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**Hello, and welcome to the latest issue of CHEX-Point Snippets.** As always, this issue contains all the latest news and information relating to community-led health. **If you would like to be mentioned in Snippets please send us your own news from your work locally.** Click [here](#) if you would like to view this e-bulletin as a PDF or read any previous issues of Snippets.

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## **CHEX News**

### **CHEX briefing on Scotland's Mental Health Strategy**

You may have read in previous editions of CHEX-Point Snippets that CHEX has responded to the Scottish Government's Mental Health Strategy for Scotland 2011-15 consultation, which finished at the end of January. CHEX has now produced a briefing highlighting the key elements of the Strategy, the CHEX response to these and further steps to influence the proposed outcomes and actions.

In the briefing, CHEX states that we welcome the Strategy's emphasis on community-led approaches, prevention and partnership working. We advocate building on these elements, and call for the Strategy to reflect the contribution that local community-led organisations make to promoting better mental health and well-being.

Download the briefing from [the CHEX website](#)

### **Community-led Health for All: Developing Good Practice**

CHEX and our parent organisation, SCDC, invite you to the launch of a new learning resource that helps all partners to practice community-led health, **Community-Led Health for All**. The launch will take place in the Scottish Youth Theatre, Glasgow, Thursday 15 March, from 10am-1.30pm, with lunch provided. Workshops will be hosted by community-led health organisations and the statutory agencies who will share their learning and experiences with participants. The seminar is open to all those working to promote health improvement and address health inequalities at a local level.

We request that participants from the community sector invite a partner from their local statutory sector and vice versa to ensure that a broad depth of learning can be captured on the day and opportunities for partnerships to use the resource together can be developed.

Registration is now open and each participant should complete the [application form](#) to register interest in a place. Registration closes on Monday 20th February.

Please send any enquiries to [aileen@scdc.org.uk](mailto:aileen@scdc.org.uk)

### **'Up-beat Voices' Health Issues in the Community (HIIC) Conference 2012**

The annual 'Health Issues in the Community' (HIIC) Conference was held in Glasgow on the 2nd February. Following a now established tradition the conference alternates each year between a large event attended by tutors and course participants and one where the event is held only for tutors. This year the focus was on HIIC tutors.

Attended by tutors from across Scotland the conference placed an emphasis on continuing professional development for tutors, as well as providing plenty of time for tutors to meet

informally and share ideas about course delivery and the various groups of people with whom they are delivering the course.

Two workshops concentrated on areas that have been identified as being areas where support and clarification was required by tutors. Dave Allan, SCDC, led a workshop entitled 'Community Development as a fundamental to HIIC', which aimed to re-emphasise the importance of a community development approach to health issues, and of understanding and exploring key concepts, barriers and enablers to a "healthy community".

Another workshop, led by Runima Kakati, 'Key issues in supporting students with course work and assignments', provided a clear exposition of the issues associated with giving the appropriate support to the increasingly diverse range of people undertaking HIIC. Runima was very clear that although going for accreditation is right for some participants it is not the best route for everyone – the most important thing for people is the learning experience in itself.

In the third workshop, Elaine Crosbie and Kathleen Walker from NHS South Lanarkshire shared their experiences of HIIC within Secondary Education. Elaine and Kathleen have just completed working through HIIC with S4's and were able to discuss how HIIC fits with the Curriculum for Excellence and explore how they had adapted elements of HIIC to successfully deliver it within the school environment.

Evaluations from the day were very positive and upbeat, reflecting that those who attended very much enjoyed the opportunity to get together, share their practice and hear about new developments. Participants were also enthused to continue to deliver HIIC in a way that maximises achievements for all students.

