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A good number of events in this issue: upcoming occasions ranging from the entertaining to the informative. Time to get out and about – while the weather holds. Look out also for funding news and resources, and a conference with a difference from the Scottish Rural Equality Network.

Enjoy the summer sunshine, and remember to keep those views and comments coming.

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.

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‘Carillons and Clavers’ - A Concert of Music for Handbells and Organ

Dunblane Cathedral, The Cross, Dunblane, Perthshire

Saturday, 5th June, from 12 noon

FREE Admission (donations invited)



This free lunchtime concert will feature the combined forces of **Dunblane Cathedral Handbell Ringers** and the magnificent **Flentrop Organ** performed by the Cathedral's Organist Matthew Beetschen. In addition the concert will feature a guest American handbell ensemble. The 45-minute programme will showcase arrangements and original compositions for handbells and organ together. Music will include arrangements of well-known sacred and secular music, as well as original works for handbells and organ by US composers.

For more information, phone 01786 825387, email handbells@dunblanecathedral.org.uk or visit the website www.dunblanecathedral.org.uk

Scribbler's Picnic

Stirling Rugby Club, Bridgehaugh Park, Causeway Head Rd, Stirling
Sunday, 6th June, from 12 noon

The Scribbler's Picnic is now a well-established fixture in the local charities calendar, and a perennially popular family day out. The event has become famous for its mix of entertainment and with lots of live music (five stages!), kids' events, stalls and displays, this year looks like being no exception. All proceeds go towards fighting cancer.

Aberlour's New Service

Scotland's leading children's charity, Aberlour, has launched a new, specialised service to help decide what is best for a child's future.

Scotland's Child and Family Assessment Centre (SCAFAC) will provide independent assessment to councils, courts and childcare professionals, who will use them to take the best course of action for children up to 16 years, particularly in the most challenging child care protection cases.

It will specialise in providing assessments in cases involving parenting capacity, risk of harm, sibling relationships, kinship care arrangements and quality of contact for children in care. The centre will also provide consultancy, mentoring and research.

Draft reports will be issued within four weeks of the completion of the assessment. They include; aims and purpose of assessment, details of each area of focus, details of sessions, results of tools and techniques used, full profiles of each adult and child participating, conclusions and recommendations. [Click here](#) or visit www.aberlour.org.uk/scafac.aspx for more information on SCAFAC.

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EVENTS & TRAINING

FRESH – Fintry Renewable Energy Show

Fintry village

Friday 4th & Saturday 5th June (starts 10 am both days)

FREE

FRESH (Fintry Renewable Energy Show) is a two day event aimed at community bodies and householders who wanted to know more about what they could do in their communities and households to tackle climate change.

There is a full programme of events, including a community conference on the morning of Friday the 4th and tech talks on the morning of Saturday the 5th. Both afternoons included a trip to Earlsburn windfarm and visits to domestic installations of low-energy heating systems around the village.



Additionally, on Saturday 5th there will be entertainment provided by Glasgow Science Centre, the Ecology Centre and Hands-On will be providing entertainment for all ages, plus this year, FRESH coincides with the Fintry Fling so there will be no shortage of activities for the whole family.

Throughout both days, there will be an exhibition of energy saving technologies and advice where you can find out more about how to heat your house in a way that uses minimal energy and at minimal cost.

'Coping with dementia: A practical DVD for carers

Rutherglen Town Hall, 139 Main Street, Rutherglen
Wednesday, 9th June, 2 -5 pm

NHS Health Scotland, Alzheimer Scotland and NHS Lanarkshire are launching 'Coping with dementia: A practical DVD for carers' at the above time and venue. The launch of the DVD will be of interest to those working in the area of Dementia, with a particular focus on the needs of carers.

For full background, event information, programme and booking form please go to www.healthscotland.com/uploads/documents/12554-Dementia%20DVD%20Launch%20flyer.pdf

Scottish Charity Awards

SCVO, Mansfield Traquair Centre, 15 Mansfield Place, Edinburgh
10th June



The awards, now in their fourth year, uniquely honour excellence across the whole voluntary sector in Scotland and are now a prominent networking event in the voluntary sector calendar. They will be presented at a glittering ceremony in the beautiful setting of the Mansfield Traquair Centre.

This year's guest speaker this year will be Jim Mather MSP, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism and after dinner entertainment will be provided by Elaine C Smith. The Ceremony will be compered by Alison Elliot, SCVO Convenor

The awards recognise innovation and excellence in five categories, this years shortlisted include:

■ **Community Action:**

Interest Link Borders, The Serenity Café Project, The Lighthouse Foundation and Grandparents Parenting Again & Kinship Carers

■ **Campaign of the Year:**

Action Scotland Against Stalking, British Red Cross Black and Minority Ethnic Capacity Building Project, Young Gypsy Travellers Lives and British Heart Foundations Out of Order campaign.

