



Dear Nithsdale CVS Members,

Welcome to this months newsletter and your invitation to attend the Compact event on 5th March 09.

Please note our usual monthly 'Funding Alert' insert will be available on-line as a download on our website www.ncvs.org.uk from next week and will also be emailed out to those of you who have provided an email address. Please contact Jeanette or Katrina at NCVS if you require further information.

I would also like to flag up two Nithsdale Local Rural Partnership events. Nithsdale LRP is a partnership forum which meets quarterly. It is the grass roots 'bottom up' base of community planning in terms of identifying community needs, informing decision makers and working in partnership to shape future service delivery. It also acts as a networking and information exchange between communities, voluntary and statutory sectors in Nithsdale. The Visioning Event is being held to develop an action plan for partnership activities next year. This is your chance to be involved in shaping the partnership and its future direction.

I hope to meet up with you at these events.

Karen Lewis - NCVS Director



Meeting
Wednesday 4th March 2009 at 6pm
Glenriddell Hall
Dunscore



Visioning Event
Wed 24th March from 1pm – 4pm
Oasis Centre
Dumfries



DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COMPACT WORKSHOP

Community Planning partners are holding a workshop on the Compact (a set of shared values and principles that governs the relationship between the public and voluntary/community sectors in our region). The Compact sets the basis from which each sector will support the other to improve the quality of life of local people and communities. The aims of the workshop are:

- To raise awareness of the Compact, its aims and aspirations
- To encourage understanding of what the Compact means, particularly its endorsement by the Community Planning Joint Board
- To encourage voluntary organisations to sign up to the Compact at local level
- To increase understanding of the Compact and the need to adhere to Compact commitments
- To gain feedback on the Compact information pack, particularly the Compact Record Form
- To raise awareness of Nithsdale Third Sector Forum and the regional Third Sector Forum development
- To inform the Compact Implementation Group work programme for 2009/10

This workshop will be of benefit to any voluntary organisation and public sector agencies who work with voluntary organisations at any level.

Date: Thursday 5th March 09

Time: 10am – 2pm

Venue: Station Hotel, Dumfries

To book your place contact Katrina or Jeanette at Nithsdale CVS on 01387 269161 or email info@ncvs.org.uk

“Young Minds”

INTRODUCTION TO INFANT AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH

Friday 24th and Monday 27th April 2009
9am – 4pm both days

Venue: Boardroom, Nithbank, Dumfries

Excellent networking opportunities

FACILITATORS

Lynn Cuddihy, Primary Mental Health Worker and Tina Gibson, Public Health Practitioner

Lunch and refreshments provided

For further information please contact Lindsay Murdoch on 01387 244686 or lindsay.murdoch@nhs.net

Places are limited and early booking is advised

Dumfries Northwest Church Playcare



Now have spaces available for children Ages 2 years to 5 years

This childcare facility is open:

Mondays to Friday 9.30am – 12midday

Sessions cost £7.00 per child, If you have 3 or more children the cost is £6.00 per child.

Please contact Irene on 07925236096 for more information or pop along to the Playcare group at:

**Dumfries NorthWest Church,
Lochside Road, Dumfries**

Northwest Church Playcare is a registered Charity: Scottish Charity Number SC001597

Information sessions on *‘Understanding the Behaviour of your child/young person with ADHD/Asperger Syndrome/ASD/dyspraxia’*

Anne McFadyen, child/young person psychiatrist; Mary Mack, Team Leader, Occupational Therapy, and a representative from Autism Spectrum Disorders Integrated network (ASDIN) will be there to answer your questions and listen to your concerns about making sense of your child's behaviour.

These sessions will be in:

Dumfries: Thursday 23rd April,

Georgetown Library, 10.00 – 1.00

Stranraer: Wednesday, 6th May,

Park Children's Centre. 10.00 – 1.00.

Free Training Event

Adult Support and Protection Awareness Event

3rd March 2009

Venue: Easterbrook Hall, Bankend Road, Dumfries, DG1 4TA

Time: 9.30 for a 10am start and a 3.30 Finish

Aimed at staff working in mental health or with other vulnerable groups to raise awareness and understanding of the Act and how it will work in practise.