### **Social Capital, health and wellbeing: a planning and evaluation toolkit - are you using it?**

CHEX would greatly appreciate if you could contact us with any feedback on use of the above toolkit. The toolkit was produced by the Edinburgh Health Inequalities Standing Group approx. 2 yrs ago and was part of the several products that came out of the 'Healthy Communities: Meeting the Shared Challenge' national capacity building programme on community-led health. Although produced by Edinburgh colleagues, the toolkit was disseminated and promoted nation-wide. It is particularly useful in:

- measuring the impact of existing work on social capital, health and wellbeing
- clarifying health and social capital outcomes
- developing ideas to increase social capital
- planning or commissioning new work

It can be downloaded from <http://www.scdc.org.uk/media/resources/what-we-do/mtsc/Social%20Capital%20Health%20and%20Wellbeing%20toolkit.pdf>.

If you would like to feedback your experience of using the toolkit or any comments on its content and structure, please e-mail Janet Muir on [Janet@scdc.org.uk](mailto:Janet@scdc.org.uk) or Olivia Hanley on [Olivia@scdc.org.uk](mailto:Olivia@scdc.org.uk)

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## **General Information**

### **Launch of re-opened Govanhill Baths**

The launch of the newly re-opened Govanhill Baths in Glasgow took place on Saturday 4th February with 250 people in attendance, including Nicola Sturgeon MSP, actor Peter Mullan

and Cllr Archie Graham. The event celebrated the completion of the first part of the journey towards turning the baths into a wellbeing centre. It is more than ten years since the Baths were controversially closed to the public and over this time Govanhill Baths Trust has worked to recondition the baths so that they provide much more than a swimming pool. Ultimately, the Trust aims to use the building for community-based programmes, arts programmes and learning and recreation for all sections of the community. Work to renovate the main and ladies swimming pools is still ongoing.

Read the full story on the [Govanhill Baths Trust website](#)

### **Opportunity to join the Mental Health Improvement National Network**

NHS Health Scotland invites those working in the field of mental health improvement to join the Mental Health Improvement National Network, which it co-ordinates. The network aims to bring together strategic leads for mental health improvement from across local authorities, NHS Boards and the community and voluntary sector in order to support them to implement the current mental health policy, develop relationships between those leading the mental health improvement agenda locally and nationally, share national developments to inform regional practice, highlight regional developments to inform future policy and to network with peers to support local activity. Meetings are held on a 3 - 4 monthly basis and the next meeting is due to be held on March 14th in Glasgow 10-4pm. Video-conferencing facilities are provided at all network meetings. You may also be a remote member who receives email updates if you do not have capacity to attend.

If you would like to be involved and join the network, or would like to have a chat for further information, please contact Lorna Smith (Senior Officer: Mental Health Improvement, NHS Health Scotland) on [lornasmith1@nhs.net](mailto:lornasmith1@nhs.net). Tel: 0131 313 7517.

### **A Brief Guide to the Welfare Reform Bill of 2012**

Snippets has previously reported on the UK Government's Welfare Reform Bill of 2012. We would now like to draw your attention to a Scottish guide to the welfare reforms. This is produced by UPDATE, Scotland's disability information service, and the guide is being regularly updated to keep people informed of the latest news regarding the reforms, including how the bill is progressing through the Parliament and the House of Lords. Click [here](#) to view the guide.

### **Linwood Community Development Trust update**

A key dimension of community health is the engagement of local people in the issues that affect them, and Linwood Community Development Trust's Launch, held on Saturday 4th February, was aimed at just that – raising the profile of the Trust and to seek the views of local residents on their aspirations for their town.

In January, we mentioned in Snippets that the Trust had written to MSPs and MPs to raise awareness of the plight of Linwood's town centre and their efforts to do something about it. The group is going from strength to strength and Saturday's event was attended by over 300 people.

An information 'Market Place' allowed attendees to participate, engage and become involved to ensure their ideas and voices were heard in a constructive manner. This information will be collated and written into a report and circulated to Council Officials, Tesco (who own a significant part of the town centre) and the Linwood Community in the next couple of weeks.

### **Alzheimer Scotland new groups in Central Aberdeenshire**

Alzheimer Scotland has started up a Dementia Café in Inverurie, providing an informal meeting place once a month where people who have dementia and their families and friends can meet others in a similar situation and get information and support from each other and

from professionals. There are already monthly cafes in Ellon and Westhill, and the people who come to these say that they enjoy the informal atmosphere and the opportunity to make new friends. The Inverurie café is held on the third Thursday of the month in the Kintore Arms Hotel from 10.30 - 12.30. Cost is £1.95 per person to cover refreshments cost.

