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'Sunshine, showers, breezy'... a mixed forecast then. But whatever the weather, a varied programme of entertainment, eye-opening presentations and tasty refreshments guarantees this afternoon's **SAAP Launch and Open Day** will go with a swing – be sure and drop by! Remember, it's an event for all the groups here at the Norman MacEwan Centre, and also to celebrate CVS's move here earlier in the year.

It's AGM season again: SAAP's is on 2nd September, and our own on Wednesday, 24th September (a date for the diary). Details will follow in the next issue.

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

Heritage Connections in the Park

Carrochan, Carrochan Road, Balloch
Saturday 5th September, 9.30am - 4pm

Are you a heritage enthusiast in Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park? If so, you should consider coming along to the first **Heritage Connections** conference – an open event for anyone interested in heritage.

Hosted jointly by The National Park Authority and the University of Glasgow, the conference has been designed to help you develop useful contacts and show you what participating organisations can do for your group.

The day will comprise a range of activities to do with the cultural heritage of the Park, including talks, workshops and displays, and a variety of local heritage groups will be participating.

For more information and to book your place, please contact Diane Davidson Kinghorn, tel: 01389 722007 or email diane.kinghorn@lochlomond-trossachs.org

Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme Meeting

PKAVS, The Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth

8th September, 12.30 - 4pm

FREE

Following the announcement of the closure of the Pensions' Trust final salary Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension scheme, SCVO is hosting a practical advice seminar to aid members organise alternative pension provision.

Representatives from Keegan & Pennykid and Law at Work will be at hand to discuss pension and legal matters. Any organisation concerned about what to replace the Pensions' Trust scheme with should attend.

If you would like to attend, please register your interest with Gordon Nelson by email at gordon.nelson@scvo.org.uk or call 0131 474 6176.

NHS 24: National PPF Day-Sharing Experiences

Stirling Management Centre

9th September, 11 am – 3 pm

The purpose of this event is to share **NHS 24**'s developments and **PFPI (Patient Focus and Public Involvement)** experiences with members of the public around Scotland, and for members of the public to help inform NHS 24's developments, including the PFPI Strategy for 2009-2012.

The event is open to members of the PPFs across the country, special interest groups, colleagues in Special Boards and CHPs.

If you would like to attend, phone Isaac Umeed, PFPI Co-ordinator, on 0141 337 4556 or email Isaac.umeed@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk for further information and joining instructions. **The closing date for booking a place is 2nd September 2009.**

Scottish Disability Golf Partnership

Golf Training & Tuition

Wellsgreen Golf Academy

Saturday, 19th September

This is the third PGA-supervised golf training and tuition day hosted by SDGP in 2009. Anyone, of any age, with a serious health issue, mobility problem or disability can take part and for a nominal entry fee of only £10 per person, SDGP will provide PGA tuition, golf, use of practise facilities and refreshments, for them and their coaches. Email sdgp@btinternet.com to book.

Practical Problems, Sensible Solutions 2009

A National Training Event for Part-time and Voluntary Youth Workers

Saturday 31st October, Sunday 1st November

Hilton Edinburgh Airport Hotel, Edinburgh International Airport

A Youth Scotland training event specifically designed to address the needs of part-time and voluntary youth workers. It offers youth workers the chance to undertake quality training, develop new skills and share their experiences with other people delivering grass roots youth work.

PPSS offers a choice of 17 workshop topics, some of them brand new for 2009, delivered in one location in a single weekend. Participants will gain certification for all workshops attended, and a varied marketplace will be available with lots of free information and resources to take away.

Weekend or day delegate options are available. For programme details, costs etc. and to book online, visit www.youthscotland.org.uk/training/ppss/ppss.htm or email office@youthscotland.org.uk

CSV 'Make a Difference Day'

Saturday, 31st October



Community Service Volunteers (CSV) is holding this event - the UK's biggest day of volunteering action – on 31st October, although activities can take place up to a week before or after.

And CSV is aiming, in its own words, to create 'a wave of kindness across Scotland'.

