

# CVS Stirling e-Bulletin –6<sup>th</sup> June 2008

**Volunteers' Week is almost over, and we hope it's been a great success. Lots of good Funding information in this issue – see below. And remember to keep up with the latest about *The Gathering*.**

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***

### **Men's Health Forum Scotland - National Conference**

Hilton Hotel, Glasgow

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30 am-4.30 pm

**Men's Health Forum Scotland** is hosting this major national conference as part of National Men's Health Week.

Building on the success of their 2004 and 2006 National Conferences, the 2008 event will provide a forum to present and explore key developments in research, policy and practice in men's health in Scotland.

The key aims are to continue to raise awareness of men's health in all its diversity and to increase the capacity of practitioners to engage effectively with men's health issues.

For more information including a registration form please visit the MHFS website [www.mhfs.org.uk/mhfs/National\\_conference\\_2008.php](http://www.mhfs.org.uk/mhfs/National_conference_2008.php)



### **Volunteer Centre**

15 Friars Street, Stirling, FK8 1HA (Across the street from Jimmy Chung's)

### **Come in and find out what we do!**

And why not make a point during Volunteers Week of exploring the many volunteer opportunities that are available? There are volunteer opportunities for all age groups and for all interests - staff at the Volunteer Drop In, 15 Friars Street, will welcome you and help you to find the right one.



### **Action for Sick Children (Scotland) at *The Gathering***

Workshop, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 11 am-12.30 pm

If you're attending *The Gathering* this year, **Action for Sick Children (Scotland)** would be delighted to see you at their workshop, when they will be profiling the range of work the Big Lottery-funded project has been undertaking for the past two years.

### **Big Lottery Project Resource Pack**

The focus of the workshop is the launch of a 'toolkit' and film. The toolkit is a resource pack and includes an animated film on CD ROM, Session Plans and a copy of the EACH (European Association of Children in Hospital) Charter, all aimed at raising awareness about the needs of sick children, young people and their families.

During the workshop you will have an opportunity to view a film of young people's interpretations of the health rights of children and young people at times of illness. Telephone (01506) 846801 or phone Action for Sick Children (Scotland) on (0131) 553 6553 (*We found the ASC (Scotland) website [www.ascscotland.org.uk](http://www.ascscotland.org.uk) could not be accessed at the time of writing.*)



### **Workforce Development Network Meetings**

The Albany Learning & Conference Centre, Glasgow  
Friday, 20th June, 11-12.30 am; 1.30-3pm

These will focus on the Skills Strategy, Skills for Scotland. There will be speakers from Skills Development Scotland and Skills for Care and Development who will

focus on how these organisations are contributing to the strategy. This is an opportunity to explore how the voluntary sector social services workforce can be involved.

The afternoon session will also be looking in detail at the **proposed amendments to the SSSC Conduct Rules.**

For more information and to reserve your place please contact Laura Weir at: [vswu.admin@ccpscotland.org](mailto:vswu.admin@ccpscotland.org). More information on the website at [www.ccpScotland.org/workforceunit/](http://www.ccpScotland.org/workforceunit/)

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## **Funding Scotland: New Choices, New Challenges**

*Our Dynamic Earth*

112 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008

Scotland is currently undergoing a radical shift in how we are taxed, financed and funded. How will the new plans for Local Income Tax affect our communities? Will there be a shortfall in funding? Will voluntary groups and others lose out? Or will it create a fairer society and replace a discredited local tax system?

From voluntary groups to businesses and to the public sector we all need to know how these issues affect our daily working lives, what impact the changes will have on income and expenditure, how workforces will be affected and how our organisations must respond to benefit from the changes.

At this conference you will have a direct influence on the debate as part of the response to the government consultation on Local Income Tax, with the chance to question the major decision-makers about how this, and other planned tax and spend changes, will affect you. **This event will kick-start the debate and lead the way in deciding where Scotland goes next.**

Full details, including the agenda and delegate rates, can be found here <http://conferences.holyrood.com/content/view/434/29/>. To book now and benefit from an early bird discount please click the link below [http://conferences.holyrood.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=435&Itemid=0](http://conferences.holyrood.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=435&Itemid=0)

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## **Heritage Lottery Fund: New Application Materials**

Please note that the deadline for applications to the Heritage Grants programme

(grants over £50,000) under the previous Strategic Plan has now passed. The last deadline for small grants ('Your Heritage' and 'Young Roots') using the old forms is **30 June**

All the current programmes remain under the new Strategic Plan but with new application materials and some changes (most significantly for Heritage Grants which introduces a two round process for all applications).

The new application materials and a range of new guidance documents are now available on the Heritage Lottery Fund website [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk) where you can apply online. Assessment of applications using the new forms will begin in September 2008. The 'Awards for All' application pack remains unchanged.



