



Dear Nithsdale CVS members,

Many thanks to everyone who has already returned their NCVS member postal survey questionnaire or completed the survey on-line. For those members still waiting to return their questionnaires we have extended the deadline to Friday 4th July 2008. You will have had a stamped addressed envelope to return the survey questionnaire or alternatively the on-line link is:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.apx?sm=ebykulTO_2fM8UMVABpnLVSA_3d_3dNithsdale

Single Outcome Agreement Update

Further to the recent consultation period D & G Council have now produced the SOA document that will be lodged with the Scottish Government. You can view this document on our website at www.ncvs.org.uk

Karen Lewis - NCVS Director



As you will be aware NCVS is the regional registration and distribution centre for the BIG ISSUE.

It's with great sadness that we were informed that one of our vendors, Ged has died.

Many of us walk past Big Issue vendors without really thinking about their lives and the complex issues that have led them to experiencing homelessness.

On looking at our files over the years it is shocking to see how many have died so prematurely.

Ged was 24yrs old.

Andy Todman (NCVS Chair) - joined his Loreburn Housing Association colleagues in the WaterAid Trail 100 event on 7th June. The "Loreburn Scramblers" objective was The Saddle, a 1080 metre peak in Glen Shiel, The Highlands (about 35 miles West of Fort Augustus).

A grand total £1,138 has been raised by the team who would like to thank everyone who sponsored them in this event.

The event was UK wide, with the aim of getting teams on 100 of the major mountain peaks at between 12 noon and 2pm on Saturday 7th June. Over 2000 people in 345 teams participated on the day and the 100 peak challenge was just missed by five mountains. The empty mountains were Beinn an Oir on Jura, Ben More on Mull, Askival on Rum and Sgurr Alasdair and Sgurr Dearg on Skye.

WaterAid are hoping that the event will raise over £200,000 in sponsorship.

Those wishing to give money may still do so by visiting www.justgiving.com/lhascramblers

About WaterAid

WaterAid is an international NGO dedicated exclusively to the provision of safe domestic water, sanitation and hygiene education to the world's poorest people. *President, HRH The Prince of Wales*

More information about Water Aid can be found at www.wateraid.org



RURAL FUEL COSTS

The petition about the cost of fuel in rural areas across Scotland is available for signing on the Scottish Parliament's e-petition system at:

http://epetitions.scottish.parliament.uk/view_petition.asp?PetitionID=250

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

The Scottish Government has now published the Enterprising Third Sector Action Plan -

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/Actionplan/Actionplan>

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

CVS ACTION EARTH

CSV Action Earth Grants, supported by Morrison's, are available to projects involving planting bulbs, creating footpaths, recycling, litter picking and a whole range of other activities. Grants of £50 can be used to help volunteers with materials, plants, tools, equipment, travel and refreshments.

For further info go to www.actionearth.org.uk

SNH BIODIVERSITY AWARDS

CVS Action Earth Grants, supported by SNH, are available to groups creating or improving habitats for wildlife. Projects could include planning, creating or renovating existing sites and making nesting boxes. Grants of £250 can be used to help volunteers with materials, plants, tools, equipment, travel and refreshments

For further info go to www.actionearth.org.uk

MONEY SAVING EXPERT CHARITY (MSE)

The MSE Charity is a new organisation, which provides grants to groups/charities looking to develop projects.

Under this scheme, grants of up to £5,000 are available to constituted groups in the United Kingdom. The MSE Charity supports projects such as self-help groups and other innovative projects that will help educate people about money/debt/consumer issues.

For further info go to www.msecharity.com

The Moffat Trust

The Moffat charitable Trust provides financial support to charities as defined by the Law of Scotland. The Trust prefers to offer a contribution towards the total funds required for both capital and revenue requests and, in general, aims to fund specific projects rather than individual posts. The major categories for consideration are as follows:

Care, Children/Young People,

Community, Education/Training, Sport/Art

For further info go to

www.themoffatrust.org.uk/images/Application

The MacRobert Trust

The major categories under which the Trustees consider support are:

Science and Technology, Youth, Services and Sea

Ex-servicemen's Hospital and Homes, Education, Disability

Community Welfare.

