



Dear Nithsdale CVS Members,

Welcome to this months newsletter and funding alert.

Many thanks to those member organisations who attended the Dumfries & Galloway Compact Event and contributed to the lively discussions! The key theme that came through was that whilst the Compact provides a positive set of commitments between the statutory and voluntary sectors this required continuous monitoring as to the implementation of the commitments. The Compact Referral Form system provides a way for the voluntary sector to feedback on their experiences as to how the Compact is working in practice - as a sector we need to ensure we use this report back system.

At the recent Nithsdale Third Sector Forum partners agreed to re-name themselves the Nithsdale Voluntary Sector Forum. At the meeting I canvassed those attending whether their group/organisation was losing funding and/or any projects or services they deliver ending as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 09. I would also like to hear from any NCVS member organisations that are in this position. I am collating the information to assess the impact this will have across Nithsdale. Could any members affected email me at [karen.lewis@ncvs.org.uk](mailto:karen.lewis@ncvs.org.uk). If your organisation would like to become involved in the Forum or receive notes of the meetings please contact Katrina at NCVS on 01387 269161.

Regards,

Karen Lewis

Director - NCVS

### Change in Adults at Risk legislation with regard to Disclosure Checks

CRBS have advised us that the definition of an 'adult at risk' has been updated. Voluntary sector organisations who apply to have disclosure checks carried out on volunteers under this legislation should ensure that they comply with the information listed below:



#### **Adults at Risk :**

The legislation is quite specific on what constitutes an "adult at risk". In this legislation it states that an individual should have a condition as referred to Section (4) below and as a consequence of this condition, have a disability as referred to in Section (5).

(4) The types of condition referred to in paragraph (3) are-

- (a) a learning or physical disability
- (b) a physical or mental illness, chronic or otherwise, including an addiction to alcohol or drugs; or
- (c) a reduction in physical or mental capacity.

(5) The types of disability referred to in paragraph (3) are-

- a. a dependency upon others in the performance of, or a requirement for assistance in the performance of basic physical functions;
- b. severe impairment in the ability to communicate with others; or
- c. impairment in the ability of a person to protect themselves from assault, abuse or neglect.

Once an organisation has established that they do provide a service to adults at risk, the organisation must then ascertain which of the services it provides from Section (6) below.

(6) The types of services referred to in paragraph (3) are-

- a. care home services;
- b. personal care or nursing or support to live independently at home;
- c. any services provided by an independent hospital, independent clinic, independent medical agency or health body;
- d. social care services; or
- e. any services provided in an establishment catering for a person with learning difficulties.

The legislation does not define "social care service" but the other services are primarily care services. The organisations would have to determine if they are providing a service from the list in Section 6.

After an organisation establishes if they are providing a service for adults at risk, all those coming into contact, both direct and indirect contact (including those with access to databases) can be checked.

If you would like further clarification on the information listed above please contact  
Central Registered Body in Scotland, Unit 55, Stirling Enterprise Park, Stirling, FK7 7RP. Tel: (01786) 849777



## Volunteer Action Dumfries & Galloway

### Recognising Young People Contribution

Volunteer Action Dumfries & Galloway is the region's Volunteer Centre that promotes supports and develops quality volunteering experiences for all individuals in Dumfries & Galloway, including young people.

As part of Volunteer Action's support and recognition of youth volunteering, Volunteer Action administers the MV Award in Dumfries & Galloway. The MV Award gives national recognition from the Scottish Government for their voluntary contribution for every 50, 100 and 200 hours that young people do. The 200 hour certificate is a certificate of excellence signed by the First Minister, Alex Salmond.

Juanita Wilson, Co-ordinator, Mossburn Animal Centre has, in the past, taken on a MV Placement. Juanita said "We were delighted as an organisation to welcome in a young lady participating in the MV Award. Because young people choose to take part in this scheme they tend to be dedicated, hard working and reliable - everything one would want, but not necessarily get, in the workplace. The MV Award is good CV material for the volunteer but the organisation offering the placement also benefits enormously from the young persons input, enthusiasm and fresh outlook".

