



Nithsdale Council
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Service

NCVS News

'Your local community and voluntary sector support organisation'

July 2008

Dear Nithsdale CVS Members,

Some of you will be aware that a regional Third Sector Forum has recently been established, membership of which is restricted to voluntary sector organisations that operate on a regional basis. This meant it could not truly be deemed an inclusive Third Sector Forum as local area based voluntary sector organisations could not be members or participate. To address this agreement has been reached to develop 4 local area based Third Sector Forum who will also have representation on the regional Third Sector Forum. NCVS will be taking this forward in Nithsdale and I will keep all NCVS members posted via the newsletter as to further developments, meeting dates etc. It is envisaged that the Nithsdale Third Sector Forum will develop into a local networking, lobbying and consultative body raising collective issues facing the Third Sector in Nithsdale with local, regional and national bodies.

Dumfries & Galloway Single Outcome Agreement - the final version was approved by D & G Community Planning Joint Board on 26th June 2008. NCVS Members can download the final version from the NCVS website at www.ncvs.org.uk.

Karen Lewis - NCVS Director

NITHSDALE CVS & NITH LOCAL RURAL PARTNERSHIP EVENT

***Children in Need* Voluntary Action Fund* *D&G Council*
Holywood Trust* *Information Commissioners Office*
Criminal Records Bureau Scotland & many more!**

VOLUNTARY SECTOR INFORMATION DAY

Thurs 25th Sept 2008

Station Hotel, Dumfries

1pm ~ 6pm

As well as the marketplace several workshops/seminars will also be on offer:

- * Disclosure Scotland Information Seminar
- * Making a Good Funding Application Workshop
- * Data Protection Information Seminar

For more info and/or to book a workshop place please contact:

NITHSDALE CVS on 01387 269161





Round one of the Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities Fund awards scheme took place in Spring 2008. The Fund was set up as part of the Proceeds of Crime (Act) Investment which takes funds confiscated as part of the proceeds of crime and reinvests them back into local communities. Dumfries and Galloway was allocated £61,000 across the two years of the Fund. **Only £9,565 was awarded in round one to 3 local projects, leaving a balance of £51,435 for possible allocation for Dumfries & Galloway projects in round two.**

Priority will be given to projects from areas of multiple deprivation to fill gaps in provision for young people in those areas. The grants will fund organisations which support young people who are currently involved in or at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs and/or antisocial behaviour. The emphasis is on youth work interventions constructed with and for young people in the 10 -19 age group.

The availability of round two funding has been announced with a closing date for applications of Friday 26 September 2008. Round two is being publicised widely across Council Services, the Third Sector Forum, CVSs and promoted on the Council's internal and public websites.

For further information and an application form for round two go to <http://www.youthlink.co.uk/>

N.B. If there are no successful bids from Dumfries and Galloway in round two, then the £51,435 earmarked for this area will be put back in the pot and awarded to projects in other areas which meet the funding guidelines.

Fire Risk Assessment - It's Your Responsibility

Do you know that as part of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 it's your organisations legal duty to have in place a Fire Risk Assessment?

In partnership with Dumfries & Galloway Fire and Rescue Service, Dumfries & Galloway Health and Safety Forum are hosting a Fire Risk Assessment seminar for organisations.

This **FREE** awareness seminar will take place on:

Wednesday 3rd September 2008
9.30am - 11.30am

(including **free** buffet)
Fire and Rescue HQ, Brooms Road, Dumfries.

To book your **FREE** place please contact Pat, Lauren or Leanne on 01387 252222



Dumfries & Galloway Health & Safety Forum

The First Dumfries & Galloway
Global Aid Concert
An Appeal for the Earthquake Crisis in China

Playing Paganini and Bach ...
Violin Solo by
Masayuki Kino
"Soloist Concert Master of
The Japan Philharmonic Orchestra"
and a rich variety of performances by our guest musicians

Friday 15th August at 7.00 pm
(doors open at 6.30 pm)
at the Crichton Church,
Crichton Campus, Dumfries

Tickets: £10 each
Concessions available
For information and tickets:
Tel: 01387 254 624 (1 - 5 pm)
01387 740 642 (10 - 5 pm)
or www.thebooth.co.uk



E.C.H.O

OPEN DAY

Come and join us on



Saturday 16th August 12-4pm

for fun and activities including the Log-on bus, bouncy castle,
Gyroscope, Arts & crafts and lots, lots more.

E.C.H.O Project

32 Lochside Road

Lochside

Dumfries

Tel/ fax: 01387 253782



*A one-stop community health shop for advice, support,
information and local activities*





Talk Talk Innovation in the Community Awards 2008

Helping UK charities and community groups harness the power of the internet

TalkTalk Innovation in the Community Awards enables charity and community groups throughout the UK to harness the power of the Internet. 30 winners will receive cash grants of £2,000 each to fund technology related projects, as well as technology equipment to help them make the most of the Internet. **Applications are invited from 1 July to 30 September 2008. Winners will be notified by 25 October 2008.** The awards ceremony at the House of Lords and one-to-one workshops with Martha Lane Fox, will take place in November 2008.

