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**Hello, and welcome to the latest issue of CHEX-Point Snippets.** In addition to all the latest news and information relating to community-led health, this issue contains news from CHEX network member organisations, SEAL and REACH. **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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Regards

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## **CHEX News**

### **Learning Resource - 'Community-led Health for All: Developing Good Practice' launched at CHEX Seminar**

The above new Learning Resource was launched at the CHEX Seminar on the 15th March at the Scottish Youth Theatre in Glasgow. The Resource was warmly welcomed by an audience of community-led health organisations and their public health sector partners. Focussing on 6 key competencies, the Resource places community-led health at the heart of a number of key policies related to Public Health/Health Improvement; Community Regeneration; Community Learning and Development and Community Engagement and focuses on the role of strategic decision-makers and practitioners. Community and strategic partners including: GalGael Trust, Getting Better Together (Shotts Healthy Living Centre) and Tayside NHS provided excellent illustrations on the current application of competencies at local levels and NES highlighted the timely launch of the Resource in the implementation of policies that call for a confident and skilled public health workforce in working with communities.

The competencies are:

- knowing and understanding the community in which we work
- building and supporting groups and relationships
- building capacity to take action on priority health issues
- building equality and tackling inequalities
- developing and supporting collaborative working
- developing and supporting sustainable influence

Participants offered critical and positive feedback on future promotion and support of the Resource at national and local levels, which CHEX and SCDC are keen to pursue with interested partners. [Download the Learning Resource from the CHEX website](#) and for further information contact Janet Muir on [Janet@scdc.org.uk](mailto:Janet@scdc.org.uk) or Dave Allan on [David@scdc.org.uk](mailto:David@scdc.org.uk)

### **News from the CHEX network: REACH announce new project**

CHEX is pleased to hear that REACH Community Health Project has been funded to carry out a new project. **Me, Myself and I**, a two year project funded by Lankelly Chase, will work with adults from Black and Minority Ethnic communities across Greater Glasgow with mental health issues or who have family members with mental ill health.

Me, Myself and I aims to challenge the high levels of stigma attached to mental

illness, especially within Black and Minority Ethnic communities, increase understanding of, and challenge the misconceptions about mental health and mental ill-health and breakdown barriers to accessing support services and open up life chances for those with mental health issues. The project will do this through the provision of support groups, private and confidential one to one counselling, peer support and information and advice. Furthermore, REACH will develop a forum for those who wish to voice their or their family member's mental health issues and needs.

The project will establish referrals systems with agencies/individuals working in the field of mental health to support individuals with information, advice and one to one counselling.

If you would like to be involved in the project as a referral agency, to provide a counselling service or as an individual please contact Asia Ali, Project Officer on 0141 585 8023 [asia@REACHhealth.org.uk](mailto:asia@REACHhealth.org.uk) or alternatively administration on 0141 585 8022 [admin@reachhealth.org.uk](mailto:admin@reachhealth.org.uk)

### **New SEAL website**

CHEX network member, South East Area Lifestyle (SEAL) have a new website which you can view at [www.sealcommunityhealth.org.uk](http://www.sealcommunityhealth.org.uk). As the website states, SEAL aims to reduce inequalities in access to a healthy lifestyle for people in South East Glasgow. The website contains information on the work of SEAL, the services they provide and the partners they work with, as well as updates on news and events. An example of the work SEAL carry out is Moving on for Women, which encourages health improvements through drama workshops and increasing physical activity. CHEX recommends that you pay a visit!

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## **General Information**

### **Social media and community learning and development**

Places are still available at the time of writing for the Digitally Agile Scotland seminars organised by The Scottish Community Development Centre, Youthlink Scotland and Learning Link Scotland. The project involves research and case studies of good and interesting practice in the use of social media and new technology in the community learning and development field. The programme is being supported by Education Scotland and funded by the Scottish Government.

The 3 seminars are in **Aberdeen** - 22 March 2012, **Edinburgh** - 27 March 2012 and **Glasgow** - 29 March 2012. The seminars are for people working in adult learning, youth development and community capacity building and are designed to allow participants to hear about interesting practice involving social media and new technology. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from others, share practice and exchange experience and knowledge. You will also have the opportunity to have your say about the challenges and the importance of guidance in being digitally agile for your personal and professional development.