To be considered, applications for the March 2009 meeting must be submitted before 31st October 2008.

For further information go to www.themacroberttrust.org.uk

UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR FUNDING

APPLICATIONS: JUNE - AUGUST 2008

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland - Drugs Initiative

The Partnership Drugs Initiative (PDI) promotes voluntary sector work with vulnerable children and young people affected by substance misuse. **Deadline: 25th July 2008**

Max Grant: Details not provided by grant administrator

For more information go to

www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk

Investing in Communities - Growing Community Assets

By investing in Growing Community Assets, the Big Lottery Fund wants to help local communities obtain assets that will help them become stronger and more sustainable.

Deadline: 1st August 2008 (for receipt of Outline Proposals)

Max Grant: £1 million

For more information go to www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Investing in Communities - Life Transitions

By investing in Life Transitions the Big Lottery Fund wants to support people at the times of change in their lives. People face changes at many stages in their lives; they deal with growing up, growing old, moving out and moving on.

Deadline: 1st August 2008 (for receipt of Outline Proposals)

Max Grant: £1 million

For more information go to www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Investing in Communities - Supporting 21st Century Life

Investment in supporting 21st Century Life aims to enable people and communities to think and plan ahead together to match future needs and services in recognition of the rate at which society is changing and the impact that population change, changing communities and evolving technology has on people's lives.

Deadline: 1st August 2008 (for receipt of Outline Proposals)

Max Grant: £1 million

For more information go to www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Comic Relief - UK Grants Programme

Under this scheme grants are available to voluntary and self-help groups throughout the United Kingdom for projects that will benefit refugees, the young, the elderly and the disadvantaged in a wide variety of relevant fields.

Deadline: 15th August 2008

Max Grant: No amount specified

For more information go to

www.comicrelief.com/applyforagrant

Launch of the 2008 Third Sector Awards

The success and achievements of registered charities, non-profit social enterprises, campaigning groups and voluntary organisations within the UK are celebrated through this annual award scheme. For 2008 the awards comprise 24 categories grouped under seven subject headings.

Examples of the categories are as follows:

- Communications, Marketing and Campaigning
- Fundraising
- Finance
- Partnerships
- At Work
- Governance
- Third Sector Awards

Eligible projects must be completed during the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.

The deadline for receipt of application is 18 July 2008

For further information go to www.haymarketevents.com



Homecoming 2009 in Dumfries & Galloway Local Fund Application Scheme

The Dumfries & Galloway Homecoming Local Fund provides a one-off, special funding opportunity for event organisers to access awards of between £200 and £5000 to create or enhance event activity in 2009 that reflects the themes and supports the objectives of Homecoming 2009.

Burns Themed Events

APPLICATION DEADLINE 12 noon 11th JULY 2008

Contact: Louise Davies on 07919 574105

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Tesco Charity Community Awards

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to community groups whose core work is supporting the welfare of children, older people and those with disabilities.

**This application round closes 30th June 08.
On-line application should take 15 mins!**

For Community Awards criteria and application form
<http://www.tescocharitytrustcommunityawards-applications.co.uk>

New £30 million investment fund launched!

Enterprising Third Sector organisations can help create a more successful country with support from the £30 million Scottish Investment Fund. The fund opens on September 1 for 3 yrs and will provide support to established Third Sector organisations with the potential to grow their turnover or become financially sustainable.

The new Scottish Investment Fund will help established Third Sector organisations extend their services to more people and become more enterprising and sustainable organisations. It will be targeted at organisations that can make a key contribution to delivering the Scottish Government's strategic objectives of creating a wealthier and fairer, healthier, safer and stronger, smarter and greener Scotland.

The first year of the Fund will aim to invest in organisations that address issues of employability, environmental action and tackle the underlying causes of health inequality.

