



Dear Nithsdale CVS Members,

Welcome to a bumper size edition of this months newsletter!

As well as the usual newsletter and funding alert I am also sending you a copy of the new Public Sector/Third Sector Compact document, a copy of the 10 National Standards of Community Engagement and a flyer about our annual Information Day event .

The Compact is the first adopted and published statement of intent outlining how Dumfries & Galloway Council, and other local statutory bodies, and the community & voluntary sector will work together. Pg 8 & 9 outline the stated commitments embedded in the Compact and are a useful reference tool for Nithsdale CVS members to check that these commitments are being implemented.

The National Standards of Community Engagement are a set of principles that have been endorsed by D & G Council, other local statutory bodies and voluntary sector agencies. Again these are a useful reference tool for Nithsdale CVS members to check these standards are being implemented.

Information Day Flyer - the event is being held on 25th Sept from 1pm to 6pm at The Station Hotel. There will be a marketplace with many funders on hand to provide one to one advice about their funding programmes and how you can apply. There will also be workshops covering topics raised by our members over the last year i.e making successful funding applications, OSCR issues, disclosure issues, data protection legislation etc. Whilst the marketplace is a drop-in you will need to book for the workshops as there are only 20 places per workshop. Contact Katrina Branney or Jeanette Murray at Nithsdale CVS on 01387 269161. We hope to see many of you at the event on the 25th September!

Karen Lewis Director Nithsdale CVS

This years Nithsdale CVS Charities Fayre takes place on

Saturday 1st November

at the

DG ONE Leisure Complex, Dumfries.

This is an opportunity for voluntary organisations and community groups to network, promote their organisation and raise funds at the same time.

Make sure you book your stall early - with only 60 available at the new venue for 2008 they are already going fast!

**Contact Jeanette on 01387 269161
or email jeanette.murray@ncvs.org.uk**

Volunteer Action Dumfries & Galloway Course Programme 2008/09

Winter Programme (September 2008 – March 2009)

Full day workshops run 9.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Half day works run 9.15-12.30 or 1.00 – 4.30

Costs: £20 per half day workshop;

£35 for 2 half day workshops booked together;

£35 per full day workshop.

Payment with booking is essential to ensure place

1. Designing Roles & Tasks for Volunteers (1/2 day)

28th October 1.00– 4.30 Dumfries

The workshop aims to enable organisations and individuals to develop roles and tasks for volunteers within an organisation.

2. Developing Volunteering in an Organisation (1/2 day)

20th November 1.00 – 4.30 Dumfries

The workshop aims to enable organisations and individuals to develop programmes and policies for the involvement of volunteers in an organisation.

3. Introducing Volunteers to your Organisation (1/2 day)

2nd December 1.00 – 4.30 Dumfries

The workshop aims to help members of organisations that work with volunteers to explore the learning and training required to ensure effective introduction of volunteers to the organisation.

4. Involving Volunteer in your Organisation

29th January 9.15 – 12.30 - Dumfries

The workshop aims to help members of organisations to consider the involvement of volunteers in an organisation and will enable participants to understand the need for planning for volunteer involvement.

5. Matching & Selection of Volunteers

29th January 1.00 – 4.30 Dumfries

The workshop aims to explore how volunteers can be matched and / or selected to suitable volunteering opportunities across volunteering programmes.

6. Preparing to Recruit Volunteers

17th February 1.00 – 4.30 Dumfries

The workshop aims to assist participants in developing a recruitment plan and identifying appropriate strategies to attract the right people to fill volunteering roles.

7. Increasing Volunteer Effective through Training & Development

20th January 9.30 – 4.00 Castle Douglas

The aim of the workshop is to explore ideas for the planning of effective training for volunteers and to increase knowledge and skills in planning and implementing an on-going training programme for volunteers.

8. Motivation, Retention & Development of Volunteers

24th February 9.30 – 4.00 Castle Douglas

The aim of the workshop is to explore the areas of motivation and development of volunteers within the general aim of identifying key ways of increasing volunteer retention within the organisation.

Volunteers Managers Forum

All volunteers managers are welcome.

30th October 2008

10am – 12pm Castle Douglas

**For more information about the workshops or for a
booking form please contact:
Christine on 01556 612518**

Speakeasy

Speakeasy is a fun and relaxed course for parents and carers of children of all ages. It builds on what you already know about sex and relationships, helping you to be more prepared for the questions your child may ask.

Speakeasy is **FREE** and groups meet once a week for 8 wks. The courses will not run during the Oct school break.

- **Mondays** from 15th September
12.45pm to 2.45pm in **Upper Nithsdale**
- **Thursdays** from 18th September
12.45pm to 2.45pm in **Dumfries**.

To book a place contact:

Laura Fairbairn on 01387 272751

or email laura.fairbairn@nhs.net



The Parents Inclusion Network (PIN) is a charitable organisation which provides support for parents/carers with children with a disability

**DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS AND WORRIES ABOUT
HOW YOUR SON/DAUGHTER
WILL LIVE WHEN THEY GROW UP?**

'I worry about....'

Where is my son going to live when he moves out?

What will he do during the day?

Who will make sure my daughter eats properly?

Will my son have friend and a social life?

Will my daughter have a job?

PIN has organised an

Information Day on Adult Services

Thursday, 25 September 2008

10am – 4pm

Kirkcudbright Town Hall

- Heads of various departments in Social Services will be there to explain how their service works and to answer your questions.
- You will hear from adults who receive support to live independently, and hear from agencies which provide this support.
- Many agencies which develop the services and actually deliver the support our children need will have display stands with information and will be able to answer your questions.