The seminars are free of charge but places are limited. To book your place on the either one of the 3 seminars please click on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DACLDseminar>

If you require further information about the programme please contact Paul Nelis  
[paul@scdc.org.uk](mailto:paul@scdc.org.uk)

In addition, the following items might be of interest to anyone thinking about using social media in the context of community-led health or community development:

- [This link](#) for news on a separate upcoming social media event organised by GCVS in partnership with Be Good Be Social
- [This article](#) from the Guardian, on research by the Young Foundation which finds that social media is a useful way for communities to connect, but it is not a panacea for community empowerment.

### **Action research and better public services**

Research for Real has produced a paper entitled 'When are you ever not 'piloting'? How action research can help to deliver better public services'.

It argues that action research is a way of overcoming the endless cycle of research pilots which too often don't make an impact on the social problems they intend to address. By researching with the people affected by an issue, action research is critical to building the capacities of communities. The paper highlights this approach within the context of Scotland's public service reform debate, and concludes with 10 tips for getting started.

We at CHEX support this position and encourage you to visit the [Research for Real website](#) and contribute to their blog on the subject, where you can download the paper.

You can also find out more about community-led action research [here](#).

### **Let's go greener together**

People across Scotland are being encouraged to 'Go Greener Together' and to help make Scotland a cleaner, greener place to live. CHEX and SCDC have joined the campaign and we are starting by looking at how we can improve on the first of the campaign's themes - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Find out what you can do to get involved and go greener by visiting <http://action.greenerScotland.org/scdcsignup> for more information and advice.

SCDC has also produced a set of resources – [Community Action for a Sustainable Scotland \(CASS\)](#). This set of 7 educational resources was adapted from material produced as part of the Every Action Counts programme in England, and is aimed at community projects and groups who wish to carry out their activities in ways which protect the environment without impacting on efficiencies and which ensure greater levels of sustainability for the longer term.

### **News on social value clauses**

As [this Guardian report](#) highlights, a bill is currently being passed in England and Wales that will require local authorities and partners to build social value into the contracts they put out to tender. This will mean that decisions on who to award contracts to will have to consider the social impact of the application in addition to the financial cost – favouring third sector organisations.

The Scottish Government has recently made similar pledges, in line with commitments made in their election manifesto. See this [ThirdSector story](#) for more on the situation in Scotland.

### **Community Toolkit Online Resource**

Skye and Lochalsh Council for Voluntary Organisations have developed this online reference tool for community groups of all sizes - from small clubs to larger social enterprises. Containing information on a wide range of topics, the Community Toolkit guides you through consultations with your local community, setting up a group or project, managing and developing your activities and looking after the people that use your services. The Community Toolkit also includes a section on Generating Income and a funder's database to help you find suitable funding sources. Find your local Community Toolkit at <http://community-toolkit.org.uk/local-toolkit.htm>.

### **Apply now for the Scottish Charity Awards 2012**

SCVO will be holding the 6th annual Scottish Charity Awards on 14 June 2012 at the Old Fruitmarket, Glasgow. These awards aim to recognise the outstanding work of voluntary organisations, community groups and individuals.

There are five award categories:

- Charity of the Year
- Charity Champion
- Partnership
- Community Action
- Campaign of the Year

You can find entry criteria and downloadable application forms along with information on previous winners and shortlisted organisations at [www.scvo.org.uk/scottishcharityawards](http://www.scvo.org.uk/scottishcharityawards). The closing date for applications is 6 April 2012.

If you have any questions regarding this year's Awards, contact [awards@scvo.org.uk](mailto:awards@scvo.org.uk)

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## **Consultations and Surveys**

### **Social Capital, Health and Wellbeing Toolkit**

[Snippets 203](#) mentioned the Social Capital, Health and Wellbeing Toolkit, which was produced by the Edinburgh Health Inequalities Standing Group approximately 2 years ago and was part of 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>.

Following the publication of the toolkit, colleagues in Edinburgh are now evaluating the resource and its supporting training sessions. If you took part in the training, or

are using the Toolkit in your organisation, please take ten minutes to give your views at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VM5TVP6>. Responses welcomed by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

### **Lone parents not in work**

One Parents Families Scotland is interested in Lone Parents views on how changes to the welfare system are affecting you and what issues need to be addressed to improve things. OPFS will use the survey results to inform government and policy makers of lone parent's views. A report will also be posted on OPFS web-site.

If you are a Lone Parent, OPFS ask that you please fill in [this online survey](#) to air your views on how the welfare system changes are affecting you and what sorts of issues need to be addressed.