Community Groups, charities, businesses, schools and individuals are invited to join up. Taking part is a great way to encourage new volunteers, tackle local problems and build community spirit. The free handbook will help you to identify and organise a project, recruit volunteers and gain publicity.

Examples might be:

- Clean up eyesores or neglected waste ground
- Arrange collection boxes for old glasses, mobile phones and stamps
- Start a campaign for something you care about locally
- Set up a team challenge for work colleagues that benefits the community
- Share your skills with someone who can learn from you
- Carry out random 'acts of kindness'
- Organise community fairs, Fairtrade fashion shows, Halloween parties or other events

All activities will receive an Action Pack, which includes T-shirts, posters, balloons, stickers and volunteer certificates. There are also free 'Kindness Kits' to give away which include simple ideas for activities as well as free chocolate, wildflower seeds and wool.

To register an activity, request a handbook or get more information, call CSV Make a Difference Day on 0800 284 533, email difference@csv.org.uk or visit www.csv.org.uk/difference.

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TRAINING & RESOURCES

Volunteer Management Training Programme – Autumn 2009

Volunteer Centre, Falkirk

9.45 – 4 pm (see below for dates)



Volunteer Centre Stirling, in partnership with Volunteer Centre Falkirk, are offering a series of Intermediate level courses that are suitable for anyone who **organises** or **coordinates volunteers**:

- **Planning Strategically for Volunteer Involvement**
Monday September 21st
Assists participants to plan their volunteer programmes at strategic level, and establish appropriate frameworks for volunteering within their organisations.

- **Effective Volunteer Recruitment**
Wednesday September 30th
Assists participants in creating motivating volunteer opportunities and identifying appropriate strategies to attract the right people to fill these.

- **Matching Volunteers to Roles and Tasks~**
Wednesday October 21st
Explores issues and practice in the selection and matching of volunteers to appropriate tasks within the organisation.

- **Supporting and Supervising Skills**
Monday November 9th
Helps participants to develop their ideas, skills and strategies regarding the overall task of support and supervision of volunteers.

- **Increasing Volunteer Effectiveness through Training and Development**
Wednesday November 25th
Explores ideas for the planning of effective training for volunteers and to increase knowledge and skills in planning and implementing an on-going training programme for volunteers.

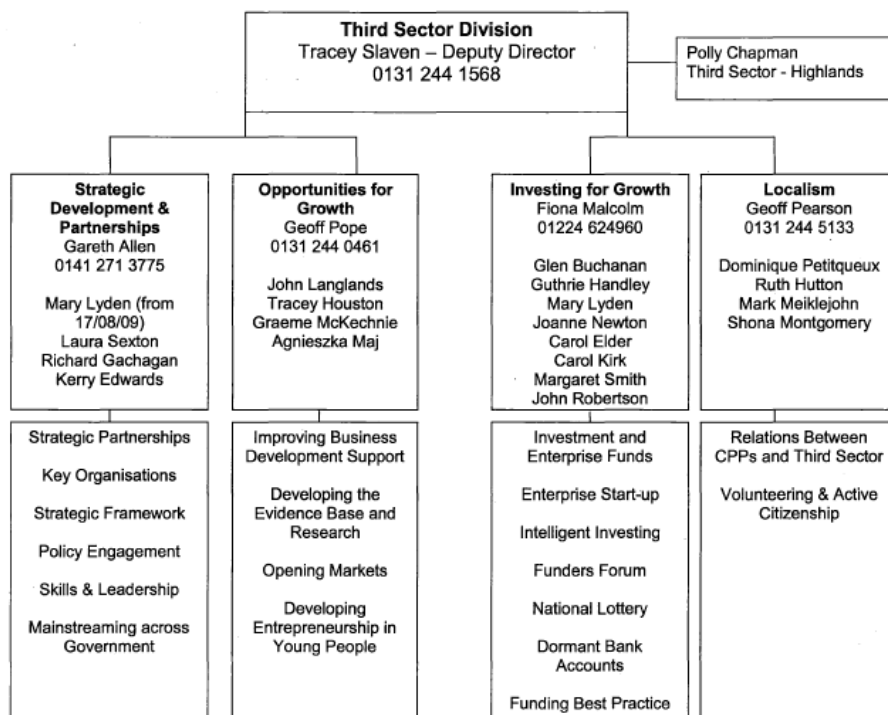
Costs are based on the income of your organisation:

£0 - £10,000	£10
£10,000 - £25,000	£20
£25,000 - £100,000	£30
£100,000+	£40

For further information or a booking form please contact Jennifer Shearman, phone 01786 446071, email jennifer.shearman@volunteerstirling.org.uk

'Organogram'

The Scottish Government, realising that the English language has only around half a million words, has decided to coin a new one: 'organogram'. And here it is - an updated version of Who's Who in their Third Sector Division. It's actually quite useful.



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FUNDING & AWARDS

Awards for Bridging Cultures

This award, funded by the Baring Foundation, celebrates organisations running specific projects or schemes that promote interculturality. This year it will also celebrate individuals who have initiated or made a significant contribution to these projects.



There are four different categories of Awards for Bridging Cultures:

1. Voluntary or community groups or organisations running projects/schemes to promote intercultural dialogue with gross annual financial income of over £500,000 (in the last two financial years)
2. Voluntary or community groups or organisations running projects/schemes to promote intercultural dialogue with gross annual financial income of under £500,000 (in the last two financial years)
3. Volunteers or founders who have made a significant contribution to initiating or running projects or schemes to promote intercultural dialogue
4. Local authorities, public sector organisations and private companies who can demonstrate their support for voluntary sector projects or schemes which promote intercultural dialogue, either by helping to initiate projects/schemes or by providing ongoing financial and/or other support.

For information and application forms see www.bridgingcultures.org.uk/About
Closing date for applications: 14th September.

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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Masterclass in Social Enterprise

Paisley Abbey, Abbey Close Paisley, PA1 1EZ
Wednesday 7th October 2009, 9.45am - 15.30pm



This Autumn in a unique one day Masterclass, Renfrewshire welcomes world famous social entrepreneur Tim Smit, Chief Executive and co-founder of the Eden Project. This inspirational and unconventional business leader will reveal his views on the future of business and why the world needs social enterprise.

He will be joined by Graham Bell, Chief Executive of Kibble, one of Scotland's oldest social enterprises, who will draw lessons for Scottish Business and civic life.

This Masterclass is suitable for anyone interested in social enterprise, business and community life including those working in Third Sector organisations, local authorities, chambers of commerce, public sector agencies and the private sector. Twenty social enterprises drawn from across Scotland will be exhibiting.

Tickets for this event can be bought online (with £1 booking fee + VAT) at http://ssec.org.uk/files/Masterclass_in_Social_Enterprise_Booking_Flyer.doc or by post from Renfrewshire CVS, Airlink Business Centre, 24 Clark Street, Paisley, PA3 1RB. (no VAT/booking fee). More information, including the full programme, can be found through the website <http://ssec.org.uk/>

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GROUP NEWS

SAAP (Stirling Area Access Panel) AGM

Bannockburn Community Centre, Bannockburn
Wednesday 2nd September, 7 pm.



SAAP's Annual General Meeting will take place at the above venue and time. This year's Guest Speaker is Brian Peat, of First Bus (Falkirk).

Quality Action Group AGM & Rural Celebration

CIA Room, McLaren Leisure Centre, Mollands Road, Callander
Wednesday, 2nd September, 1 - 4 pm

This year's Quality Action Group AGM promises to be a bit different. Following an Annual Video Report and other business, Provost Fergus Wood will unveil a plaque commemorating 10 years of the group's Rural Project. And after the AGM – the Rural Celebration! Refreshments, buffet, and a chance to meet, chat to and network with group members and staff and find out about their work.

If you're interested in attending, please phone 01786 471120 or email admin@stirling-quaq.org.uk

Town Break Seeks Volunteers

Town Break Stirling Group is a local charity which has been providing support and companionship for people with dementia and their carers throughout Stirling and its District since 1992. We are about to begin our Autumn programme of training for new volunteers who would like to work with our service users and their families either at our Lunch Club or as a Befriender.