THE DAY IS FREE - lunch is provided

To book a place on this Information Day please:

Email: parentsinclusion@btconnect.com noting any special dietary needs or additional support needs so we can make arrangements

Phone: 01387 252683 (please leave a message if we aren't in, and include any additional support needs as above). **CLOSING DATE: THURS 11th SEP 2008**

3 FREE WORKSHOPS!

25th September 2008

**The Station Hotel
Dumfries**

Disclosure Checks Who needs them? Why? What's the process? *This workshop will be facilitated by Criminal Records Bureau Scotland.*

Data Protection Issues What are my organisations responsibilities? What information can we store or should we store? Who can we disclose this information to and who can't we disclose it to? What systems and procedures should we use? Can we take photographs at community events? *This workshop will be facilitated by the Information Commissioners Office for Scotland.*

Becoming a Charity and Maintaining Charitable Status What are the benefits? How do we become a charity? What are our responsibilities as Charity Trustees? *This workshop will be facilitated by the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR)*

To find out more and to book a place contact:
Jeanette at Nithsdale CVS 01387 269161
Or email: jeanette.murray@ncvs.org.uk

NCVS Members - are you aware that NCVS carry out Disclosure Checks for the community and voluntary sector in Nithsdale on behalf of CRBS (Criminal Records Bureau Scotland)?

**For more information contact:
Suzanne Lafferty on 01387 269161
suzanne.lafferty@ncvs.org.uk**

Volunteering Scotland Grant Scheme
Deadline for applications: 30 September 2008

The Volunteering Scotland Grant Scheme can provide grants for up to three years for projects that attract harder to reach volunteers to enable organisations to develop and sustain high quality volunteering opportunities for people who need more support to get involved, and enrich their services with an extra resource of volunteers. Substantial grants for one or two years are available, as well as one-off small grants of £5,000 to smaller organisations. For information and application form go to:

www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/grant-schemes/vsgs

Nominations are now open for The Philip Lawrence Awards 2008

The [Philip Lawrence Awards](#) recognize outstanding achievements in good citizenship by young people aged 11 to 20. Winning groups will receive cash awards of £1,000 to invest in their award-winning activity.

The national scheme recognises groups that are making a real contribution to their local community and the lives of others; and groups that promote respect and understanding of faiths, culture and communities internationally. The focus is on exemplary activities – examples of young people working together, promoting citizenship and overcoming the difficult situations some young people face.

The Awards were set up in memory of head teacher Philip Lawrence, who was killed in December 1995. Philip Lawrence inspired many young people, and the Awards commemorate his deeply held conviction that all young people are capable of achieving great things.

Since 1997, the scheme has supported over 1,000 young people in the UK. Philip Lawrence Award winners are building confidence, promoting safety and promoting youth involvement, and reducing crime in over 80 communities nationwide.

The deadline for nominations - 12th Sept 2008

For more information go to www.4children.org.uk

Free to Bona Fide Community Groups!
2 drawer desk and a filing drawer lockable (dark colour), 1 table (dark colour) and a pine coloured 3 drawer unit (does not lock)

Have to be uplifted.

**If anyone interested please contact,
Contact: Lindsay on 01387 244686**



CSV OFFERS FREE GAP YEAR PROJECTS FOR SCHOOL

CSV is offering a free gap year option to students across Scotland who may have gained 'unexpected' Higher results this week, whether for better or worse.

With young people finding they need time between schooling and the next chapter in their life the charity suggests that a gap year can be a way to do something constructive in between. However, with gap years abroad costing on average around £5,000 and increasing worries over student debt CSV reports that many young people are finding they can't afford it.

The charity offers projects lasting 4-12 months and volunteers can still gain experience of living away from home as they are provided with free accommodation, food and travel expenses, plus a weekly living allowance.

For volunteer information and an application pack about gap year volunteering for people aged 16-35 call 0800 374 991 or visit

www.csv.org.uk/Volunteers/Full-time



The **VisitScotland Growth Fund** is a marketing fund available for well researched, new marketing projects.

We welcome applications from groups of tourism businesses operating at a local, regional or national level who will assist the tourism industry in reaching the ambitious 50% tourism revenue growth target by 2015. All projects applying for funding should contribute to the following:

- Increase the number of visitors to Scotland and the overall visitor spend.
- Encourage visitors to travel more widely throughout Scotland.
- Encourage visitors to travel throughout the whole year.
- Develop and support the Scotland brand in key consumer markets.

The Growth Fund can support groups with 40% of approved total marketing costs over a one year period – with a minimum award of £2,500 to a maximum of £65,000 available. (Total project value from £6,250 to £162,500).

The **key benefits** of receiving VisitScotland Growth Funding include:

- 40% of your marketing budget funded.
- Up to 10% of your total project cost can be used to support project management i.e for a project co-ordinator or consultants' fees.
- A dedicated advisor who will provide support and guidance throughout the lifetime of your marketing project.
- Access to a wealth of knowledge and expertise through the VisitScotland local and national teams.
- Access to industry research and statistics.
- Access to PR support and guidance upon issue of the funding award. www.visitscotland.org/marketing_opportunities



Meeting

Wednesday 17th September at 6pm
D & G Council Chambers
Buccleuch St
Dumfries

THE HUNT FOR FUNDING!

Nithsdale CVS members do you know we have access to a specialist software computer package containing information about 2,500 funders?

Nithsdale CVS can help you make a tailored search for a funder using this system which could assist your organisation in the hunt for funding!

To learn more about this service or to make an appointment to discuss your funding situation contact our Information & Training Advisor:

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The Allotment Manager: Greg Clark

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