009, the **EACH Child and Young Person's Health Matters Campaign** will be promoting the healthcare rights of children and young people over the coming months. The campaign, based on the European Association for Children in Hospital (EACH) Charter, will culminate in a conference in Glasgow.



Entitled '**EACH Child and Young Person's Health Matters: Asking the Difficult Questions**,' this will be held in the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow on 14th September. We will bring you more information as we get it – in the meantime, it's a date for the diary.

Action for Sick Children Scotland have also produced a **Manifesto**, aimed at the Scottish Government, MSPs and all those responsible for formulating healthcare policy. You can read it at www.ascscotland.org.uk/default.asp?page=46

EVENTS & TRAINING

Talk on the Single Equality Bill

British Red Cross, Bradbury House, Grangemouth Rd, Falkirk
Tuesday 6th April, 11.30 am – 12.30 pm (followed by lunch)



The Central Scotland Racial Equality Council Ltd (CSREC) is organising a talk giving an outline of the Single Equality Bill and its impacts for practitioners. It will be delivered in partnership with Fiach O'Broin-Molly from Central Scotland Police.

More information from Vicky Wan, Chief Executive Officer, phone 01324 610950 / 01324 618930 (Direct Line) or email: vicky.wan@centralscotlandrec.org.uk. Or you can visit the CSRE website, www.centralscotlandrec.org.uk

Self-Directed Support: A National Strategy Consultation for Scotland



Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living (GCIL), 117-127 Brook Street,
Bridgeton, Glasgow
13th April, 10.30 am – 1 pm

BEMIS (Black and Ethnic Minorities Infrastructure in Scotland), in association with the Scottish Government, are holding this consultation event around the topic of a Self-Directed Support Strategy.

Self-Directed Support (SDS) is a term that describes the ways in which individuals and families can have informed choice about the way support is provided to them, and includes a range of options for exercising those choices.

Through a co-production approach to agreeing individual outcomes, options are considered for ways in which available resources can be used so people can have greater levels of control over how their support needs are met, and by whom) aiming at raising awareness and ensuring grass roots voice is fed into the Government consultation.

This event is for people receiving, or interested in receiving, self-directed support; carers; community care organisations; support and protection organisations; social workers; families of those receiving self-directed support, etc.

A presentation will be given by Scottish Government representatives on the Strategy, followed by discussion. The self-directed support aims to provide support and the empowerment of individuals to gain equality of opportunity and sustain their citizenship, health and well-being in order to tackle health inequalities.

This is an opportunity to get your voice heard and play an active role in the reshaping of care and support in Scotland.

For information, and to book a place, contact Mrs Tanveer Parnez on 0141 548 8047, email tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk

Your Training

Stirling Council, Communities & Culture, responding to issues identified by community organisations is undertaking three sessions to help identify training and support needs, with a view to developing a programme of training events and information dissemination.

These sessions are in response to issues identified by community organisations. They aim to discover the training needs of organisations as well as on-going support needs, including potential for networking and mentoring. They will also seek to establish a focus group which would agree and develop a training programme and resources, including easy guides, for inclusion in a Stirling Council Skills Toolkit.

These information gathering sessions are open to all development trusts, community councils, social enterprises, small charities and other interested organisations.

Come along and give your views about what would help **your** group. Information-gathering sessions will take place in:

- **Callander** - McLaren High School, Conference Room,
Wednesday 12th May, 7 – 9 pm
(refreshments provided)
- **Balfron** - Balfron Campus, 2nd Floor Conference Room,
Thursday 13th May, 7.30 - 9.30pm
(refreshments provided)
- **Stirling** - Mayfield Community Centre, Sunnybank Rd, St Ninians
Saturday 15th May, 10 am - 12.30pm
(lunch provided at 12.30pm)

Booking is essential – please contact 01786 432281, email resourcecentre@stirling.gov.uk You should include in your email your group's name, contact person and their telephone number, which venue you wish to attend, how many people will be attending and any dietary or childcare/carer needs.