### **CLD in Scotland: Development of Learners' Pathways Guide**

The CLD Standards Council in Scotland is keen to improve access to learning opportunities and develop clear career pathways for all volunteers, practitioners and managers within the community learning and development sector. To progress this work they have appointed Linked Work and Training Trust to identify and describe pathways into work within Community Learning & Development.

They have developed a survey which asks questions about your own personal learner journey and for your views on how you think the Council can improve on current provision to make it clearer for those wishing to gain entry to work in the CLD sector.

Visit the survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L5SSFQX>

### **Wanted: views on local prices and choice in remote rural areas**

If you live in a remote rural area the Office of Fair Trading wants to hear your views on:

- The prices you pay for goods and services
- The range of products on offer
- The quality of goods and of service that you receive.

This information will influence the OFT's work and help to develop ideas for the future. They are particularly keen to know:

- If you have tried to do anything to improve your access to goods and services or the prices you pay
- Any difficulties you have found in shopping around or trying to do things differently
- What you think would help to make things better.

You can use the electronic survey at: [www.of.gov.uk/OFTwork/consultations/remote-communities/](http://www.of.gov.uk/OFTwork/consultations/remote-communities/) or write to: Office of Fair Trading, 23 Walker Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HX

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## **Publications**

**All in Good Health - Spring 2012**

The first All in Good Health of 2012 – NHS Health Scotland’s magazine – can be [downloaded here](#). Scotland’s Chief Medical Officer, Sir Harry Burns is guest editor, and the main features in this edition include:

- ‘Snapshots’ – news and events from around the organisation
- ‘Embracing a new approach’ - Sir Harry Burns shares his views on health inequalities
- ‘Minding mental health’ – Laurence Gruer talks about our role in helping to shape mental health improvement work
- ‘All in the right place’ – Sheila Beck on the ‘Good Places, Better Health’ initiative
- ‘I know this much’ – Sadie Gordon, Community campaigner in Possilpark, Glasgow tells us about 5 big things in her life.

AIGH is electronic, fully interactive and allows you to click through easily, view websites and DVD’s and download online material.

### **Self-directed support Bill published**

The Scottish Government has published its Self-directed support Bill. Self-directed support gives people greater control over their own care, and the Bill aims to make this the mainstream approach for social care in Scotland. The Government states that self-directed support will play a key part in reshaping care and ensuring that people are supported to live in their own home where it is their choice to do so.

The Scottish Government is investing almost £40 million over the next three years to support the rollout of self-directed support in Scotland.

Read more and access the Bill’s documents on the [Scottish Government website](#).

### **Glasgow’s Third Sector Manifesto**

Following the consultation activity which took place through the Forum meetings held across the city earlier this year and subsequent survey, the Third Sector Manifesto was launched this month at the SECC as part of this year’s Gathering event. The Manifesto is now available for download on GCVS’s new Third Sector Forum website [www.g3sf.org](http://www.g3sf.org).

With the local authority election taking place at the beginning of May, readers in Glasgow may find it useful to use the Manifesto when speaking to local candidates. GCVS will be sending it to all potential candidates once details of these have been released.

Additionally, the Third Sector Forum will be carrying out other activity around the Manifesto in the run up to the May election including a Hustings event which will take place in early April and lobbying of candidates by members of our Third Sector Executive Committee.

### **New asset-based resource – ‘What makes us healthy?’**

Snippets readers may be familiar with the resource ‘A glass half-full’ which argued for an asset-based approach to health. Now a follow up resource, ‘What makes us healthy? The asset approach in practice: evidence, action, evaluation’ is available as a free download from [www.assetbasedconsulting.net](http://www.assetbasedconsulting.net)

‘What makes us healthy?’ has information on the evidence for the beneficial effects of assets such as social relationships and networks on health and wellbeing; ideas

about how to put asset principles into practice; and help with assessing whether these new ways of working are having an impact. This publication aims to inspire and support those who want to look again at what they are doing to improve health and wellbeing and to tackle health inequalities.

It argues that asset based working is not an alternative to properly funded public services, yet argues that these services need to take better account of the relationship between commissioners, providers, service users and communities. It puts a positive value on social relationships, self-confidence and having control of your life circumstances, and highlights the impact of such assets on people's wellbeing and resilience.

#### **IRISS Insight 14: Integration of health and social care**

The latest edition of Insight from the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS) is based on the findings of a review conducted for the Association of Directors of Social Work (ADSW)

Entitled, Integration of health and social care, it considers the evidence base for health and social care integration, and is written by Alison Petch, Director at IRISS.