To find out more, please contact Susanna Paterson, Alzheimer Scotland's dementia advisor for Aberdeenshire on tel: 01467 629292 or email: [spaterson@alzscot.org](mailto:spaterson@alzscot.org)

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## Consultations and Surveys

### Focus group on standards for community capacity building

Stronger communities have desirable outcomes for people's well-being and health amongst other things. In order to achieve this, action often needs to be taken to build on and strengthen the skills, organisation, involvement and influence of people in communities. A lot of different people may be involved in this, including organisations and leaders within communities themselves. But how clear are they all about what they are trying to achieve? Perhaps we need to try to consult and agree on a clearer set of guidelines or standards?

We already have the National Standards for Community Engagement, which were originally developed with the participation of a wide range of community groups, and have since been endorsed by wide range of public service providers. Although they have something to say about the support that communities need, their main purpose is to improve the ways in which communities become engaged in decision making on public services. They have less to say about the basic principles of how people can be supported in coming together in communities and gaining in capacity and effectiveness.

CHEX's parent organisation, the Scottish Community Development Centre, has been commissioned by Education Scotland to carry out a preliminary investigation into whether additional 'Standards' for community capacity building are desirable and feasible. A meeting will take place from 2pm to 4pm on Wednesday, 22 February at the Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) Suite 305, Baltic Chambers, 50, Wellington Street, Glasgow G2 6HJ. Unfortunately no expenses are payable. If you are part of a community group and would like to take part of a focus group discussion on this issue, please contact Peter Taylor, Associate, SCDC, [peter@pdtaylor.com](mailto:peter@pdtaylor.com)

### Standard Council - Pathways to work in CLD

The Standards Council are working on improving access to, and progression within, community learning and development. They want to see the continuing improvement of CLD practice, providing quality services for individuals and communities across Scotland.

To progress this work they have appointed Linked Work and Training Trust to identify and describe pathways into work within CLD. There will be a series of meetings over the next month to engage workers, training providers, employers, managers and others in a dialogue to assist in mapping current provision with entry and exit points, progression routes, crossover points. This will help with the production of a guide to career pathways and highlight:

- what other provision needs to be developed
- any geographic or other issues
- the promotion and development of different delivery modes
- any issues of duplication or over provision

LWTT are also keen to record and reflect individual learners' journeys. How did you enter

CLD? How have you progressed? What worked for you or didn't work?  
If you would like to tell your story in part or full then get in touch with LWTT by calling Gina Thomson on 01324 489666 or emailing [gthomson@lwt.org.uk](mailto:gthomson@lwt.org.uk)

### **Consultation on Food Law Requirements for Registration of Community Halls as Food Businesses in Scotland**

The FSA in Scotland is carrying out an information gathering exercise to gather views from stakeholders in Scotland about the extent to which food law should apply to community halls (village or church halls) that are used for the preparation, sale or supply of food. Views are welcome on the current registration requirements for community halls and on the four alternative scenarios provided in Annex A which have been provided to explore the issue and generate discussion. Responses should be sent to [Claire.Moni@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.Moni@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk) by Tues 13 March 2012.

### **The Review of the Community Learning and Development Strategy in Scotland**

Two weeks ago CHEX drew your attention to the Scottish Government's consultation event for national voluntary organisations regarding the CLD Strategy in Scotland. The consultation has now been widened and anyone interested can view the discussion paper and engage in the discussions online by going to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7T2R5CJ>.

This is the route for formal written responses to the consultation, and is an opportunity to drive forward essential aspects of key agendas including Curriculum for Excellence, the Literacy Action Plan, 16+ Learning Choices, regeneration and community empowerment. The Scottish Government also sees the discussion as a way of developing shared thinking on key issues including post-16 education, college regionalisation and the Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill.

In addition, Community Development Alliance Scotland (CDAS) is seeking member's views to inform its response to this consultation. To find out more about this click [here](#).

