



29th January 2010

In this issue

EVENTS & TRAINING

FUNDING & AWARDS

VOLUNTEERING & EMPLOYMENT

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

OTHER NEWS

Once again, we have a plethora of upcoming events to report (where are they all coming from?), and again we would draw your attention in particular to the 3rd Sector Convention in Falkirk on the 18th of February. Lots of groups and funders involved, as well as a huge range of workshops throughout the day on topics of real relevance to the whole sector. Programmes and booking forms will be in the post to all our members. Book now!

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.

EVENTS & TRAINING

Carer's Assessment 'Right to Assessment – ability to care'

The Pearce Institute, 840-860 Govan Road, Glasgow

Wednesday, 3rd February

This training has been designed for local authorities, the NHS and other support agencies to recognise and treat carers as key partners in providing care.

CARERS Scotland
the voice of carers

Carers give so much to society yet as a consequence of caring they can feel confined or isolated in their caring role.

This training will support those staff that are conducting 'Carer's Assessments' and will give:

- An insight into 'Ability to Care' - in this context is not a reflection of the carer's competence or skills, but rather their capacity to care, with support as appropriate.
- Assessment Process – Many carers find the term 'assessment' off-putting and judgemental, and therefore it becomes a barrier to involvement in the process.
- Valuing Carers – Provide consistency about the way carers wish to be treated.
- Resourcing Carers – Carers require resources to fulfil their role – these can be information and advice, breaks from caring, carer training and financial advice.
- Purpose of Assessment – Identifying the care provided by the carer; establish what level of care the carer is willing and able to provide and help them to determine

whether their caring role is sustainable; identify current and potential risks to their health; maintain and improve their own health; carer's views.

- Record of Assessment – the carer's role and the level and type of care provided

The training is designed to take place over one full day and is designed to be as participative as possible. Learning materials for participants will be provided as part of the session.

Please contact rena.friel@carerscotland.org or anne.conlin@carerscotland.org for details of costs and to book your place. Or call 0141 445 3070.

Consultation Event: Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations

The Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth

Thursday, 4th February, 2 pm

FREE

When the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 was passed, it included plans to set up a new form of legal status combining charitable status and company status.

This new form was a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and, whereas an organisation which has both charitable status and is incorporated (as a company) currently has to comply with two regulators (OSCR as a charity and Companies House as a company) and make annual submissions to each, as a SCIO it would be regulated by only OSCR.

SCVO are staging a consultation event to gauge voluntary organisations' wishes and needs with regard to charitable company status and to answer voluntary organisations' questions about the new SCIOs.

If you would like to attend and find out more about a SCIO, contact Bob Gillespie, Development Officer, CVS Perth & Kinross on 01738 452210 to book your place.

Debt and the Depression

The Board Room, Legal Services Agency Ltd., 3rd Floor, Fleming House, 134 Renfrew Street, Glasgow

Friday, 5th February, 10am - 3.15pm

(Registration and Coffee 9.30am)



COST: £150.00 full price: £120; LSA members: £80

Concessionary places available, and 10% discount on email bookings
(LUNCH PROVIDED)

High levels of indebtedness and the recession, combined with significant areas of long term poverty and vulnerability, mean that debt and, the law relating to it, have been subject to intense recent public and political scrutiny. The Scottish Government set up a Debt Action Forum looking at what immediate actions the Government could take to assist those in difficulties through no fault of their own.

In addition legal academics and voluntary organisations have made proposals about changes to the law that will protect vulnerable debtors and their families better in the future. It is important that the discussion of law reform should be informed by the views of advisers. Advisers after all have the best knowledge of the downside of a high debt, high consumption society.

The objective of this seminar is to look at the current problems and discuss both the Government's immediate proposals for reform as well as other ideas, some of them radical. For the first time for many years advisers have an opportunity to improve remedies for their clients; this seminar is your opportunity to engage in a debate.

