

## CVS Stirling e-Bulletin –11th July 2008

**THIS WEEK'S ISSUE** features some new, and some less well-known, funding sources. Remember, CVS Stirling can help find funding for *your* organisation through a dedicated computer application: FunderFinder. Simply download a form from our [website](#), enter the information, and we will take it from there.



Comments and suggestions for the website and eBulletin are welcome. Emails to: [lee.stevenson@cvS-stirling.org.uk](mailto:lee.stevenson@cvS-stirling.org.uk)

Deadline for contributions for Friday's bulletin is the previous Monday. If you have any queries, please call 01786 469916 and ask for Lee or Donald.

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### ***FORTHCOMING EVENTS***

#### **Unlittering Cowie**

Cowie Community Centre

2 pm, July 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

**Cowie Community Planning Group** is looking for volunteers to take part in litter picks on the above dates. All ages are welcome.

Areas where litter will be collected include Colliers path, the football pitches, the rear of St Margaret's Primary School and the scrub area opposite the community centre.

The group's next meeting will be in the community centre at 7pm on Tuesday. For information email [derek@byrne05.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:derek@byrne05.orangehome.co.uk) or leave your details at the Cowie local office.



### **Wanted: Home Composting Promoters**

Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Stirling

1 pm, July 8<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

FREE

Are you a **home composter**, sorting and recycling household waste to grow your garden? Or perhaps you're just passionate about environmental issues? **Forth Environment Link** is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to take the home composting message out to their communities, and is providing training to help them.

To book a place on the free course, call Eve Keepax at FEL on (01786) 449215 or email: [biodiversity@forthenvironmentlink.org](mailto:biodiversity@forthenvironmentlink.org) For more about FEL, visit their website, [www.forthenvironmentlink.org/community](http://www.forthenvironmentlink.org/community)

### ***TRAINING and RESOURCES***

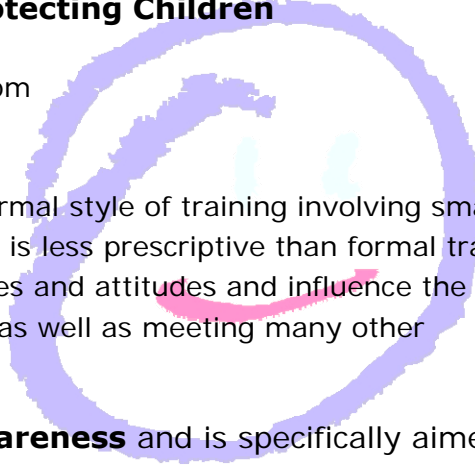
#### **World Café Conversations – Protecting Children**

Dawson Centre, Bainsford

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 9.15am to 12.30pm

FREE

**World Café Conversations** is an informal style of training involving small group discussion with facilitators. This is less prescriptive than formal training and allows participants to discuss values and attitudes and influence the direction of the discussion and debate as well as meeting many other participants from other services.



The course is **Level 1 – Basic Awareness** and is specifically aimed at:

- Employees/volunteers who have either been disclosure checked or who may have contact, but not working directly with children within their work setting or environment
- Employees/volunteers who have contact with children and have not yet undertaken Child Protection Training
- Employees/volunteers requiring a refresher course in basic awareness

The **outcomes** of the course are:

- That participants will acquire a basic awareness of child abuse and child protection
- That, at a basic level, participants will feel more confident in identifying child abuse and responding to child abuse
- That participants will be more aware of their agencies expectations of employees/volunteers in respect of child protection issues

Should you wish to book a place on the above training course or require further information, please contact Debbie Luke, Child Protection Training Administrator, Telephone: 01324 503812, email [debbie.luke@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:debbie.luke@falkirk.gov.uk)

There is **no charge** for this course for voluntary/small private sector groups, however, if a participant does not show up or a late cancellation is made (within 5 working days of the course), this will incur a £10 charge.



## **Volunteer Management Training Programme – 2008**

Volunteer Development Scotland, Stirling

**Volunteer Centre Stirling**, in partnership with Volunteer Centre Falkirk, are offering a series of Advanced level courses for anyone who organises or coordinates volunteers. Each course will run from **9:45am – 4:00pm**. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

- **Developing Diversity within a Volunteer Programme**  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2008  
Explores issues relating to building diversity into a volunteer programme to increase an understanding of diversity and build skills to map an organisations profile.
- **Health and Safety and Risk Management in Volunteer Programmes**  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2008  
This course aims to equip participants with the knowledge to address relevant health and safety issues which impact on volunteering in their setting and an overview of risk management.
- **Motivation, Retention and Development of Volunteers**  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2008  
This course explores the areas of motivation and development of volunteers within the general aim of identifying key ways of increasing volunteer retention and recognition within an organisation.