### **East Lothian Housing & Information Strategy Consultation**

East Lothian Council Housing Strategy & Development team is organising a consultation meeting to hear views on their draft Housing Information and Advice Strategy. This will take the form of a Lunchtime Briefing and Workshop on the 15th February 2012 Wednesday, 1.00pm – 2.15pm (Lunch from 12.30pm) at Bridges Project, Bog Park Road, Musselburgh, EH21 6RT

If you would like to attend please contact by email: [hsd@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:hsd@eastlothian.gov.uk). For any queries regarding the draft strategy or if you require the document in other language please contact Catherine Johnson, Senior Strategic Policy Officer on 01620 827390.

### **Grampian Maternity Services Review**

NHS Grampian is carrying out a review of maternity services to ensure care continues to be safer, more effective, sustainable and closer to home whenever possible. NHS Grampian would like to hear the views of women, families, the public, staff and other interested parties on proposals for the maternity service in Grampian. Visit: [www.nhsgrampian.org](http://www.nhsgrampian.org) and click on 'Consultations', then 'Maternity Services Review'.

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## Publications

### Asset mapping project – report published

East Dunbartonshire Council and the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS) have published a report on using an assets approach for positive mental health and well-being has been published.

The project aimed to discover the community assets in Kirkintilloch that were useful and available for positive mental health and well-being, and also to help others identify their own personal assets. This enabled the creation of a digital map detailing local assets identified during the workshops. The purpose of this map is to share the assets that individuals find useful for their well-being.

Read or download the full report [here](#) and explore the map [here](#)

### Living Wage in Scotland

The Scottish Parliament's Local Government and Regeneration Committee has published a report which is broadly supportive of the campaign for a living wage. The report also recognises the complex range of factors, including local and economic circumstances that can present difficulties to councils seeking to introduce the living wage. Read more at <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/46606.aspx>

### New OSCR guide

A new report published by Scotland's charity regulator, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), provides a ready reference to help charities understand and address potential issues in meeting the requirements of charitable status. OSCR has produced '[Protecting charitable status](#)' as a summary of its reviews over the past six years to guide charities and inform the public.

### Other newsletters

In this issue, Snippets would like to draw your attention to three useful e-bulletins. One is the Scottish Women's Convention's mail out which you can register for [here](#). This month's edition includes items on local women's groups, roadshows and International Women's Day on Saturday 10th March 2012.

The second e-bulletin we wish to highlight is the One Parent Families Scotland newsletter. The latest edition contains information on Lone Parent Hubs, one-to-one services and workshops. It can be read [here](#).

Thirdly, ASH Scotland's bulletin has news on upcoming Tobacco Control Groups, a Smoking and Substance Abuse Conference and a mention of No Smoking Day on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Read the e-bulletin [here](#).

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## Funding

### Local Sport Relief Grants

The Sport Relief programme is offering funding of between £500 and £1,000 to local groups with an income of less than £100,000 per year and working for the benefit of disadvantaged and excluded communities. The types of projects they will fund include:

- Parent and toddler groups; dad and lads groups
- Equipment and material for youth groups
- Community festivals
- Cross generational work
- Befriending for older isolated people
- Lunch clubs
- Running costs for self help groups.

This fund is supported by the Community Foundation, and the closing date for applications is 9th March 2012 applicants – although applicants should contact their local Community Foundation as the application closing date can vary. To access your local Community Foundation website please click on the link below.

[http://www.communityfoundations.org.uk/community\\_foundations/map/](http://www.communityfoundations.org.uk/community_foundations/map/)

### **Help the Hospices – one-off capital grant programme**

Following a bequest in a will, Help the Hospices has announced a new one-off grant programme to support the establishment of new hospice building(s) and start-up costs, such as the equipping of new hospices. The fund is open to both adult and children's hospices that are full members of Help the Hospices. The total amount available for the grant programme is £579,000. There is no maximum level of grant that you can apply for, up to the amount available. The closing date for applications is the 18th March 2012.