An Introduction to Working with Asylum Seekers & Refugees

The Scottish Refugee Council is running this course for people whose work involves asylum seekers and refugees and who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting those seeking sanctuary in Scotland.



It will be particularly relevant to people working in social work, housing, welfare, education, employment, health, community development or the justice system.

During this one-day course, participants will get to grips with all the fundamental issues and are fully briefed on current legislation and entitlement to services.

The Course will comprise the following: Immigration terminology, Refugees, main refugee nationalities and global migration; The Refugee Convention, its history and interpretation, and the current situation in Scotland; Developing culturally sensitive services; and Practice issues.

The Objectives will be to

- **identify** and address the issues and concerns participants have in relation to their work with asylum seekers and refugees.
- **provide** information on legal, political, economic and historical factors in relation to people seeking asylum.
- **share** ideas for developing good practice.
- **identify** strategies and resources for work with refugees.

Individuals and organisations who have taken membership with Scottish Refugee Council are entitled to the member's rate. Representatives from small voluntary sector organisations with limited funding are entitled to a discounted rate. For details contact Jamie Spurway, Training Officer, Scottish Refugee Council, phone 0141 248 9799, or email train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

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BBC Children in Need Small Grants

BBC Children in Need are inviting not-for-profit organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people 18 years and under to apply for grants of up to £10,000 through their small grants scheme.

Not-for-profit organisations that can be supported include registered charities, voluntary organisations, schools, local authorities, churches, social enterprises, community interest groups etc.

For further information, go to www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/ **Deadline for applications is 15th April.**

Update on Dormant Bank Accounts

The UK Parliament has passed legislation to enable banks to pass funds from dormant accounts to the Big Lottery Fund for distribution for social and environmental purposes.

The **Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act** allows participating banks and building societies to extinguish their liability to a dormant account holder upon transfer of the balance of the account to a reclaim fund. After transfer, account holders will have the right of repayment from a reclaim fund which will need to be authorised by the Financial Services Authority. Account holders will be able to continue their usual relationship with their bank or building society, which will act as agent of a reclaim fund.

The Scottish Government held a full consultation during 2008 on the proposals for dormant bank and building society account funds. Schedule 3 to the Act enables Scottish Ministers to require the Big Lottery Fund to prepare a strategic plan, setting out a detailed statement of the Fund's investment priorities, following policy directions from Scottish Ministers. BIG would consult on this plan and, on adoption, Scottish Ministers would lay it before the Scottish Parliament.

The Scottish Government has advised that, despite complications – including the pending elections and the fact that some of the legislation involved is a UK matter – they are hopeful that funds will be available from the middle of next year. The earliest that funds are likely to be released by BIG in Scotland is April 2011.

For more information, contact Laura Sexton, Third Sector Division, Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ. Tel: 0131 244 5461. Email: laura.sexton@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

LankellyChase Foundation

Each year the Trustees of the LankellyChase Foundation set aside funds to support summer activities for children and young people between the ages of 5 and 17 years.



Each grant will amount to £500 and will be available to qualifying organisations in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. In total, around 120 grants are made each year.

In 2010 the Foundation will be supporting summer activities organised to benefit

- children and young people aged 5-17 years who are
 - living in refuges for families escaping domestic violence, or
 - young carers
- Small local schemes run by registered charities
- Schemes held in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Preference will be given to applications from organisations with clear safeguarding measures in place.

You can download an application form and guidelines from their website, www.lankellychase.org.uk or you can obtain a hard copy by phoning them on 01235 820044. Please **post** (not email) your application to: The LankellyChase Foundation, 1 The Court, High Street, Harwell, Nr Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 0EY as soon as possible, and **not later than Friday 14th May 2010**.

SCIP Micro-Grants

The Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice (**Generations Working Together**) is to provide funding to stimulate projects that demonstrate good practice and innovation in intergenerational activities in Scotland.