We require more volunteers to meet the needs of our expanding service as we always have a waiting list of people who need our service.

If you would like to make new friends, learn new skills and enjoy having fun, then the Town Break co-ordinators Julie Christie and Kirsty Banks would love to have a chat with you.

No experience of dealing with people with dementia is required, as the training will cover all aspects of support; we are more interested in sensitive, caring people who want to bring their experience of life this Autumn to the group to help others. By training with us you give our clients your greatest gift - your time.

If you would like more information or an informal chat about our services, please telephone Julie about Befriending on 01786 4477787 or Kirsty about the Day Club on 07948 107282, or visit our website www.townbreakstirling.org.uk.

OTHER NEWS



Shifting the Balance of Care at Local Level

(The third in the series of VHS articles on Shifting the Balance of Care. In our last article we identified the eight improvement areas and noted that there were at least six areas where the third sector has a sizeable contribution.)

Third sector organisations contribute in many different ways to health and social care services and can often provide extra supports unavailable from statutory providers.

Future care will increasingly be provided by extended multidisciplinary, multi-agency community teams working across organisational boundaries and this will build further upon the work already established in many areas by the third sector.

Experience of working with the third sector has demonstrated to doctors and non medical practitioners that good voluntary sector services can:

- reach people that statutory agencies find hard to reach because of barriers of perception, geography or flexibility
- provide expertise not available in the statutory sector – often particularly focused on specific communities
- often offer greater cost effectiveness

Relating the above experiences to Shifting the Balance of Care implies that multi-agency teams which include the third sector will bring improved individual experience, better access to services and better use of resources.

Understanding and relating to SBC is important for third sector organisations that wish to work or are already working in partnership with statutory organisations in the health field, whether formally or informally.

The Shifting the Balance of Care Delivery Group published its **Improvement Framework** in July 2009 which gives a greater level of detail for anyone wishing to read further and this can be found on the SBC website at www.shiftingthebalance.scot.nhs.uk

In our next article we will look at the Framework for Integrated Resources and its relevance to the third sector.

For more information please contact Bill Weir from VHS at bill.weir@vhscotland.org.uk or on 0131 220 9942.

Voluntary Health Scotland - Stakeholder Survey 2009

Voluntary Health Scotland (VHS) has been in operation for nine years now, and believe that it is now time to assess our perceived role and the value of their service.

The purpose of this survey is to gain an understanding of how VHS is perceived by its members and stakeholders in the voluntary sector and beyond, in order to judge the extent to which it is providing the kind of services and support which the third sector and other stakeholders need and to determine any future direction which VHS might take.

The questionnaire is very simple to complete and should only take a few minutes of your time. All answers will remain confidential and the results will help VHS to improve or adapt services where required.

The survey will run until the **11th September** can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=G12Km8igGaEj9luE11dnhQ_3d_3d

Swine Flu: Health Board Contacts

Health Protection Scotland (HPS) local contacts have now been identified in each Health Board area. The contact for Forth Valley is Dr Rani Balendra, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, 01786 457262, email rani.balendra@nhs.net

All voluntary sector social care providers in the area should make themselves known to this contact to effectively assist the planning for the vaccination programme.

In addition, the Scottish Government are trying to identify possible nurse vaccinators. If there is a member of staff in your organisation who could potentially fill this role, please also make this known to the relevant health board lead.



Criminal Justice & Licensing Bill

The implications of this bill for voluntary sector organisations could be severe. If left unchallenged, it could force organisations such as faith groups, charities and youth groups to apply for a licence if they wish to hold even modest events like bring-and buy-sales, art auctions and cake sales.

Such a licence can cost around £200 - a substantial amount for a small organisation.

SCVO is appealing to the Justice Committee to reverse this decision. For more information or to join the campaign, contact Sarah Beattie-Smith on 0131 474 8045, email sarah.beattie-smith@scvo.org.uk. You can read more about the bill on the Scottish Parliament website at www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/24-CrimJustLc/index.htm

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