### **You and Your Councillors - *The Community Responds to Electoral Reform***

Boisdale Suite 2, Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow,  
20 June 2008 , 9am - 10.30am  
Refreshments  
FREE

Since May 2007, Scotland has operated four different voting systems – making it one of the world's most prominent electoral reform testing laboratories. The switch to the Single Transferable Vote (STV) for the Local Government elections of May 2007 in particular has changed the nation's political landscape.

In this seminar, the **Electoral Reform Society Scotland** will be asking the question: What difference does Electoral Reform make to the lives of people across Scotland? If you would like to know more about how STV has affected people across the country, or have views you'd like to share, please come along and join us.

Please contact Kate Robinson to reserve a place Email: [kate.robinson@electoral-reform.org.uk](mailto:kate.robinson@electoral-reform.org.uk). Telephone: 0141 227 3973

## **GROUP NEWS**

### **31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary has Ringing Endorsement**

Dunblane Cathedral, Dunblane  
Sunday, 15 June 2008 at 7.30pm

Refreshments  
FREE (Donations welcome)

Historic Dunblane Cathedral will reverberate to the joyous sound of the **Dunblane Cathedral Handbell Ringers**, as they present a programme of music from each of their five groups - 60 ringers in all, ranging from age 8 to adult.

Widely regarded as Scotland's leading handbell ensemble, Dunblane Cathedral Ringers formed over 30 years ago, since when they have made 15 television appearances, 22 radio broadcasts and given over 650 performances. They have won a UK-wide competition, performed in 9 different countries ... and these are only a few of their achievements.

Every February, Dunblane Cathedral begin a new group for primary 4 children, and this will be the first public performance for fourteen 8-year-olds. Fourteen 9-11-year-olds will give lively renditions of "Lazy Boogie Bells" and "The Jazzy Potato" by US composer Kirsty Mitchell. The high school group will perform music from "The Lion King," as well as a contemporary piece by US composer Michael Helman. The two adult groups will showcase a mix of contemporary original compositions and well-known music, including Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Pie Jesu". **This is the 31st Anniversary Annual Presentation Evening of all the handbell groups in Dunblane Cathedral.**

Handbell ringing is a highly cooperative performing art, combining synchronised movement with musical energy to create what might be described as a larger-than-life and highly visual musical box. Performances will be interspersed with background information about the groups, and presentations to ringers.

For more information tel: 01786 825387 or e-mail:  
[handbells@dunblanecathedral.org.uk](mailto:handbells@dunblanecathedral.org.uk)

## ***FUNDING***

### **New funding to be launched at *The Gathering***

Latest news from this year's Gathering is that the Scottish Government is expected to provide new information on its promised £30m **Scottish Investment Fund**.

Also, the **BIG Lottery Fund** will host an interactive event about its plans for future funding. You can have your say in an interactive discussion throughout

the afternoon of Thursday June 19, at the Podium arena in *The Gathering* Exhibition Hall (Hall 5).

This is the first chance for everyone involved in the voluntary and community sector, community enterprise and grassroots sport to have their say in where Lottery money could go in support of Glasgow's 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Details of this and other specific events at *The Gathering* can be found at [www.scvo.org.uk/gatherscotland/](http://www.scvo.org.uk/gatherscotland/)



### **Scottish Arts Council Funding Guidelines Updated**

The Scottish Arts Council has recently updated its funding guidelines with new information about the funds available and the deadlines for application. Two separate documents are available to download which provide summary information:

- A Guide to Funds for Organisations - [www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/information/publications/1005314.aspx](http://www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/information/publications/1005314.aspx)
- A Guide to Funds for Individuals - [www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/information/publications/1005313.aspx](http://www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/information/publications/1005313.aspx)

If you are unable to download and print these out yourself, please contact the SAC helpdesk on 0845 603 6000 and they will print a hard copy for you and put it in the post.



### **SCVO Publishes Guide to Raising Funds**

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations has commissioned a **Guide to Raising Funds**, which they are making available **FREE** online for a short period of time (after which you can purchase it through their publications section). To download the PDF file go to

[www.scvo.org.uk/scvocms/images/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20How%20to%20Raise%20Funds06%20-print%20version0.2.pdf](http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvocms/images/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20How%20to%20Raise%20Funds06%20-print%20version0.2.pdf) (*Warning - this is a big file and can take some time to download.*)



### **Esmée Fairbairn's New Funding Strands**

Further to our article on the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation (*Funder of the Week, e-Bulletin, 23<sup>rd</sup> May*), the organisation has announced it is launching three new funding strands: one based on **Food**, a pilot programme of work in Northern Ireland, and a **Finance Fund**.

The FOOD strand aims to promote an understanding of the role of food in enhancing quality of life. This will focus on work that influences policy and practice across a range of food-related areas, enabling as many people in the UK as possible to access, prepare and eat nutritious, sustainable food. The budget is £3million over the next three years.

The FINANCE FUND (Up to £15million) will offer financing to projects or organisations that can demonstrate the need for investment and the capacity to manage the demands of non-grant funding. At this stage, the programme will not be open to unsolicited applications.