A Major Seminar updating on practice as well as possible reforms. This seminar will Essential attendance for money and benefits advisers whether in local authorities, charities, CABx or advice agencies. This seminar will also be of interest to solicitors and managers acting for pursuers. The event will also be of interest to policy makers and those wishing to track likely legislative change.

Book online at www.lsa.org.uk/debtandthedepression_1.aspx , or contact the Legal Services Agency on 0141 353 3354 for details.

Phone Coaching & Mentoring Workshop

Dewar's Conference Centre, Glover Street, Perth

Wednesday, 10th February, 10 am - 2 pm

FREE (buffet lunch included)

The **Tayforth Learning Network Coaching and Mentoring Mapping Project** was established to improve the Network's knowledge of the extent of the use of coaching and mentoring in organisations in Tayforth.

This workshop will present the main findings of the project. There will be presentations from some of the organisations who contributed to case studies of coaching and mentoring activity, and there will be opportunities for networking and discussion about ways to develop the use of coaching and mentoring in Tayforth.

There are still places available: if you wish to reserve a place, please phone Isobel Ovens on 01382 504194 or email iovens@tayforthsssln.co.uk

Third Sector Convention – an update

Forth Valley College, Falkirk

18th February; Sessions available from 11am through to 8pm



A reminder about this important Forth Valley-wide Convention, organised by CVS Falkirk and District, with support from Falkirk Community Planning Partnership and the Scottish Government.

* *The event is specifically designed to meet the needs of:*

- ✓ Small community groups
- ✓ Voluntary organisations
- ✓ Social Economy Organisations
- ✓ Social Enterprises
- ✓ Staff Volunteers and Committees / Board Members
- ✓ Public Sector Staff Working with the 3RD Sector

* Among the 35 Funders attending a Marketplace will be:

- ✓ Lottery
- ✓ Comic Relief
- ✓ Children in Need
- ✓ Leader
- ✓ External Funding Unit
- ✓ Falkirk Environment Trust
- ✓ Scottish Community Foundation

* There will be 30 Workshops running throughout the day, covering a range of important topics:

- ✓ Funding
- ✓ Commissioning and Procurement
- ✓ Business Continuity Management
- ✓ Procurement
- ✓ Developing Sustainability
- ✓ Developing a Social Enterprise
- ✓ Community Food and Health Scotland
- ✓ An introduction to outcomes and evaluation

The programme and booking form is available on www.cvsfalkirk.org.uk/convention/ . Or you can request one by emailing convention@cvsfalkirk.org.uk

Learning Link Seminars

Learning Link Scotland is hosting two seminars:

■ Mindset and Resilience at Work

Wednesday 24th February, 10am - 1pm, Glasgow

(Speaker: Dr Carol Craig, CEO Centre for Confidence and Wellbeing)

■ Mindset and Confidence

Wednesday 24th March, 10am - 1pm, Edinburgh

(Speaker: Isobel MacNaughtan, Centre for Confidence and Wellbeing)

These seminars are for Learning Link Scotland Members, 3rd Sector organisations, FE/HE. They are designed to

- ✓ Increase your understanding of how to develop a “growth mindset”
- ✓ Increase your resilience to succeed at work

- ✓ Learn new techniques in confidence building for you and your service users

The fee is £20 members/£40 non-members per seminar. Contact Stephanie shaigh@learninglinkscotland.org.uk for more information or to book.



NPF Workshops

"Supporting community care through better information sharing for service users on the employability pathway"

These workshops from the National Practice Forum are intended for health, social care & employability partnerships, including managers and practitioners, and are designed to identify current practice in information sharing to support and develop further joint working practice.

Aims

- To support the development of good practice primarily related to inter-agency work which seeks to aid community care service users on their journey back into work.
- To consult with participants across Scotland around a range of recommendations from previous engagement activities.

Objectives

- To provide learning and sharing opportunities within multi-agency workshops across Scotland.
- To provide a range of learning and sharing opportunities to the widest range of stakeholders
- To gather examples of good practice and support their dissemination across Scotland.