■ **The Partnership Award:**

Barnardo's Scotland and Scottish and Southern Energy, National Autistic Society

Scotland and Harper Macleod LLP, The Anthony Nolan Trust and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Children's Hospice Association Scotland and Real Radio.

■ **Charity Champion:**

Robert Clark, Jimmy MacIntosh, Edie Gledhill and Rev Bill Brown.

■ **Charity of the Year:**

Hearts and Minds, Scottish Wildlife Trust, Crossroads (Harris) Care Attendant Scheme, Epilepsy Connections and Go Country.

Full information on all those shortlisted can be found at

www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/NewsAndEvents/ScottishCharityAwards.aspx

If you would like to book a place at this event please contact Helen Swatton on 0141 225 8019, email helen.swatton@scvo.org.uk .

Scottish Rural Equality Network (SREN) National Conference

Rural Diversity Uncorked..... Putting the fizz back into community action

Wednesday 16th June, 9.30am – 4.30 pm

Venue: Everywhere!



SCOTLAND: NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK

CONNECTING RURAL SCOTLAND - PROMOTING RURAL GROWTH

A 'virtual' conference using V3 technology linking local discussions on social inclusion in local communities, Chaired by Morag Redwood, Project Leader Highlands & Islands Equality Forum, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations

- Are you interested, or already involved, in ensuring that the whole diversity of people are fully included in your local community?
- Would you benefit from learning what similar groups and individuals are doing around rural Scotland?
- Want to hear of exciting new ways to involve your local community?

This is an opportunity to link up with people from across rural Scotland and take part in a groundbreaking national event without having to leave your own area! The conference will let you

- ✓ **Refresh** learning about rural identity, and who are included or excluded in our local communities.
- ✓ **Learn** useful new ideas and methodologies from key speakers
- ✓ **Hear** successful case studies of local community action from around rural Scotland.
- ✓ **Hold** your own local discussions on these issues.
- ✓ **Link up** with other people and groups across rural Scotland.

Where is it taking place? Everywhere!

The event's central 'hub' and speakers will be in Inverness, but everything will be filmed and broadcast live across rural Scotland using specifically designed internet technology. We'll link up with three or four areas who will broadcast their own local case studies, and there will be an opportunity for all groups taking part to break off into their own local discussions. You'll also be

able to make contact with the conference – and with other delegates - to ask questions and give feedback via the V3 technology and the SREN Online Discussion Forum. It's really easy to take part and the organisers will explain how it all works before the event. All you need is a broadband internet connection and PC or Laptop.

How do I get involved? Choose to –

- Organise your own local event to link up with the conference on the day.
- See if there is an event already planned in your area that you can attend.
- Just log in to watch the conference from your own computer.

If the timing is no good for you, the event will be available to watch on the internet anytime after the day. (You could even organise a local meeting to watch the event and hold your own discussions at a later date that suits your area.)

To formally register your interest, please access the registration form at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SREN_National_Conference_June_2010_Registration

Launch of 'Seven'

Lesser Albert Hall, Dumbarton Road, Stirling
17th June, 5 pm

Seven, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Group for 13-25 year olds, will launch at the above date and venue. Join the launch of the first LGBT youth services in Forth Valley

This is an event by and for young people, which will also appeal to parents and carers, professionals, LGBT community members and people interested in inclusion.

Should any of you wish to attend, please contact the organiser, Ann Marriott, National Development Manager (culture), LGBT Youth Scotland
Tel: 0131 555 39 40, email: ann.marriott@lgbtyouth.org.uk



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BIG Survey

Following on from the success of their 'Big Meet' event last year, BIG is planning a future programme of seminars for applicants and grantholders and would like you to have an input to what these include and how they are delivered.

It should take only a few minutes to complete the survey – click on www.surveymonkey.com/s/3MBWPQ3

BIG Cuts Could Damage Small Groups

A government demand that lottery distributors cut their overheads could “fundamentally change” the Big Lottery Fund, and might mean smaller causes lose out, sources have warned.

John Downie, director of public affairs at SCVO (Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations), was responding after the coalition government at Westminster revealed its policy programme last week. The document calls for distributors of national lottery funds to restrict their administration costs to 5% of their total income to prevent “wasteful” spending. At present at least 8% of the money distributed by the Big Lottery Fund in Scotland is lost to administration costs.

However, this includes spending on increased support for charities to ensure applications are more likely to be successful and projects are better able to deliver their goals. Downie said SCVO believed 100% of lottery money should go to charities and the voluntary sector. However the coalition government’s plans will result in less, not more, reaching the sector. The government plans to cut the amount of National Lottery income awarded to the BLF from 50% to 40%.