- **Developing Volunteer Portfolios**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008

This course explores how a portfolio can be developed and structured to assist in the training and development of volunteers.

- **Creating Positive Volunteer-Staff Relations**

Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup> 2008

The course aims to focus on addressing the issues surrounding volunteer-staff relations. It will include discussion of how the role of the volunteer manager and exploring strategies for building effective volunteer-staff relations.

- **Managing Youth Volunteering – (New for 2008!)**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008

This course explores how to successfully engage young volunteers in your work.

Costs are based on income of your organisation:

£0 - £10,000 .....	£10
£10,001- £25,000 .....	£20
£25,000 - £100,000.....	£30
£100,000+ & statutory bodies .....	£40

For further information on any of the above courses, please contact Jennifer Shearman on 01786 446071 or for a booking form please visit:

[www.volunteerstirling.org.uk/training.htm](http://www.volunteerstirling.org.uk/training.htm)

## **FUNDING**

### **MSE Charity Fund**

Financial website Money Saving Expert has launched a new charitable fund to try and help communities in the UK tackle the rising reliance on consumer debt. The website has donated an initial £200,000 to set up the fund, and expects to put in an extra £100,000 a year.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to help communities break the cycle of debt, and are available to any fully constituted group that has its own bank account and set of rules. The fund can also offer £500 to individuals over the age of 18 to help cover the costs of studying a recognised and approved course that will help improve their ability to budget and manage their finances.

There are three rounds of grant awards per year - the closing dates for the next round of applications will be announced on the MSE website. The charity hopes to make a decision within six weeks of the deadline.

To register your interest at any time, complete the initial Group Application Form online. They will then get in touch to discuss things further and see if it fits within the charity's aims. Application forms and further guidance are available at the MSE website, [www.msecharity.com](http://www.msecharity.com)



### **Kellogg's Active Living Fund**

The Kellogg's Active Living Fund will give small grants to projects and activities that directly lead to people taking part in sustained physical activity. The aim of the Fund is to help remove the barriers which stop people being active.

Applications can be considered for projects engaging with young people up to 25 years of age. However priority will be given to applications requesting support for family units – children and adults undertaking physical activity together.

The maximum grant request is £1,000 and the Kellogg's panel meet **every two months** to consider applications. To read the guidelines and download an application form go to [www.kelloggs.co.uk/company/corporateresponsibility/activelivingfund](http://www.kelloggs.co.uk/company/corporateresponsibility/activelivingfund)



### **The Wellcome Trust Arts Awards**

***Deadline: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July & Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008***

The Wellcome Trust believes the arts are an effective way of stimulating debate and engaging people with biomedical science. Visual art, music, moving image, creative writing and performance can reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science, and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science.

The funding deadline for Large Projects in 2008 has now passed, but the **Small to Medium-sized Projects Fund** (up to and including £30,000) has deadlines throughout the year. Funding can be used to support the development of new project ideas, deliver small-scale productions or workshops, investigate and experiment with new methods of engagement through the arts, or develop new collaborative relationships between artists and scientists.

To find out more about the Arts Awards and who can apply, go to [www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2580.html](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2580.html) , e-mail: [arts@wellcome.ac.uk](mailto:arts@wellcome.ac.uk) or phone 0207 611 7222.



## **Green Grants Still Available**

CSV's **Action Earth Campaign** provides grants of up to £50 (funded by Morrisons) to assist groups in England, Scotland and Wales in carrying out environmental projects. Those grants have now been allocated for this year.

However, there are also a limited number of £250 Biodiversity Awards **only available in Scotland** and funded by Scottish Natural Heritage. These are specifically for projects that help create or improve wildlife habitats.

If you have a project that you feel might qualify, read the funding criteria carefully to check suitability before submitting your application – these are available at [www.csv.org.uk/Volunteer/Whats+Your+Interest/Environment/](http://www.csv.org.uk/Volunteer/Whats+Your+Interest/Environment/) Registration forms can be downloaded from the same site.

*Action Earth 2008, which runs to the end of July, is a campaign co-ordinated by CSV Environment. Its stated purpose is to enable people to take part in practical conservation projects and empower them to improve quality of life for themselves, their communities and future generations.*



## **Voluntary Sector Development Fund**

***Deadline: Friday 31st October 2008.***

The Scottish Government has now published the Application Form, Guidance and Equality Monitoring Form for the **2008-09 Voluntary Sector Development Fund (VSDF)**.