<http://tinyurl.com/7daqjzf>

### **Comic Relief's new Older People's Programme**

This is a new grants aimed at supporting older people (65+) to build their knowledge and skills to manage their money more effectively, ensure access to good, independent financial advice, guard against financial scams and abuse and cope better with cold homes.

Applications can be made from 16th January until 13th February. You can visit:

<http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/programmes/managing-money-better-comic-reliefs-new-older-peoples-programme>

### **Steven Gerrard Foundation**

Registered charities within the UK that run projects working with disadvantaged children can apply for grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to 3 years through the Steven Gerrard Foundation. This fund mainly supports:

- Disadvantaged children including their education and health
- Children with disabilities
- Street children
- Children going through family breakdown.

The SGF places emphasis on supporting projects which involve children in identifying their own issues and solutions, designing and monitoring projects. The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 9th March 2012. <http://www.stevengerrardfoundation.org/grants.htm>

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## **Events**

### **Headway Glasgow music event (Glasgow)**

Headway Glasgow presents, the Glasgow charity for people with acquired brain injury, is putting on an evening of music featuring the Killermont Quartet at Renfield St.Stephens, Bath

Street, Glasgow, on Wednesday 22nd Feb 2012, 7.30pm. The programme features

- Haydn Quartet Opus 54 No 1
- Mozart Dissonance(K465)
- Mendelssohn String Quartet Opus 13

Tickets cost £8.00 from Headway Glasgow. Tel.0141 332 8878, email [headwayglasgow@btconnect.com](mailto:headwayglasgow@btconnect.com) or buy at the door.

### **Friday 24th February 2012 - Friday 11th May 2012 – Cookery Course (Edinburgh)**

This course from Health All Round and funded by the Scottish Community Foundation will help you:

- Learn how to cook delicious meals on a budget
- Find out the tricks of the trade, making cooking easy and fun
- Acquire kitchen confidence
- Understand seasonal ingredients and how to use them in your cooking
- Learn about shopping for the best value food

Courses take place from 1pm—3pm at Tynecastle High School, 2 McLeod Street, Edinburgh, EH11 2ND. The courses are free, although donations are gratefully received. Call Claire on 537 7530 for more details and to book your place. Places are limited and early booking is advisable. No sessions 6th April & 13th April.

Visit [www.healthallround.org.uk](http://www.healthallround.org.uk) for more classes and courses, including Tai Chi and a BME Women's Enterprise & Employment Programme.

### **The Community Land Scotland (CLS) Annual Conference (Mull)**

The annual CLS Conference will be in Tobermory, Isle of Mull and is being hosted by the North West Mull Community Woodland Company. The first part of the Conference, concentrates on policy issues such as the proposed new Scottish Land Fund; the Crown Estate; the review of the Land Reform Act and transfer of public land into community ownership. The second day includes looking at current housing opportunities for community landowners, site visits and more.

For further details and booking contact please go to: <http://www.communityland.org.uk/people-skills/community-land-scotland/787-january-news-from-cls>

### **Update on Voluntary Sector Locality Network Events (North Lanarkshire)**

In the last issue, we gave details on Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire's latest round Voluntary Sector Locality Network Events. We have been informed that the agendas are now available for these meetings and can be viewed at the following web address:

<http://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org.uk/EventsLocality.html>

### **GrowFORTH Local Food Summit (Stirling)**

GrowFORTH Local Food Summit takes place at Albert Halls, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, on Saturday 25 February 2012, 10am – 2pm. This is aimed at anyone interested in local sustainable food, and contains interactive stalls and displays, a GrowFORTH Garden Café, Discussion tables, a Kids Corner, local food stalls, Ideas Tree and Funders Corner. The key speaker is Mike Small from The Fife Diet.

To book a place please download the registration form from: [www.forthenvironmentlink.org.uk](http://www.forthenvironmentlink.org.uk) or [www.lowcarbonstirling.com](http://www.lowcarbonstirling.com). Or contact event co-ordinator: Carron on 07715773660 / email: [carron.tobin@ruraldimensions.com](mailto:carron.tobin@ruraldimensions.com). Places are limited, so please book early

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## Conferences and Seminars

### Planning Democracy Conference (Edinburgh)

Planning Democracy is holding a conference called 'Planning: The People's Perspective' on Saturday April 21st in central Edinburgh. The conference is for those who have been affected by planning decisions, who have concerns about the way the planning system works or who have taken part in a planning consultation. It will:

- look at how well the planning system works for ordinary people;
- allow participants hear about ordinary people's experiences of planning; and
- gather people together to advocate for change where it is needed.