“We would like to see running costs as low as possible but this will fundamentally change the Big Lottery Fund,” he added. “Does this mean that because of the cost issue, they will have to go for a smaller number of big grants? If we want lottery money to reach into every corner of Scotland, we have to recognise there will be a cost to that.”

The Big Lottery Fund in Scotland is particularly wedded to the idea of smaller grants and runs a number of programmes unique to Scotland, including Awards for All, Investing in Ideas and 2014 Communities. A BLF spokeswoman said:

“Significant parts of our operating costs are not just administration. Consulting stakeholders, supporting grant applicants and holders in their work and conducting evaluation and research are vital.

“We don’t want unnecessary bureaucracy, but we need to ensure that we fund accessibly and fairly, provide a good customer service and ensure that the outcomes we seek are delivered.”

The coalition document includes a pledge to examine the case for an idea proposed by the Liberal Democrats – funding the lottery with the gross tax profits of the lottery operator Camelot, rather than a percentage of ticket sales as at present.

1850 Signatures to Save the Foundation

Over 1,850 people have now signed the petition calling on Lloyds Banking Group to reverse their decision to terminate the existing Covenant with the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland.



For 25 years the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland has invested in and supported communities across Scotland. Now it is our turn to support the Foundation. Help safeguard the future of this important funder by signing the petition at www.savethefoundation.org.

Receive Regular FREE Fundraising Ideas

NTT Fundraising runs an online service to help charities across the country develop their fundraising strategies. You will receive innovative fundraising tips throughout the year, each one focusing on a different type of campaign or fundraising idea.



To register for this free service visit the NTT website www.nttfundraising.co.uk/tips.aspx

New Online Charity Calendar to help Fundraising

The developers of a unique free online calendar dedicated to charity events are urging all charities, both national and local, to upload details of their events for FREE.



www.calendarcheck.co.uk is a new website designed to help organisers plan their events more effectively and boost fundraising potential by avoiding clashes with other high profile occasions.

This site has been designed to help Charities to publicise their events, free of charge, in order to help them sell more tickets, increase awareness and make sure they are not clashing with other similar events in their locality.

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Social Enterprise Resources

Is your organisation an enterprising third sector body? If so:

- Find out about **Scottish Government support** at:
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/enterprising-organisation>
- Find out how you can win public contracts by participating in **Tender Writing Training**
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/enterprising-organisation/Opening-Markets> - the programme will improve your knowledge of procurement and in responding to opening opportunities
- Register for free on the **Public Contracts Scotland** website
<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk> - registering means that you will automatically be made aware of contract opportunities on the theme(s) in which you have expressed an interest
- 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.

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Feel Fantastic, Inside and Out

As well as beauty and more traditional spa treatments, therapists at the **Inside Out Lifestyle Spa in Stirling** provide a range of effective



tools and treatments to help individuals achieve healthy minds, empowering them to make lifelong changes using a range of highly effective techniques.

An array of services are on offer including Life Coaching and Thought Field Therapy (TFT), therapies which can help individuals overcome many emotional barriers to success and happiness, including anxiety, stress, lack of confidence or motivation, difficulty overcoming challenging circumstances or traumatic experiences.

(For information on Life Coaching visit www.inside-out-lifestyle-spa.co.uk, and on Thought Field Therapy, www.meridian-wellbeing.co.uk)

Even brief interventions can have real and lasting effects. Mindful of the beneficial effects of their therapies for all sectors of the community, therapists based at Inside Out Lifestyle Spa are eager to share the benefits with the local voluntary sector. They seek to offer complementary open events, talks or demonstrations to local groups or charities, so they can provide a taster of the therapies on offer, enabling workers and service users to determine for themselves the vast array of applications to help individuals move forward in their lives. Contact them to discuss your needs.

An **Open Evening** for the general public has also been arranged for **Wednesday 2nd June from 6pm at Inside Out Lifestyle Spa, 14a Linden Avenue, Stirling**. Ample free parking is available at the adjacent Linden Avenue car park.

‘MAN & VAN’ Removals for Charities

The removals/deliveries company MoveUrStuff, which operates throughout the Forth Valley, the UK and Europe, has announced that its **special rates for charities** are continuing through 2010.

For information on their ‘man and van’ services, visit www.moveurstuff.co.uk



‘Improving Participation’ Report Published



The Scottish Health Council has published a report entitled **Improving Participation**, which describes twenty projects from across Scotland that have involved patients, carers and communities. These projects were supported by grants from the Scottish Health Council and include examples of engagement with equalities groups, seldom-heard communities and existing networks.

Download a copy from the Scottish Health Council website, www.scottishhealthcouncil.org or email info@evolvingpractice.org if you would like some printed copies sent to you.

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