There will be a limited number of grants of £250 to £750 available through their one-off Micro-Grants Programme.

For full information, eligibility, guidelines and downloadable application form go to www.scotcip.org.uk/microgrant.html

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Public Contracts Scotland Portal

A reminder that you can be kept up to date with news of public sector procurement opportunities just by taking a minute to register at the Public Contracts Scotland website:

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ It's free, and once you've selected your areas of interest, you'll receive regular e-alerts about the latest opportunities in your mailbox.

Over 44 thousand suppliers and 472 authorities are currently registered with the site.

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Help Needed

Could you help give away £10,000 annually? If the answer is 'yes', the CFSLA (Clackmannanshire, Falkirk & Stirling Local Authorities) Payroll lottery could do with your help three or four times a year to decide which community groups and charities should benefit from the profits of the employee lottery.

More information is on the website www.cfslalottery.org.uk plus application forms to join the lottery, apply for fundraising support or to apply for equipment for your community group.

Voluntary Sector Emergency Response Research

The Red Cross has been commissioned by the Scottish Government to research the extent and potential of Scottish voluntary sector involvement in **emergency response and recovery**.



You can help by completing a quick questionnaire **by 31st March**. Just visit <http://surveys.redcross.org.uk/s/Sc37ucli5GcbKJH> For more information, email Emma Naismith at ERintern@redcross.org.uk

Nominate Your 'Local Hero'

Nominations are being accepted for the Central FM's **Ultimate Local Hero 2010** competition.



Sponsored by Diageo, the prestigious event, now in its fourth year, recognises the commitment and dedication of many local people who go to extraordinary lengths to help their fellow citizens. *Categories include **Teacher of the Year, NHS Employee of the Year, Community Award and Carer of the Year.***

You can nominate your personal 'hero' in whatever category online at www.centrfm.co.uk/minisite/LOCALHERO-2010/ or write to Local Hero Awards 2010, Central FM, 201-203 High Street, Falkirk. FK1 1DU. Nominations forms can also be picked up at the Stirling Observer office, 34 Upper Craigs, Stirling.

The awards ceremony will be on Thursday, May 20th at the Airth Castle Hotel and Spa complex.

... And For the Volunteering Awards

It's time to make your nominations for the **2010 Volunteering Awards**. Visit the Volunteer Centre Stirling website at



www.volunteerstirling.org.uk/Nomination%20Form.htm to complete the simple online form. There are thirteen categories for individuals or groups, ranging from *Young Volunteer of the Year* to *Senior Volunteer of the Year*, from *Volunteer Manager of the Year* to *Volunteer Team of the Year*. Make your selection, and give your reasons why **your** nomination should succeed.

The Award ceremony will be at the Golden Lion Hotel in Stirling on **Thursday 3rd June** at 6.30pm. The Provost has been invited to present the Awards. A buffet reception will also be provided, and nominators and nominees will be invited to the celebration.

Volunteers Week runs from 1st – 7th June. It is a celebration and recognition of the valuable contribution Volunteers make to the community, and an opportunity to raise awareness of volunteering locally. Contact the Volunteer Centre for details:

june.brown@volunteerstirling.org.uk

Pool Table Seeks Good Home

A FREE pool table is being kindly donated to any charity or voluntary organisation that can give it a good home. If you're interested in acquiring the 6x4 table you will be responsible for transporting it and MUST be able to pick it up within the next week, ideally ASAP.

For further information contact Sheila Connery on 0141 587 2487, email sheila.connery@rcvsweb.co.uk

Removals Deals for Charities

A reminder that removals/deliveries company MoveUrStuff, which operates throughout the Forth Valley, the UK and Europe, has **special rates for charities** throughout 2010. So if you've anything, large or small needing moved (e.g. a pool table?), check them out.

You can find details on their website, www.moveurstuff.co.uk

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