Planning Democracy is looking for different people's experiences of the planning to system to help us campaign for better public involvement in planning. There will be representatives from different organisations such as The Information Commission, the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) as well as legal firms carrying out workshops in the afternoon.

Please contact Planning Democracy if you want to tell us about your experiences or if you want to come to the conference. If you want your MSP there to hear people's views please contact us for more information on how to ensure they attend at [info@planningdemocracy.org.uk](mailto:info@planningdemocracy.org.uk)

For more information go to <http://www.planningdemocracy.org.uk/conference-2012>. For any further questions ring 0781 387 4805

### Trellis 6th Annual Conference (Perth)

The Trellis 6th Annual Conference, 'People grow better in gardens', aims to inspire you with project showcases, speakers and workshops. It provides an opportunity to meet with other therapeutic gardeners and like-minded people who value improving people's lives through gardening. The conference takes place on the 15th March 2012 in Perth Concert Hall, Perth PH1 5HZ from 9.30am to 3.30pm Book now at

[www.trellisScotland.org.uk/files/Conference\\_2012/CF\\_Booking\\_Form\\_2012.doc](http://www.trellisScotland.org.uk/files/Conference_2012/CF_Booking_Form_2012.doc)

View the Draft Programme at

[www.trellisScotland.org.uk/files/Conference\\_2012/CF\\_programme\\_2012.doc](http://www.trellisScotland.org.uk/files/Conference_2012/CF_programme_2012.doc)

### Men, women and alcohol (Glasgow)

Glasgow's Healthier Future Forum, organised by the Glasgow Centre for Population Health (GCPH), takes place on the morning of Tuesday 13 March 2012.

This event will focus on the role of gender in Scotland's drinking culture and will give delegates the opportunity to hear presentations from a wide range of speakers and to discuss the issues with others working in this area. Confirmed contributors include:

- Fiona Edgar, Glasgow Centre for Population Health
- Carol Emslie, MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit
- Andrew McAuley, NHS Health Scotland
- Pauline McGough, Sandyford Initiative
- Pete Seaman, Glasgow Centre for Population Health

The event will take place at St Andrew's in the Square (No 1, St Andrew's Square, Glasgow) starting at 9.30 am and concluding at approximately 12.45 pm (a light lunch will be provided). A programme for the morning will be circulated closer to the time.

This event is free to attend although registration is essential as places are limited. If you would

like to attend please complete the on-line registration form on the GCPH website or follow this link: <http://www.gcph.co.uk/events/120>.

### **Children's Mental Health Conference 2012 (Glasgow)**

Medica Cpd Ltd, Education Scotland and the University of Glasgow, have organised a one day conference on Children's Mental Health, Tuesday 15th May 2012, Glasgow. This will provide knowledge updates, current developments, best practice and networking opportunities.

For more information and a leaflet: [www.medicacpd.com](http://www.medicacpd.com) or contact: [carolyn@medicacpd.com](mailto:carolyn@medicacpd.com)  
Telephone: 0141 270 8097

### **Scottish Refugee Policy Forum (SRPF) Conference (Glasgow)**

The Scottish Refugee Policy Forum (SRPF) is hosting its next conference, "A Fairer Scotland for Asylum Seekers and Refugees in a time of Austerity", on Saturday, 25th February 2012, 11am – 4pm, at Kinning Park Complex, 43 Cornwall Street, Glasgow G41 1BA

The aim of the conference is to improve policies according to refugees needs by developing policy proposals on key issues and making positive changes and to ensure that refugees' needs are taken into account when developing policies.

