



Dear Nithsdale CVS members,

I would like to advise all members that the Scottish Government (Third Sector Unit) is introducing a major change in how it funds Councils of Voluntary Service and Volunteer Centres across Scotland from April 2011.

It intends to introduce and directly fund 32 new 'Interface' structures by April 2011 and therefore will not be funding local CVS and Volunteer Action Dumfries & Galloway after April 2011.

The 'Interface' structure is to be determined at a local level by the organisations affected. The agreed 'Interface' structure will have to be endorsed by the Community Planning Partnership, or as in the case of Dumfries & Galloway, the Community Planning Joint Board. In this way the local 'Interface' will be embedded in the community planning process and contribute to the local authority Single Outcome Agreement objectives.

We have until March 2010 to agree the local 'Interface' structure for Dumfries & Galloway to enable a final transitional year before the existing funding arrangements end.

Following recent meetings held between the organisations affected, the Scottish Government and D & G Council, two preferred options have been proposed for the new Dumfries & Galloway 'Interface' structure.

These are as follows:

a) **New Structure - D & G Gateway.** This would see the introduction of a new regional body, D & G Gateway, with its own selected Board of Directors, and the winding up of the existing structure of local, area based, independent, membership organisations managed by local Voluntary Management Boards.

b) **Enhanced Partnership - Dumfries & Galloway Voluntary Sector Intermediary Organisations Partnership.** This would see the existing independent, local area based organisations move to an enhanced partnership model to work strategically, avoiding duplication and effecting rationalised joint working to deliver SOA objectives. This model would retain local accountability and governance through local Voluntary Management Boards.

I would like to advise Nithsdale CVS members that the Voluntary Management Boards of Nithsdale CVS, Volunteer Action Dumfries & Galloway, and Stewartry CVS have now entered into an Enhanced Partnership Agreement of equals to work together whilst retaining their independent and autonomous organisational status. This partnership is the '**Dumfries & Galloway Voluntary Sector Intermediary Organisations Partnership**'.

Nithsdale CVS believes this model is the most effective way of continuing to provide support to local community and voluntary sector organisations.

Membership of the Enhanced Partnership is open to the other voluntary sector intermediary organisations directly affected by the proposed 'Interface'.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information and I trust Nithsdale CVS can count on the continued support of its valued membership.

Regards,

Karen Lewis Director - Nithsdale CVS



Dumfries Branch

Registered Charity No: SC023375

The Dumfries Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society is holding a Summer

Dance on:

Friday 19th June

7.30pm - 11.30pm

Locharbriggs Community Centre, Auchencrieff Road, Locharbriggs

Music will be provided by the Willie McRobert Scottish Dance Band

Tickets cost £7.00, this price includes supper and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Locharbriggs Community Centre.

Please come along for a night of Scottish music and Dance

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Mrs Dickson on 01387 265815



The Scottish Advisory Group on Deaf Blindness is a group made up entirely of deaf blind people and is a forum to discuss issues that affect them.

SAGOD meet four times a year throughout Scotland and on the **13th of May 2009** they will be holding one of their quarterly meetings at

The Lauriston Hotel, 15 South Crescent Road, Ardrossan, Ayrshire
from 10.30am to 3.00pm.

For more information telephone
0141 777 6111 or e-mail
info@deafblindscotland.org.uk



NITH LOCAL RURAL PARTNERSHIP DATES FOR 2009

LRP MEETING	LRP VENUE
6 May	Room 1, Municipal Chambers, Dumfries @ 6.00pm
5 August	Thornill Community Centre @ 2.00pm
28 October	Sanquhar Police Station @ 6.00pm

Tea/Coffee will be available

For more information on the Nithsdale Local Rural Partnership contact: Roana Clark,
Nithsdale Partnership Officer
01387 245931

Steppingstones Mini Festival



16 May 10.00-16.00
Heathhall, Dumfries

Saturday 16 May 10am – 4pm Heathhall

Free family fun day at Heathhall Forest where there are cycle tracks for all abilities in a traffic free environment.

We have a busy programme of events including bike skills training, cycle challenges, races for all ages and abilities, a bike clinic and much more!

For further information go to:
www.originalbicyclefestival.co.uk/Bikefest-Events.html



The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation has updated its Main Fund Guidance Notes with the aim of giving clearer advice about their funding and work they will fund.

You can now **apply online** to the Main Fund. Please visit their website for the latest guidance and to make an application online (please note they will still accept applications by email and post).

For Main Fund Guidance Notes please visit:
www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/

Alongside the Main Fund they continue to run specialist Strands, please visit their website for more information on these and how to apply.

For Funding Strands Guidance go to:
www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/funding-strands

Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme - Check to Protect

PLANNED INFORMATION EVENTS - 2009

The Protecting Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 introduces a new membership scheme for people who work with children and protected adults. This will replace current disclosure arrangements for people whose post requires an enhanced disclosure.

The Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG Scheme) is expected to be introduced in 2010 (an exact date is still to be determined). This means that the way organisations interact with Disclosure Scotland will change.

