



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 31st 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. 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

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
Mob 07711 216098
Email: ronnie.johnstone@ncvs.org.uk

Application packs are available from
Nithsdale Council of Voluntary Service
Hollywood 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



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CONSULTATION

Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary are currently carrying out a project into emergency related communication, which involves asking the public of Dumfries and Galloway their thoughts on communication before, during and after an emergency.

NCVS members, who are leaders/members of clubs or organisations, participation would be greatly appreciated on this matter. The questionnaire is only 10 questions long and can be accessed by clicking on the below link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=5lc_2bkhVNRdj_2fc0V1U7RD_2bw_3d_3d

The aim of this 'Emergency Communication Questionnaire' is to gain an accurate insight into public perception on emergency related communication. All responses are anonymous and the results from the research will inform the Scottish Government of the emergency related public information that needs to be put in place in Dumfries and Galloway.

The questionnaire will be available online until **March 30, 2009**. If you would prefer to receive the questionnaire in a paper copy, please contact **Beverley Kerr on 08456005701**



The Big Lottery Fund will soon launch People's Millions. This is the fifth year BIG has teamed up with ITV giving viewers the chance to vote on projects that provide opportunities for people to enjoy their local area, whether indoors or out, and improve local facilities for all to enjoy.

BIG wants to hear from groups who may be looking to provide opportunities for people to enjoy their local area, whether indoors or out or improve local facilities for all to enjoy. In the past, People's Millions has funded a wide range of projects including wildlife gardens, play areas, community halls and even an outdoor gym.

In the four years since People's Millions began, in Scotland 50 grants have been made totalling just over £3m. This year, UK wide at total budget of £3.5m is available with groups able to apply for grants up to £50,000. In regions covering Scotland 14 grants will be available this year.

This information about salary scales is provided by COSLA and is adopted by many voluntary organisations. SCVO provides this information as a service to its membership but is unable to advise where an organisation should place their staff on these scales.

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations SJC Salary Scales with Effect from 1 April 2007 General Grade 1 to Administration & Professional Grade 5

Spinal Column Point	Salary @ 1/04/07	Salary @ 1/04/08	Salary @ 1/04/09
General Grade 1			
3	11211	11547	11835
4	11589	11937	12234
5	11985	12345	12654
6	12366	12738	13056
7	12750	13134	13461
8	13134	13527	13866
9	13581	13989	14340
10	14241	14667	15033
General Grade 2			
11	14601	15039	15414
12	14940	15387	15771
General Grade 3			
13	15201	15657	16047
14	15477	15942	16341
15	15828	16302	16710
AP 1			
16	16185	16671	17088
17	16494	16989	17415
18	16932	17439	17874
AP 2			
19	17352	17874	18321
20	17820	18354	18813
21	18318	18867	19338
22	18783	19347	19830
AP 3			
23	19311	19890	20388
24	19926	20523	21036
25	20535	21150	21678
26	21189	21825	22371
AP 4			
27	21861	22518	23082
28	22560	23238	23820
29	23436	24138	24741
30	24201	24927	25551
AP 5			
31	24942	25689	26331
32	25671	26442	27102
33	26424	27216	27897
34	27165	27981	28680

SJC Salary scales with effect from 1 April 2007 spinal Column Points 35 – 73 Principal Officer Scales

Spinal Column Point	Salary @ 1/04/07	Salary @ 1/04/08	Salary @ 1/04/09
35	27714	28545	29259
36	28422	29274	30006
37	29232	30108	30861
38	30084	30987	31761
39	31035	31965	32763
40	31821	32775	33594
41	32640	33618	34458
42	33474	34479	35340
43	34284	35313	36195
44	35118	36171	37074
45	35904	36981	37905
46	36735	37836	38781
47	37557	38685	39651
48	38478	39633	40623
49	39357	40539	41553
50	40233	41439	42474
51	41145	42378	43437
52	42129	43392	44478
53	43074	44367	45477
54	44070	45393	46527
55	45117	46470	47631
56	46170	47556	48744
57	47262	48681	49899
58	48417	49869	51117
59	49566	51054	52329
60	50712	52233	53538
61	51858	53415	54750
62	53010	54600	55965
63	54240	55866	57264
64	55503	57168	58596
65	56841	58545	60009
66	58206	59952	61452
67	59553	61341	62874
68	61029	62859	64431
69	62505	64380	65991

The above salary scales incorporate: 3% increase from 1 April 2009 and 2.5% increase from 1 April 2009

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 15th 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 24th, 2009; Start 11.30 pm

Dumfries Lions Club proudly announces their annual
grand raft race is to be held on Sunday May 24th 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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