



Nithsdale Council
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Service

NCVS News

'Your local community and voluntary sector support organisation'

March 2008

HOW THE NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONCORDAT AFFECTS YOU Monday 14 April 2008 Edinburgh

We are pleased to confirm the full agenda for our conference on the recently signed Concordat agreement between the Scottish Government and COSLA.

Speaking at the conference John Swinney MSP and Cllr Pat Waters will explain how the agreement sets a precedent and template for the future relationship between local and central government.

Businesses, personal care services, transport, education services, police, those who deal with vulnerable groups, environmental health departments and many others will all be directly affected by the agreement.

This conference will also examine long-term impact the agreement could have on charities, NGO's and others as well as the opportunities it could bring.

If you want to learn more about the Local Government Concordat and contribute to the debate you can't afford to miss this event.

For full details including delegate rates please see
<http://conferences.holyrood.com/content/view/403/29/>

You can book now and benefit from a 10% early bird discount by clicking
http://conferences.holyrood.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=405&Itemid=0

If you have any questions, please email concordat@holyrood.com, or call us on **0131 272 2133**.

We look forward to seeing you at this timely and important event.



Lloyds TSB
Foundation for Scotland

WANTED – APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS!

Charities in the Dumfries area are invited to discuss their funding needs at a surgery being organised by Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland.

The event is taking place on Wednesday 26th March 2008 at Lincluden Community Centre, Off College Road, Dumfries DG2 0DH . 45 minute appointments for a one-to-one consultation with an Assessor are available between 11:00am and 6:30pm and should be booked in advance. Disabled access is available at this venue, and when making an appointment please mention that this would be required.

The consultation is an opportunity for representatives of registered charities to discuss potential projects towards which the Foundation may be able to provide financial support. Foundation representatives will be able to give you tips on filling in the application form and advice on the kind of projects that we fund.

The Foundation is the largest independent Scottish grant-making Trust. We are very keen to support charities where our grants will make a real difference. The Foundation has an ongoing commitment to investing in the Scottish community and we like to support charities which enable people to play a fuller role in the community.

To arrange an appointment please telephone
0870 902 1201.

parent connections

connecting lone parent families affected by disability

Help for people looking for work or just starting work

From April this year, two new schemes will be introduced for people who are looking for work or are just starting work. Lone parents, who are actively looking for work and have been on Income Support for one year or more, can receive £20 on top of other benefits and help with childcare costs while looking for work (Work Search Premium). This is payable for up to 6 months. This could be followed by In Work Credit of £40 per week on top of other income, payable for up to 52 weeks once a job has been started.

Contact your local JobCentre Plus to apply for these payments from April. Childcare costs must be agreed in advance. In addition to this, Housing and Council Tax Benefits or mortgage interest payments can be made for 4 weeks after you start work.

Scotland Funders' Forum

The Scotland Funders' Forum is a group of public and independent funders who are working together to try to make funding better in Scotland.

The Forum is a chief executive level group which has frank discussions and makes real changes. It brings together the widest ever grouping of private and public funding agencies in the country to share information, learning and best practice. The Big Lottery Fund chairs the Forum and supports its development.

Since the funders started meeting together, they have worked on streamlining monitoring and evaluation systems, funding outcomes rather than activities, and building better links with the private sector. For further information go to www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/publications

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

DUMFRIES CIVIC PRIDE

IS HOLDING A CONFERENCE ON

How community involvement can improve the tidiness and attractiveness of towns and villages.

Speakers from Beautiful Scotland and Keep Scotland Tidy

We hope you will be able to come along and contribute your ideas.



The conference will be held in the

**PARK SUITE OF THE
CAIRNDALE HOTEL**

**ON THE 27TH MARCH 2008
AT 7 P.M.**

PLEASE COME ALONG



YouthLink
Scotland



Cashback for Communities Fund 2008-2010

What is this grant fund?

The fund has been set up as part of Proceeds of Crime (Act) Investment which takes funds confiscated as part of the proceeds of crime and reinvests them back into local communities.