The event will consist of a morning and an afternoon session, both with speakers followed by a Q&A session and workshops. Refreshments, interpreters and a crèche will be provided. If you are interested in coming and for more information on the conference programme, please contact Hassan Darasi (Chair SRPF) via [hudarasi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hudarasi@hotmail.co.uk).

### **The Gathering (Glasgow)**

The Gathering is a free event organised by SCVO that brings together all parts of the Scottish third sector. With 3000+ visitors it is the largest event of its kind in the UK. There are 50 free workshops and seminars running on 29 February + 1 March, ranging from fundraising to governance and health and wellbeing. View the [full programme](#) of events and book your space. Citizens Advice Scotland is staging its annual conference and exhibition as part of the Gathering 2012. Further information and booking can be found [here](#).

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## **Training**

### **CLD Upskilling Sessions (across Scotland)**

Linked Work and Training Trust (LWTT) in partnership with Scotland's Learning Partnership (SLP) are organising a series of workshops across Scotland to introduce resources that have been developed as part of the national CLD Upskilling Programme. The resources focus on four CPD and training themes that have been identified from consultation and needs analysis in the CLD sector. The four themes are:

- Peer Learning Exchange and Training;
- Action Learning and Leadership;
- Coaching and Mentoring; and
- Partnership Working.

The resources have been developed to contribute to the planning and delivery of CPD and training opportunities for CLD practitioners operating within a range of roles. They support individual review, reflection and practice development and can be used to develop shared training programmes around these themes.

Visit the [LWTT website](#) to find out more

### **Social Enterprise for Community and Therapeutic Gardens Training (Glasgow)**

Growing Communities in Scotland is provided by Shona Maguire from SEAM at Govanhill Housing Association, Samaritan House, 79 Coplaw Street, Glasgow G42 7JG, 10am – 4pm. The training will include Case Studies and examples of good practice and covers:

- What is Social Enterprise
- Site Visit and Ideas
- Is social enterprise right for you?
- Top Tips to setting up a successful Social Enterprise

Booking Forms are available from [www.trellisscotland.org.uk](http://www.trellisscotland.org.uk) and [www.farmgarden.org.uk/events/social-enterprise-training-scotland](http://www.farmgarden.org.uk/events/social-enterprise-training-scotland). For further information please contact Linda Pertula FCF CG, Gorgie City Farm, 51 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh EH11 2LA Tel: 0131 623 7058 Email: [linda@farmgarden.org.uk](mailto:linda@farmgarden.org.uk)

### **CLD staff development in community empowerment (Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Inverness)**

Education Scotland will provide a series of staff development opportunities in 2012 and beyond to support the contribution of Community Learning and Development in encouraging community empowerment and renewal. The first of these opportunities will focus on community ownership and asset transfer and the aim will be to support the important work that CLD practitioners do with communities when taking on the ownership of assets.

The events are open to anyone with a CLD role. Places will be allocated on a first-come basis. Upcoming events:

Wed 22 February, Edinburgh, 10:00 to 15:00 - <a href="#">Book</a>
Wed 14 March Aberdeen 10:00 to 15:00 - <a href="#">Book</a>
Tues 27 March Inverness 10:00 to 15:00 - <a href="#">Book</a>

### **Learning Opportunities in Volunteering (Stirling)**

This event offers the chance to learn about the Coordination and Management of Volunteering at Volunteer Development Scotland. VDS learning is designed to develop your knowledge, understanding and skills in working with volunteers. Course content is aligned with the National Occupational Standards for the Management of Volunteers and the Investing in Volunteers quality standard.

Information online at [Learning Opportunities](#) or email [vds@vds.org.uk](mailto:vds@vds.org.uk)

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## **Vacancies**

### **Community Advisor (across Scotland)**

The Scottish Community Alliance is recruiting a Community Advisor to work alongside local anchor organisations in the development of sustainable investment proposals. This is as part of the Alliance's work with the newly established JESSICA (Scotland) Trust in the design and delivery of a programme of investment into some of Scotland's most disadvantaged communities. The aim is to build local resilience by investing in community led regeneration.

This is a full time post, £29,259 - £31,761. The closing date is 10 February 2012. Visit

<http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/jobs/9656> for more information.