Venues, dates and times are as follows:

1. Employability Workshop for *front line staff* to be held in **Victoria Quay, Edinburgh** on 1st March from 9.30 to 12.30.
2. Employability Workshop for *front line staff* to be held in **McDiarmid Park, Perth** on 9th March from 1.30 to 4.30.
3. Employability Workshop for *middle managers and strategic leads* to be held in **Discovery Point, Dundee** on 16th March from 9.30 to 12.30.
4. Employability Workshop for *middle managers and strategic leads* to be held in **Park Hotel, Kilmarnock** on 18th March from 1.30 to 4.30.
5. Employability Workshop for *middle managers and strategic leads* to be held in **Forthbank Stadium, Stirling** on 23rd March from 9.30 to 12.30.
6. Employability Workshop for *front line staff* to be held in **Atlantic Quay, Glasgow** on 29th March from 9.30 to 12.30.

To reserve a place at any of the above, go to

www.nationalpracticeforum.org/rewrite.asp?404;http://www.nationalpracticeforum.org/7/349/0/content.asp

[Back to top](#)

FUNDING & AWARDS

£4m to help fight Fuel Poverty

Scottish Power is to quadruple its investment to £4m in a Trust set up to help vulnerable people living in fuel poverty.



Not-for-profit organisations and groups (such as children's charities, local community groups, support organisations, housing associations, local authorities and others) who work with or represent the vulnerable and fuel-poor are invited to apply for funding to the **Scottish Power Energy People Trust**.

Priority will be given to projects aimed at helping families with young children and young people. The Scottish Power Energy People Trust will award grant funding up to a maximum of £100,000 for projects lasting for up to three years.

Trustees meet in the first week of March, June, September and December each year and applications need to be submitted at four weeks prior to the meeting date.

Visit www.energypeopletrust.co.uk/how_to_apply.html for full guidelines and online application form.

[Back to top](#)

VOLUNTEERING & EMPLOYMENT

Forth Environment Link

Executive Director

- **28 hrs/week £26,650 - £28,700 pro rata**
- **One Year Fixed Term Contract (Maternity Cover)**

Forth Environment Link is a small, vibrant charity based in Stirling delivering a variety of projects and services promoting sustainable living across the Forth Valley area.

We are seeking an experienced Leader. This post requires an understanding of environmental issues, the ability to manage current projects, finances and commitments as well as seek out further potential developmental opportunities. Excellent and effective communication with staff, volunteers, partners and funders is essential.

For an information pack, e-mail Alison Hyslop info@forthenvironmentlink.org Closing date is MIDDAY on Monday, 1st February 2010.

www.forthenvironmentlink.org

[Back to top](#)

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Resources for enterprising third sector organisations

Are you a social enterprise or enterprising third sector body? If so:

- Find out about Scottish Government support at their online **Enterprising Third Sector Organisations Zone** at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/enterprising-organisation>
- Register on the **Public Contracts Scotland** website, a portal that gives FREE access to contract opportunities with Scottish Local Authorities, NHS Scotland, the Scottish Government, Agencies and NDPBs, Higher and Further Education and Emergency Services.

Registering means that you will automatically be made aware of contract opportunities on the theme(s) in which you have expressed an interest. Go to <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

- Register for FREE on the **Suppliers Development Programme** <http://www.sdpscotland.co.uk/home.aspx> - this will give you opportunities to receive support to help you develop as a supplier of services to the public sector

[Back to top](#)

OTHER NEWS

Planning for health in 2010-2011, the time for third sector action

(This article is from Voluntary Health Scotland)



At the end of 2009 the updated Menu of Local Outcome Indicators for Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs) was released, along with a Good Practice note for their use. Guidance was also released which outlined the priorities and format for Local Delivery Plans for Health Boards. What ties these two pieces of support together are the NHS HEAT targets.