## ***LEGISLATION & POLICY***

### **Unclaimed Assets**

We have been advised that the consultation document referred to in our article on unclaimed assets (*e-Bulletin 30<sup>th</sup> May*) ended in August 2007, although the four local consultations are still current. The summary of recommendations is now available on the treasury website, [www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/). We apologise for any confusion.

## ***RECRUITMENT***

### **Workers' Educations Association (WEA) Scotland**

Area Tutor Organiser (2 posts), Inverness and Fife

Starting salary range £28,846 -£30,906. Car allowance of £1,448 pa

An opportunity exists for two enthusiastic adult educators to lead on the development and delivery of the full range of WEA activities in Community and Workplace based learning within the designated area.

The ATO is the WEA's lead education officer in their geographic area of Scotland. The post holders will have the ability to develop and maintain effective links with external strategic bodies, ability to win resources, prepare funding applications, manage a range of budgets and projects and support and supervise the work of other staff.

Both posts are subject to Criminal Record Disclosure check.

Application packs from WEA Scotland, Riddles Court, 322 Lawnmarket, Edinburgh EH1 2PG, phone 0101 226 3456, or email [hq@weascotland.org.uk](mailto:hq@weascotland.org.uk).

**Closing date: Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Stirling Community Planning Partnership and the Voluntary Sector CVS Stirling** and the **Volunteer Centre** are in discussions with the **Stirling Community Planning Chairman** and the **Partnership Manager** with regard to improving the Voluntary Sector's involvement.

Community Planning is a tool - a process - to improve services for the community of Stirling. It is extremely important that the Voluntary Sector, with its wealth of knowledge and experience of working with local communities, has a voice in this process, and can influence and add value to the Partnership.

***Community Planning Partnerships need the Voluntary Sector – and we have a role to play in fulfilling that need.***

The CVS and VC will be asking for **your** help and opinions about how this should/could be achieved.

Next week, you will receive an email about this: it is important to have your views, so we would ask you please to respond.



### **Intergenerational Data Mapping**

The Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice have requested information from local authorities, sporting bodies and **voluntary organisations** as part of their mapping exercise to identify areas of intergenerational practice.

Intergenerational approaches are an effective way to address a number of issues, many of them key government priorities such as building active communities, promoting citizenship, regenerating neighbourhoods and addressing inequality.

Intergenerational projects can take many forms. Some examples are:

- Older and young people coming together to find ways of reducing fear of crime in their neighbourhood
- Older volunteers mentoring pupils in school
- Young volunteers providing services to older people – helping them go to the shops, reading to them, visiting, running errands
- Older volunteers supporting young parents
- Toddlers visiting people with dementia in residential settings
- Older people working with pupils on a school history project

If you would like to participate in this exercise, please get in touch with us at CVS Stirling, and we will send/email the short questionnaire for you to complete.

This should be returned by Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June to: Rebecca Maxwell, Assistant Chief Executive, Room 37, Old Viewforth, Stirling; email [maxwellr@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:maxwellr@stirling.gov.uk)

## ***FUNDER OF THE WEEK: Scottish Community Foundation***

**Community Foundations** began in the USA, but have spread globally and there are now over 1,000 worldwide. The first UK Foundation was set up in the 1980's - it has a network of over 60 foundations giving access to 90% of the UK population.



The Scottish Community Foundation is part of this network, and was set up in 1996. It has offices in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Wherever they are, Community Foundations share the same basic concept: individuals, families or companies give an amount of money to a Community Foundation, a related gift agreement is created recording the fundholder's charitable wishes, and the Foundation then acts upon these. Sometimes fundholders themselves nominate community organisations and charities for funding. Or the Foundation 'match-makes,' identifying local charities that will benefit most from grant awards.

The Scottish Community Foundation provides funding for small charities and community groups and raises money by asking individuals, companies and charitable trusts to support communities and causes in which they have an interest. They also raise funds for grants through their flagship event the 'Caledonian Challenge,' currently sponsored by RBS, and other events.

Working with a range of partners (including Sky television, Dunfermline Building Society, Comic Relief and The BIG Lottery Fund) the Foundation has awarded over £14 million in grants since its inception. Their purpose has been to improve the quality of life and life chances for the people of Scotland, and a wide range of social welfare and community development activities is covered through a number of different grant programmes. ***Note: the Foundation only makes grants which benefit people in Scotland.***

Detailed information about these programmes, how to apply and the assessment process can be found on the Foundation's website, [www.scottishcf.org](http://www.scottishcf.org). There are two application forms, depending on how much money is being sought: one

for **Small Grants** (up to £1,000) and one for **Main Grants** (up to £5,000).  
These can be downloaded. There are no application deadlines.

Completed application forms should be sent to: Scottish Community Foundation,  
Suite 3.4, Turnberry House, 175 West George Street, Glasgow G2 2LB. Grants  
are processed differently according to type, but basically Main Grants take up to  
three months to process, while Small Grants take up to six weeks.