This is a Full Day Course and will include lunch

Free Adult Support and Protection Events

The Scottish Government have provided funding for SAMH to deliver a series of events across Scotland to raise awareness and understanding of the new Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 which creates new measures to protect adults who are believed to be at risk of harm. The Events are aimed to both Voluntary Sector organisations that provide services to people with mental health problems, and also to mental health service users.

The staff training event is open to any organisation providing a service to people who may be considered vulnerable.

For more information contact Chris White, Policy Officer [chris.white@samh.org.uk]



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now?

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On Tuesdays from 24th
February – 31st March 2009

4.00pm – 5.00pm

Primary School Age

5.00pm – 6.00pm

Secondary School Age

Spaces allocated on a first
come first served basis

Forms Available from
E.C.H.O, 32 Lochside Road,
Lochside, Dumfries DG2 0LW,
Tel 01387 253782 E-mail:
echodumfries@yahoo.co.uk



Gaelforce 2009

August 17 - October 31

TO: All potential GaelForce Grant applicants in
Nithsdale.

Now available are the following:

- **2009 GaelForce Grant Application Form**
- **Calendar of relevant dates for promoters**

Please note the deadline for grant applications is
9am on Monday 9th March. You will receive a
decision on your application by March 24th.

Your application should be e mailed directly to me
and this year only electronic applications will be
considered. If this gives you difficulty I will help if
contacted early enough.

Funds for the Gaelforce grant scheme are limited
and likely to be over subscribed. In order to make
funds available to as many promoters as possible
the amount awarded is unlikely to exceed £750
and the average will be around £300.

This year preference will be shown to applications
which also meet the **Dumfries & Galloway
Homecoming** criteria, i.e. have elements relating
to Burns, Family History or Scottish Inventiveness
and which will attract visitors to the region.

For application forms and calendar please contact
Katrina at NCVS by e-mailing
katrina.branney@ncvs.org.uk

For any other enquiries, advice, or information
regarding Gaelforce 2009. Please feel free to
contact Louise Davies via email; louise@dga.net
or by phone; 07919 574105

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

The Scottish Government are currently consulting on their
response to the UN Committee and have invited views from
children and young people as well as practitioners and
interested parties. Full details of the Consultation is available
at www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/12/18090842/0
and you may be interested to know that Young Scot are
holding an online survey for children and young people at
www.youngscot.org/surveys

As part of their commitment to raise awareness of the
Convention and also to inform children and young people
about what the UN Committee have said, they have
developed an age appropriate booklet specifically for them.

If you wish to order these leaflets please contact Joan Kay at
joan.kay@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or on 0131 244 7466

Lincluden School Parents Forum is holding a Car Boot Sale to raise funds for activities with the pupils within the school.

It will take place on **Sunday the 1st of March** from **10am - 2pm** within the school grounds.

The cost will be **£5.00** if booked before the 1st of March or **£6.00** if paying on the day.



To book a spot at the sale please contact **01387 252028** or e-mail: lincludenparentsforum@hotmail.co.uk

This is a good way to raise funds for your own organisation whilst supporting one of the local schools parents committees.



NCVS Members - NCVS can 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

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Nithsdale Area Committee Grants 2009/10

Nithsdale Area Committee invites applications for grant assistance from the voluntary sector for 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.

Application forms are available from:

Third Sector Funding
Woodbank, 30 Edinburgh Road
Dumfries DG1 1NW

Tel: 01387 260437 Fax: 01387 260453,

E-mail ECSGrants@dumgal.gov.uk

Local Council offices or

on www.dumgal.gov.uk/grants

Completed applications should be returned to the above address **by Friday 27 February 2009**.

Advice on eligibility is available from Area Management Nithsdale on **01387 245911**

The Henry Smith Charity

New Guidelines for work taking place in Scotland

Revenue and Capital Grants

The Henry Smith Charity is a UK-wide grant maker distributing approximately £25 million each year.

From 1st March 2009, the Henry Smith Charity is piloting a new application process for eligible projects in Scotland.

Applicants must use the new guidelines and application form if they wish to apply for a grant towards a Revenue or Capital project taking place in Scotland, regardless of whether or not the organisation is based there.

If the grant being applied for is UK-wide or is regional but involves some work in Scotland, please refer to the Henry Smith Charity's Main Grants Programme guidelines.

Please look at the website for further details and the application form. These will be available towards the end of February.

www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk

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