Who Can Apply?

The CashBack for Communities fund for Local Youth Projects is open to applications from local groups and partnerships. Be sure you are applying for the right fund. There are other CashBack initiatives for football and arts & culture. See Scottish Government website for details.

What Will Be Funded?

Priority will be given to projects from areas of multiple deprivation to fill gaps in provision for young people in those areas. Other areas may be funded if they are seen as suffering from particular problems or lack of resources. The grants will fund organisations which support young people who are currently involved or at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs and or anti-social behaviour. The emphasis is on youth work interventions constructed with and for young people in the 10 – 19 age group.

How Long Will Projects Be Funded?

Projects can run for more than one financial year but should be completed and all accounts settled by June 2010 at the latest.

Developing a Funding Application

Application should be for projects targeted at young people as described in the earlier paragraph.

Project Activities Should

- Target young people from areas of multiple deprivation (as defined in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2006)
- Fill gaps in provision for young people taking account of defined and identified local priorities and needs – this should add value and build on existing provision
- Be open to all young people but target those involved in or at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs or anti-social behaviour.
- Clearly state the client group
- Support and encourage the involvement of local people (particularly young people) in the development, management and running of the project.
- Increase adult volunteering
- Demonstrate that the proposed project is developmental in nature and supports young people to develop soft skills and signpost them to other appropriate activities.
- Promote good behaviour and a positive image of young people.
- Ensure that the issue of accessibility has to be built into the proposal.

All applications must be received at the address given below by 12 noon **Friday 25th April 2008**.

CashBack for Communities Fund
YouthLink Scotland, Rosebery House
9 Haymarket Terrace
Edinburgh, EH12 5EZ

World Autism Awareness Day - Wednesday 2 April 2008

This is the first ever international day for autism. To mark the day, the Scottish Society for Autism are having a Character Auction on eBay where you can bid to have your name used in the authors' future books. To find out more, go to www.ebay.co.uk/community

Nationwide Community & Heritage Awards

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their voluntary work in your community? If so, you can enter them into the Nationwide Community & Heritage Awards. For more information and a nomination form go to www.nationwide.co.uk The closing date for nominations is 28 April 2008.



We have organised a couple of hours exclusively for PIN families to visit DALSCONE FARM on the 9th April from 5.30 to 7.30pm. You have access to the whole place free for you and your children (all of them).

Hope it's a lovely day and we will see you all there. Kids all ages love it!!
(The cafeteria will be open to buy drinks and snacks.)

Our April evening will be in Sanquhar on Tuesday 22 April, at the Deerhunter, between 7.00pm and 9.00pm so drop in whenever you want. The first drink is on PIN! We are alternating our PIN sessions between mornings and evenings, and holding them around the region in an attempt to be more flexible and give more people a chance to be involved. We would be very interested in your thoughts about how it is working as we are trying it for the first time this year.

Free DVD

We have a free dvd for parents who have children with ASD, or anyone who knows of anyone who might benefit from a dvd called 'The Transporters'

It is based a little on Thomas the Tank and is a children's cartoon designed to help them understand and recognise facial expressions and emotion

Anyone who would like a copy of the dvd for your use or to send into your child's school please get in touch with Parents Inclusion Network, 1 Gordon Street, Dumfries, DG1 1ED
Phone 01387 252683 email parentsinclusion@btconnect.com



S2S Social Enterprise Trade Fair is back for 2008 offering a bigger trading platform for social enterprises in Scotland than ever before!

Wednesday 23rd April 2008
Caird Hall, Dundee

On April 23rd 2008, trading will begin at a new venue for S2S at the Caird Hall in Dundee. Due to the popularity and demand for the event with both exhibitors and delegates we've decided to move to a larger venue, Dundee's Caird Hall. This year we have capacity to accommodate over 80 exhibitors, whilst still allowing us to offer you a range of workshops.