For more information go to:

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/funding/scottishinvestmentfund

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 info contact:

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Dormant Bank Accounts Consultation Session

11am – 1pm
Mon 30 June
The Volunteer Hall
St John Street
Galashiels

The Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill is currently progressing through the UK Parliament. **The money will be invested exclusively in the third sector.** Dormant is defined as a period of 15 years during which the customer has not initiated any activity on the account. In England the assets will be distributed among defined priority areas of providing opportunities for young people, improving financial inclusion and supporting institutions involved in social lending – but it is for Scottish Ministers to set the priorities for the Scottish share of funds and they have initiated a consultation process.

This session is primarily targeted at consulting with voluntary sector organisations from the Borders, Lothian and Dumfries and Galloway areas. It will be led by **Geoff Pearson of The Third Sector Division of the Scottish Government** using a 'Mind Map' approach.

It is one of four local consultations sessions being held with the sector throughout the country

It is estimated that Scotland's share of the investment in the third sector from Dormant Bank Accounts could be £40m. It is hoped that the Fund would be operational at some point in 2009.

The purpose of the session is to consult the sector on key questions such as:

- What should be the governing principles of the Fund?
- Should the Fund be used for a particular type or mix of funding?
- What should be the timescales for the release of the Fund?
- What are the priority areas where the Fund could make the most impact?

If you would like to attend, please contact Rob Nicholson at rob.nicholson@the-bridge.uk.net Tel: 01896 755370

For space reasons, places will be restricted to 50 so to avoid disappointment please book as soon as possible.

Dumfries & Galloway Federation of Councils of Voluntary Service

Invites you to a workshop on Workforce Planning

The purpose of the event is to bring together voluntary sector organisations providing children and young people's services. Attendees will discuss what workforce planning involves; look at the barriers to organisations in ensuring that all staff working with children and young people have the necessary qualifications and consider ways in which these barriers might be overcome. The seminar will be of interest to all voluntary sector organisations that have to comply with the Scottish Social Services Council regulations on registration.

For additional information or to book a place please contact: Joyce Harkness, Development Officer,
DGFedCVS, PO Box 7736, Lockerbie, DG11 1WD,
Email: joyce.harkness@dgcvs.org.uk

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your organisation grow and
prosper.

26th June, 8th July and 24th July

Tendering and Contracting Skills Thursday 26th June 10 am to 4 pm. There is an increasing wealth of opportunity for SEs to bid for and to negotiate contracts for the delivery of goods and services to public sector and other organisations. This workshop will help prepare you and your organisation to benefit from emerging new opportunities.

Business Planning Skills Thursday 8th July 10 am to 4 pm. Effective business planning focuses your efforts on the activities needed to accomplish a task, complete a project and maintain and grow your business. This day covers the major skills required in constructing a formal business plan. Although business planning is one of the basic tools needed in business development, it is often a skill that is lacking. This day will help Social Enterprises to utilise their time and resources and avoid missing opportunities by not have the skills to plan properly.

Fundraising 24th July 10 am to 4 pm. Fundraising is both an art and a science. This workshop will show you how to get started. It will help you to get a clearer picture of how to develop a more effective fundraising strategy. It is designed to help grow your understanding and begin the process. You will see successful case studies and start an action plan for your own organisation.

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Scottish Government Central Heating Programme Update

In a statement to the Scottish Parliament on 22 May 2008, The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Well-being said the Central Heating Programme needed to be overhauled to put fuel poverty at the heart of the programme. The Scottish Fuel Poverty Forum will be reconvened and will be asked to examine the Central Heating and Warm deal programmes and return in autumn 2008 with proposals for their reform.

To make it possible to take these proposals forward next financial year, applications for the remainder of this year will be prioritised to give central heating to those most at risk of fuel poverty.

From 22 May 2008 the Central Heating Programme will give priority to those pensioners who:

1. Do not have a central heating system;
2. Have a central heating system that is broken down and the applicant or partner is over 80 years of age; or
3. Have a central heating system that is broken down and the applicant or partner is in receipt of the guaranteed element of Pension Credit.

This does not affect applicants who applied before 22 May 2008.

This decision will be reviewed once the Fuel Poverty Forum provides its proposals and Ministers have considered them.

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