The Central Registered Body in Scotland (CRBS) will host events around Scotland for voluntary groups and small organisations later in 2009 to include:

- An update on PVG Scheme implementation activities and next steps.
- Discussion on the scope of regulated work in the children's and protect adults' sector.
- An update on how the referrals and considerations process will be structured and managed.
- An insight into how the PVG Scheme guidance will be structured and presented.
- Round table discussions to enable delegates to feed back views on the proposed scope of regulated work and the structure of the guidance.

For more information, please contact the CRBS on 01786 849777 or visit <http://www.crbs.org.uk/>

For more information about the PVG Scheme go to:
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/children-families/pvglegislation>



Youthlink Scotland is in final negotiations with the Scottish Government to secure funding for another round of 'Cashback for Communities Awards'.

In preparation for round 3, the original 6 panels are being replaced by 32 local authority panels, therefore Youthlink Scotland need to recruit 130 local assessors for the task.

The CVS network across Scotland has been asked to nominate young people or adult volunteers from Volunteer Centres, Voluntary Sector Organisations, young people under the age of 19 or Youth Banks who would be willing to become assessors.

If this is of interest to you and you have a real interest in youth work and/ or may have previous experience in assessing grants, please contact:

Katrina Branney at Nithsdale CVS on 01387 269161 or email katrina.branney@ncvs.org.uk

Nithsdale Council of Voluntary Service (NCVS) Office Based Volunteering Opportunity!

At our busy office in Dumfries Town Centre we assist our members with a range of office services including; photocopying, newsletters, leaflets and word processing, as well as providing information, advice and signposting.

NCVS actively promotes volunteering and we are currently seeking someone to join our team who is able to volunteer for a minimum of one day a week (preferably a Friday)

Volunteer tasks include:

- Reception and Telephone duties
- Keeping Community Information displays and resources up to date and replenished
- Processing incoming and outgoing mail
- Word Processing
- Desktop Publishing
- Big Issue sales
- Photocopying
- Cash Handling
- Answering telephone enquiries
- Reception duties
- Producing newsletters and promotional material
- Filing

Volunteer Expenses

NCVS covers out of pocket expenses for return travel at public transport rates, or the actual cost of petrol, from home to NCVS. We also provide up to £3.00 for lunch subsidy for each full day you volunteer. Receipts of all expenditure will be required.

If you would like to discuss volunteering or require a Volunteer application pack contact **Jeanette at NCVS on 01387 269161** or email jeanette.murray@ncvs.org.uk.

Volunteer application packs can also be obtained by contacting Jeanette.

Office based volunteers are not subject to Disclosure Checks.

Dumfries Musical Theatre Company

Is proud to present

The Scottish Première of

Red, Red Rose

The life and loves of Robert Burns

2nd - 9th May 2009

7.30 pm

By Geoff Davidson and John Cairney

Music by Geoff Davidson

Musical Director Geoff Davidson

Assistant Director Leslie Potter

The performance on Sunday 3rd May
is a matinee starting at 2.30 pm

Box Office from 2nd March:
Barnstorm Records, Queensberry Street,
Dumfries. Tel: (01387) 267894
(The Box Office is closed on Tuesdays)



NITHSDALE FEDERATION OF HALLS
(Charity No: SCO 37572)

Nithsdale Federation of Halls

holds its next meeting at:

Beeswing Memorial Hall

Tuesday 19th May 2009 @ 7pm

All members of Village Halls and Community
Centre Management Committees are welcome to
attend.

If you would like further information:

Tel: Katrina on 01387 269161

Email: katrina.branney@ncvs.org.uk

CONSULTATION INFORMATION

The Dumfries and Galloway Council Development Plan Scheme agreed by Planning, Housing and Environment Services Committee on 10 March 2009 has now been published, a copy can be obtained from:

www.dumgal.gov.uk/ldp

The Development Plan Scheme contains details on how the Council will prepare the new Local Development Plan for Dumfries and Galloway; and the proposed dates of when consultations will take place. This is to meet the requirements of the new Development Planning system which took effect on 28 February 2009.

Dumfries Women's Run 4 Health

The Event:

The event will take place at the Crichton on Sunday
28th June 2009.

Full details of the course and times can be found on
the website www.run4health.co.uk and will also be
published in the local press.

This is not intended to be a competitive event! We
wish to encourage women of all ages; health and
fitness abilities to be part of a new "feel good"
community event for the town and raise money for
local causes.

The Causes being supported:

The Alexandria Unit Care Fund for Patients in the
Community

Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary Osteoporosis
Service

Alzheimer's Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway Services
South West Scotland Rape Crisis Centre

NHS Dumfries and Galloway Continence Service

And other Local Causes

For full details of the good causes being supported
please see

www.run4health.co.uk

Registration Forms and Sponsor forms can also be
found at this web address.

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(Dumfries & Lower Nithsdale)

Walking Works Co-ordinator: Graham Banks
(Mid and Upper Nithsdale)

Access to Work Co-ordinator: Ronnie Johnstone

Office Support Worker: Jeanette Murray

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