If you are a UK based not-for-profit organisation or community group looking to extend your work through the use of the Internet you could be eligible for one of 30 cash grants available. Five overall winners will also win technology equipment of their choice and a one-to-one workshop with Martha Lane Fox.

For further information and an application form go to www.talktalk.co.uk/innovation



SMHFA is a 2 day training course which teaches you how to give initial help to someone experiencing mental health problems and how to deal with a crisis situation or the first signs of someone developing mental ill health.

Tuesday 19th & Friday 22nd August 2008

Edenbank Hotel, Dumfries

9.15am registration for 9.30am to 4.30pm

There will be a £25 charge where a place is booked and not attended without notice by 12th August.

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th December 2008

North West Resource Centre, Dumfries

9.15am registration for 9.30am to 4.30pm

There will be a £25 charge where a place is booked and not attended without notice by 27th November.

Places on these courses are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Places will be limited to a maximum of 3 participants organisation. Lunch is provided.

Free - subsidised by Choose Life so there is no cost to participants.

For more information or to book your place please phone Carole Reed on 01387 251529

Dumfries & Galloway Compact.

The Compact is an important agreement framework outlining the way the statutory sector & voluntary sector will work together in Dumfries & Galloway. NCVS Members can download a copy from our website at www.ncvs.org.uk

A launch of the Compact is provisionally planned for 22 August in Dumfries.

For more details contact:

Karen at NCVS on 01387 269161.



For Parents Supporting a Son or Daughter with Disability

FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS WHO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THEIR SON/DAUGHTER MOVING INTO ADULT SERVICES - AND WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION

PIN is organising a day for you.

Have you ever had questions about:

- ✓ Where is my son/daughter going to live when he/she wants to move out?
- ✓ What will he/she do during the day?
- ✓ Who will make sure he/she eats properly?
- ✓ Will my son/daughter have friends and a social life?
- ✓ Will my son/daughter have a job?
- ✓and many more questions!

PIN has organised an Information Day on Adult Services to be held on Thursday, 25 September 2008 at Kirkcudbright Town Hall 10.00 - 4.00pm.

For more information tel: 01387 252683 or e-mail: parentsinclusion@btconnect.com

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

WATER CHARGES

It was recently announced that small charities, churches and voluntary organisations will be exempt from paying water charges until at least 2014.

For more information go to:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/05/30114338>



Rural Direct is go!

Helping rural communities to access funding!

If your community wants to refurbish your village hall, develop new local services or come up with a long-term plan for community development, then a new service run by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations can help you make the most of the funding programmes that are out there.

The **Rural Direct** service will offer advice, support and technical expertise to help rural communities access funding, including the new Rural Priorities scheme in the Scotland Rural Development Programme. They have already highlighted the potential for funding village and community hall projects through this programme. This service will be of huge benefit to halls wishing to access this new (and rather complicated!) funding stream.

Rural Direct is a free service available to constituted community groups in rural areas throughout Scotland. You can contact the service by calling **0845 838 8598**. Calls will be charged at local rate. You can also email your query to ruraldirect@scvo.org.uk or visit the website at:

www.scvo.org.uk/networks/villagehalls

Staff changes at NCVS!

The NCVS Board, staff and project volunteers are sorry to say farewell to Vicki Leigh the Walking Works Project Co-ordinator for Dumfries.

Vicki is leaving her post with NCVS after 3yrs due to moving out of the area.

Vicki has been a valued member of the NCVS team and we will all miss her.

All the very best for the future Vicki and remember to keep in touch!



'What it means to me', a conference about The Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007

**10am to 4pm, Thursday 21st August 2008
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow.**

This conference is **free** and will tell you:

- What you need to know about the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007
- What is happening around implementation of the Act
- How this new piece of law could impact on you.

The conference is aimed at:

- People who use community care services
- Carers and family carers
- Advocacy workers
- Professionals working with service users and carers

The conference will use a mix of speakers, discussion groups and interactive sessions to explore some of the concerns people may have about the Act and how it might affect their lives. It will also be an opportunity to look at how people can be involved in the ongoing learning and development of good practice in implementing the act.

For more information go to www.sclid.org.uk/what-we-offer/training/calender-of-courses-and-events/August

PRACTICAL GUIDE TO VAT

This useful guide explains in simple, jargon free terms how VAT works and how it affects not-for-profit organisations. The guide covers: when VAT is chargeable and reclaimable and how to recover it; when charities are required to register and the consequences of not doing so; special tax relief available to charities; VAT and fundraising implications, etc. The guide costs £18.95 Order online at: www.dsc.org.uk/Publications/@2561

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