### **Scottish Social Services Council Director of Sector Development (Dundee)**

SSSC seek a qualified, registered social worker with an excellent track record in the sector to provide strategic direction and leadership to SSSC's new Sector Development department. Salary up to £64,000 per annum. Further information is contained within the job description:

<http://digbig.com/5bfkrc> and person specification: <http://digbig.com/5bfkrd>

Closing date: Monday 13 February 2012. Application Form: <http://digbig.com/5bfkrf>

### **Volunteer Coordinator (Edinburgh)**

Venture Scotland is looking for a Volunteer Coordinator to support vulnerable young people in accessing volunteering with Venture Scotland and progression routes in the form of employment, training and education opportunities. You will also lead the coordination of volunteer leaders and mentors who support young people throughout their involvement in Venture Scotland programmes.

Salary: £24,903-£25,716

Closing date: Friday 17th February

Assessment Day: Monday 27th February

For application details phone 0131 475 2395 or visit <http://www.venturescotland.org.uk>

### **Home Link Family Support Volunteer Officer – maternity cover (Edinburgh)**

Home Link Family Support is looking for someone who is committed to supporting volunteering, reliable, resourceful and a good communicator who can reach out to volunteers and potential volunteers from a wide variety of backgrounds. 25h a week; SJC- AP4 Point 27 (£13,100 pro rata) with 30 days holidays.

If you are interested contact Home Link Family Support at 0131 661 0890 or email [info@homelinkfamilysupport.org](mailto:info@homelinkfamilysupport.org) or download the application materials from [www.homelinkfamilysupport.org](http://www.homelinkfamilysupport.org)

The deadline for application is the 10 February 2012 at Midday; interviews will take place on the 24 February 2012.

### **Development Worker (Edinburgh)**

The LGBT Centre for Health and Wellbeing is seeking to recruit an effective and motivated Development Worker to further develop the LGBT Age Project. This new community capacity building role represents an opportunity to strengthen service provision and mainstream equality issues for older LGBT individuals.

The salary for this full time post is £23,232 (36 hours) the post holder will be based at the LGBT Centre for Health and Wellbeing (Howe Street, Edinburgh). Closing date for applications is 12noon, Monday 13th February 2012 and interviews will take place on Wednesday 29th February 2012.

For an application pack, visit <http://www.lgbthealth.org.uk> call 0131 523 1100 or email [craig@lgbthealth.org.uk](mailto:craig@lgbthealth.org.uk)

### **Advocacy Co-ordinator (Glasgow)**

Equal Say seeks to recruit a new worker to further enhance their response to the 'personalisation' process in Glasgow City. This requires knowledge in Self Directed Support, personalisation and Direct Payments Person centred thinking and support planning Promoting choice and control for people who use services.

Salary: £23,080 - £25,550, 37 days holiday, 6% matched pension, travel allowance, company

mobile phone and flexible working.

Application notes: Preferably send an email requesting an application pack to [daphne@equalsay.org](mailto:daphne@equalsay.org) or telephone 0141 337 3133. For an informal discussion, ask for Sam Cairns, Project Manager. Closing date for applications: Friday 17th February 2012. Interviews will be held on the week beginning 5th March 2012.

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## Websites

### ScotPHO website re-launch

The Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) has re-launched its website - <http://www.scotpho.org.uk/>. The new website aims to provide the latest developments in public health intelligence in Scotland more quickly. Key resources on the ScotPHO website include:

- Health and Wellbeing Profiles for community health partnerships (CHPs) in Scotland.
- The Scotland and European Health for All database.
- Our library of ScotPHO reports and papers.
- Dedicated sections for a wide range of topics relating to the health of the Scottish population. Each individual section includes summary data and statistics, background information, interpretation, policy notes, commentaries on data sources, references and links to further information for the topic in question. The wide range of topics covered reflects a broad understanding of health and the factors that affect it.

ScotPHO would welcome feedback on their new website and also suggestions about how they can develop the website in the future (e.g. new resources and topics). Please email [scotpho@nhs.net](mailto:scotpho@nhs.net).

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