The workshops at this year's S2S will take the form of master classes which have been developed in order to show you ways in which you can help your social enterprise to develop and grow. Workshops will cover

- Marketing your Social Enterprise
- Pricing your Products and Services
- Winning Procurement Contracts
- Choosing the right Legal and Organisational Structures

If you would like further information about the Scottish Social Enterprise Coalition (SSEC) and how to join then please visit www.ssec.org.uk.

Maxwell Memorial Hall Management Committee

Bunny Drive

(In aid of Hall funds)



Friday, 28th March, 2008

Maxwell Memorial Hall,
Terregles

7.30 pm

Adults: £2.00/Children under 16: £1.00
(Including Refreshments)



EMERGENCY DENTAL SERVICE

TOOTH ACHE ??



New Number

CALL - 0845 602 6417

If you get no reply, it is important to leave a number on the answering service, mobiles included. You **will** be called back.

Once it is clear urgent dental treatment is required, we will arrange an emergency appointment for you at a local dental clinic.

Maxwell Memorial Hall Management Committee

AGM 2008

Tuesday, 15th April @ 7.30 pm



Venue: Maxwell Memorial Hall,
Terregles

The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in the activities of the Hall. Please come along and listen to the reports and chat to other villagers and supporters - see you there.

Inspiring Scotland

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland has launched a new funding initiative for charities working with 14 to 19 year olds who struggle to make a successful transition to adulthood.

Inspiring Scotland is a partnership between aiming to deliver a fund awarding £10 million a year to charities. For more information go to www.inspiringscotland.org.uk or phone 0870 428 1982. The closing date for submitting outline application proposals is Friday 28th March 2008

DRY BAR TRAINING



Would you like to be able to run
a non alcoholic cocktail bar?



As part of the continuation to build capacity across our communities and work in partnership to develop alcohol free events for **young people** an exciting training opportunity is now available **FREE OF CHARGE**. The training will take place over 2 full Saturday's. It is targeted at sessional workers and young people interested in being part of a small team of Dry Bar operators for their locality

- ❖ You will receive training on
- ❖ Cleaning/food hygiene
- ❖ Planning an event
- ❖ Running an event
- ❖ How to make Mocktails
- ❖ Cash handling and stock control
- ❖ Advertising and design (laptops & printers provided)
- ❖ Health & safety
- ❖ Team working.....and more

Those completing the training will be encouraged to work with local Training4Trainers (T4T) on alcohol so sensible drinking messages can be raised with young people and best practice delivered.

24th and 31st May at Youth Alive, Dumfries

For more details and to apply for a place please contact
Lorraine Hyland 01387 272713 ihyland@nhs.net



Business to Business Networking Exhibition

Easterbrook Hall

15 April 2008

Time: 2pm-8pm Admission: FREE

Business to Business Exhibition in the main Easterbrook Hall Dumfries. Opportunity to exhibit your business to members of the Chamber and to the public.

Come along and meet members of the business community, Learn about other areas of business, network and enjoy yourself. There will be a large selection of local businesses exhibiting at this Event and the opportunity to attend various business related seminars throughout the afternoon and evening.

- 2.30pm Top Time Saving Tips by Dumfries & Galloway College
- 3.00pm Business Data Back-up & Security by CMS
- 3.30pm How Print Evaluation Can Lead to Huge Cost Savings
By Insatsu Chosa
- 4.00pm Voice over IP by Alchemist Technologies Ltd
- 5.00pm Transforming Health & Safety Monitoring by Positive Response Communications Ltd
- 5.30pm Top Time Saving IT Tips by Dumfries & Galloway College
- 6.00pm Content Management Software by Tourism Doctor
- 6.30pm How Print Evaluation Can Lead to Huge Cost Savings
By Insatsu Chosa
- 7.00pm Mobilisation - Voice & Data Convergence by Atlas Communications Ltd

Any questions about the day please contact Amanda Hyde at the Dumfries & Galloway Chamber of Commerce office on **01387 27086** or email admin@dgchamber.co.uk

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