HEAT stands for *Health Improvement, Efficiency, Access and Treatment* and these are the key objectives, targets and measures that reflect Scottish Ministers' priorities for health.

HEAT targets typically reflect short-term outputs or outcomes, such as the delivery of brief interventions to reduce individuals' alcohol consumption.

Whilst Health Boards need to meet HEAT targets, as members of CPPs they also need to consider the wider health contributions they make and demonstrate how they are working with partners to deliver them.

This is where Local Delivery Plans (LDPs) come in, as these set out the delivery agreement between Scottish Government and each NHS Board, based on the HEAT targets.

The LDPs for 2010-11 will record agreement on local progress towards meeting key national targets, and the additional commitments made to support relevant SOAs across the four national priority areas of Health Inequalities, Early Years, Tackling Poverty and Economic Recovery.

NHS Boards are expected to outline the key local outcomes shared across the national priority areas and identify their top three actions which contribute to each outcome. They are currently developing their plans to ensure the drafts are delivered to the Scottish Government for approval by the 18th February 2010.

With the deadline for submission so close, third sector organisations need to ensure they are effectively engaging with their local health systems so that their efforts towards achieving shared outcomes is included in local planning for health and health improvement.

Now is the time to ensure your work is being recognised locally.

For more information contact Bill Weir at bill.weir@VHScotland.org.uk or on 0131 220 9942.

Voluntary Sector Campaign forces Government U-turn

Following pressure from SCVO and voluntary organisations across Scotland, The Scottish Government has announced that proposals in the Criminal Justice and Licensing Bill are to be amended. The Bill would have forced voluntary organisations to buy a licence for holding fundraising sales at a cost of several hundred pounds (*see CVS Stirling eBulletin, 28th August 2009*).

The provisions were contained within the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill currently going through Parliament, based on recommendations from a Task Group set up by the previous administration.

However, after concerns were raised by charities and community groups, Ministers have agreed that the plans should now not go ahead. Announcing the news, Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill said, "We've listened to the concerns raised by the charity sector - and we've acted.

"This Government wants to help, not hinder the fantastic work being done to support local good causes and we want to do everything we can to support charitable organisations in Scotland. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with charities who are helping to improve lives right across the country."

SCVO Deputy Chief Executive Lucy McTernan described the change of heart by the Scottish Government as "a very welcome Christmas Present for charities across Scotland."

She said, "SCVO strongly opposed this section of the Bill. It would have allowed local authorities to charge charities and voluntary organisations for holding fundraising events - the bread and butter of our sector."

For more information, phone Sarah Beattie-Smith on 0779 060 1995. You can see the Bill at www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/24-CrimJustLc/index.htm

Deals for Charities

Do you have any items (eg office furniture) needing moved? Local firm "MoveUrStuff" tell us they still operate special rates for charities and voluntary groups. Check them out at www.moveurstuff.co.uk

Haiti Earthquake Appeal

We have all seen the images and heard the statistics on the news - they speak for themselves. This is one of the worst humanitarian crises in modern times, a devastating natural disaster which has struck a country already suffering from extreme poverty and decades of oppressive rule.

It goes without saying that anything any of us can do to support relief efforts can only help. We *can* make a difference, even in a disaster of this scale.

Please remember no donation is too small. Any donation can be sent via the **Disasters Emergency Committee** (a collaboration of overseas aid charities including Oxfam, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, Save the Children):

- **Online:** at www.dec.org.uk
- **High Street Banks or Post offices:** Donations can be made by quoting Freepay 1149
- **Post:** Please send a cheque made payable to DEC HAITI EARTHQUAKE and send it to DEC HAITI EARTHQUAKE, PO BOX 999, LONDON, EC3A 3AA.

[Back to top](#)

Council for Voluntary Services - Thriving and Connecting Communities in Stirling
CVS Stirling is a Company Limited by Guarantee SC169437
Registered Scottish Charity Number SC016980