Steven Schwartz, Deputy Manager, Volunteer Action D&G added: "Participating in the MV Award is a great way to meet new people, strengthen your CV and open doors to further training and employment while being recognised by the Scottish Government". If you are a young person aged 16-25 years old that would be interested in participating in the MV Award, or an organisation that would like to support and involve young people within your organisation, please contact Steven Schwartz on 01387 267311 or youth@volunteeraction.co.uk

**Spring is on its way and this is when many groups and committees are approaching their Annual General Meetings.**

This involves preparing accounts, annual reports being sent to OSCR, completing monitoring procedures for funding and making changes to constitutions.

If you are a member of one of these groups and would like support and information to assist you and your group in this then please contact:

**Katrina Branney – Information and Training Advisor, Nithsdale CVS ON 01387 269161 or e-mail [Katrina.branney@ncvs.org.uk](mailto:Katrina.branney@ncvs.org.uk)**

## Nithsdale CVS

### ACCESS TO WORK PROJECT 2009/10

- Do you live in North West Dumfries?
- Are you actively looking for work?
- Would having a Driving Licence help you get employment?
- Want to find out more?

**Contact: Ronnie Johnstone  
Access to Work Co-ordinator  
Nithsdale Council of Voluntary Service  
Tel: 01387 269161  
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Email: [ronnie.johnstone@ncvs.org.uk](mailto:ronnie.johnstone@ncvs.org.uk)**

**Application packs are available from  
Nithsdale Council of Voluntary Service  
Holywood Building  
Old Assembly Close  
Irish Street  
Dumfries DG1 2PH**



## The Scottish Disability Golf Partnership



A driving force behind disabled golfers in Scotland

The SDGP offers golfing opportunities and training for anyone in Scotland with sensory loss, amputees, learning difficulties and anyone with other, lesser known conditions, serious health issues or disabilities.



We organise regular competitions and training with PGA Professionals, as well as fun golf events for members wishing to play 9 or 18 hole golf games. We also recently held an inaugural three-day Open Golf Championship, attended by over thirty players from seven countries.

Membership to the SDGP costs only £15 per year and on production of three score cards, played on a good standard golf course; we are able to calculate a golf handicap for any new members.

**More Information about  
the SDGP is available  
by calling 07950 003 885  
[fraser.paterson@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:fraser.paterson@blueyonder.co.uk)**



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## 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 sessions the cost is £6.00 per session.

Please contact Irene on 07925 236096 for more information or pop along to the Playcare group at:

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

**Come along to our Open Day  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
10am – 11.30am  
Northwest Church Hall  
Lochside Road  
Dumfries**

**Have a tour of the Childcare Facility  
and its Toys, Meet the Children,  
Staff and Management Committee  
Enjoy a cuppa and a chat  
Hear all about our Childcare Service  
For more information please contact  
Irene – 07925 236096**

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

**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  
suzanne.lafferty@ncvs.org.uk**

## DUMFRIES LIONS CLUB RAFT RACE

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009; Start 11.30 pm**

Dumfries Lions Club proudly announces their annual grand raft race is to be held on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> on the River Nith from Nunholm to the Caul which is a distance of approximately 2 miles.

The prize categories for entrance will be as follows:-

- 8 person rafts
- 6 person rafts
- 4 person rafts
- Ladies rafts
- Best fancy dress
- 2nd best fancy dress
- Best fancy dress in advertising category
- Most sponsorship money

The entrance fee is £5.00 per person and each raft must be sponsored. All proceeds will be used by the Lions Club for RNLI, Nith Inshore Rescue, local charities and other good causes.

Please contact Lion Stuart Armstrong, Border Office Supplies, 31 Loreburn St, Dumfries, DG1 1HN; Phone 01387 254840 (day) or 256982 (evening) for an application form.

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