The forms and guidance are available to download from the [Workforce Unit](#) website. They're in the form of Word documents, so that you can enter text directly into the forms if you want to.

The guidance document sets out who can apply for funding and what can be funded. As a reminder, funding this year will support:

- Adult residential care workers
- Support workers in adult residential care
- Adult residential care staff with supervisory responsibilities
- Housing support managers

If you have any queries on the VSDF, please contact: Mrs M Gwen Smith, Children, Young People and Social Care - Workforce and Capacity, Area 2(C) North Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ. Phone (0131) 244 3737, email [Gwen.Smith@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Gwen.Smith@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)



### **Philip Lawrence Awards**

***Deadline: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2008.***

The Philip Lawrence Awards reward outstanding achievements in good citizenship by young people aged 11 to 20. **Nominations are now open for The Philip Lawrence Awards 2008.** Winning groups will receive cash awards of £1,000 to invest in their award-winning activity.

Previous award-winners include a youth cinema at an underused community space, a group who use music and other creative arts as a means of empowering young people, and a youth theatre run in a rural area. To nominate your group, or somebody you know, visit [www.4children.org.uk/pla/](http://www.4children.org.uk/pla/)

## ***OTHER NEWS***

### **New Charity To Help Women and Girls**

Set up in June 2008, **Rosa** is a new charity which aims to help women and girls turn their ideas into reality. They want to champion and invest in exciting initiatives to improve the lives of women and girls in the UK. At the moment Rosa is still growing, with the intention of distributing grants in 2009. In the meantime, you can sign up for their e-newsletter at [www.rosauk.org](http://www.rosauk.org)



### **Charity Donations Squeezed**

A recent survey conducted by the British Market Research Bureau suggests that as a nation we may be getting meaner – almost 10% meaner over the last three years, to be precise. These days, 63% of members of the public questioned say they give more than £5 a year to charity, compared with 70% in 2005.

Analysts put this down - at least in part - to the credit crunch, and warn that in the current environment the trend is likely to continue ...

## ***FUNDER OF THE MONTH: Forth Valley & Lomond LEADER***

**LEADER** is part of the new Scottish Rural Development Programme, aimed at promoting economic and community development within rural areas. It replaces the Leader+ programme that ran from 2000 to 2006.



LEADER describes itself as a 'bottom-up' method of delivering support for rural development through implementing local strategies to promote the development of Scotland's rural communities.

**This support is aimed primarily at small-scale, community driven projects that are pilot and innovative in nature.**

Those active in rural areas are encouraged to consider the long term potential of their locality and to develop integrated, high quality, original strategies for developing and revitalising their community. The emphasis is on **sustainable development** that goes hand-in-hand with **conservation** of the natural environment.

Networking, identified as a success under Leader+, is again a key feature - a means of disseminating the rural development experience gained through LEADER, building knowledge and skills, innovation and co-operation in order to tackle development objectives.

LEADER funding is awarded through the Scottish Rural Development Plan by Local Action Groups (LAGs). These are made up of

- The local Council
- Local Enterprise Company
- Business people
- Other public agencies
- Voluntary action groups
- Community groups

They take decisions on projects which are community driven and have a wide community benefit.

**In March 2008, Forth Valley and Lomond Local Action Group were given £2.63 million to support pilot or innovative projects in their area. Last month, three local rural projects shared a total of £25,600:**

1. **The Barr Wood Trust**, for a new caving development in the Barr Wood, an area held in trust for Stirling and Falkirk scouting groups

2. **The Drymen Community Development Trust**, for a study and business plan to develop the Village Square, and
3. **Communities along the Carron**, to develop an action plan for the River Carron and the communities that border it.

If *you* have an innovative project which you think may attract LEADER funding, you should first submit an **initial enquiry** to the LAG Support Unit. The LEADER Development Officer will then guide you through the process of making a full application. ***Deadline for the next round of applications is 5<sup>th</sup> September.***

The **Initial Enquiry Form** is available from the website [www.fvl.org.uk](http://www.fvl.org.uk), where you will also find a downloadable **LEADER information leaflet** with a lot more details about eligibility etc.

***STOP PRESS.....***It's not too often that self-indulgence combines with support for a good cause. Tomorrow (Saturday) the proceeds from **strawberry tarts** sold by Greggs in Port Street, Stirling, will go to **Aberlour**, the Stirling-based charity which works with families who need additional support. Happy (and guilt free) munching!