Read [Insight 14](#) or [request print copies](#).

#### **Aberdeen City Council open space strategy**

The environment in which we live has have an important impact on our health, so CHEX would like to draw attention to Aberdeen City Council's city-wide open space strategy, which sets a vision for new and improved open spaces. It is based on the results of public consultation and an open space audit conducted in 2010. The strategy contains an action plan and suggests ways of working and improving the quality of open spaces. Read more on the [Aberdeen City Council website](#).

This news was adapted from an article in the [Greenspace Scotland](#) e-bulletin, which also has news of the [City of Dunfermline Area Committee's green space action plan for 2012](#).

#### **Latest WiSH e-bulletin**

Read the [Wellbeing in Sexual Health e-bulletin](#) for news on latest resources, guidelines, research, training and events around sexual health. This edition contains links to materials from WiSH's recent virtual annual conference.

#### **Paths for All e-bulletin**

The latest [Paths for All e-bulletin](#) is available with updates on walking, running and cycling events around Scotland as well as other news related to health and the third sector.

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## **Funding**

### **Young Start Fund**

The Big Lottery has announced a new fund aimed at unlocking the potential of Scotland's children and young people. The Young Start Fund will award grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 for projects lasting up to two years. It aims to support

projects that work to achieve the following outcomes for 8-24 year olds:

- Confident - Children and young people have more confidence and skills
- Healthy - Children and young people have better physical, mental and emotional health
- Connected - Younger and older generations are better connected and have more understanding and respect for each other
- Enterprising - Young people are better prepared for getting a job or starting a business

Projects will have a better chance of success if they can show young people have been meaningfully involved in the development, design and delivery of the project. Further information, application form and guidance materials are available [here](#).

### **Funding for projects which support young homeless people**

LandAid has announced that its grants programme is due to re-open for applications on the 1st May 2012. Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 will be available to support projects that:

- Provide accommodation or assist in meeting accommodation needs.
- Refurbish or renew facilities
- Deliver training, life skills or other educational programmes.

The closing date for applications will be the 31st August 2012. Visit <http://www.landaid.org/grants/> for more information.

### **Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland**

This foundation supports and works in partnership with charities operating in Scotland which are clearly focused on improving the quality of life for people who are disadvantaged or at risk of becoming disadvantaged. Read more [here](#).

### **SITA funding for physical improvements to community facilities**

Grants of up to £60,000 are available to not for profit organisations, community groups, parish councils, local authorities and charities for projects that make physical improvements to community facilities and historic buildings / structures. SITA will accept applications from projects which are within 3 miles of qualifying SITA UK waste processing sites. Grants of up to £20,000 are also available through their Fast Track Fund for projects with an overall cost of no more than £40,000.

The next closing date for applications is 10 am on the 16th April 2012 for the Fast Track Fund (formerly Small Grants Scheme) scheme and 10 am on the 19th March 2012 for the Core Fund (formerly Large Grant Scheme). Visit <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/community-funding> for more.

### **Help a Heart grants**

The British Heart Foundation has announced "Help a Heart Grants" for between £300 and £2,000 are available for voluntary and community groups for projects that could make a real difference to people living with a heart condition, or those who are at high risk of heart disease. The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting original and creative ideas, and projects must be patient led. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/5szpt7w> for more.

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## Events

### **Rural Direct roadshows (Across Scotland)**

Do you have an interest in your local community? Are you looking to develop a local project or be looking for funding to make it happen? Why not come and meet the experts at one of the Rural Direct roadshows are aimed at individuals and groups who have an interest in their local community and are looking to develop a local project or looking for funding to make it happen

Confirmed dates for future events Spring 2012

- West Lothian: West Calder Community Centre- 13 March
- Dumfries and Galloway (Stewartry): Castle Douglas Town Hall - 14 March
- Dumfries and Galloway (Nith Valley/North): A' the Airts, Sanquhar - 15 March
- Loch Lomond area: National Park HQ, Balloch - 20 March
- Aberdeenshire: Banff Castle - 22 March
- South Ayrshire (North): venue to be confirmed - 27 March
- Skye: venues to be confirmed - 28 March

Each roadshow comprises two sessions; from 3pm to 5pm and from 6pm to 8pm. You will be made most welcome at whichever session suits you best. Contact for more information: [Andy Stewart](#).

### **Saving money on food (Aberdeen)**

Love Food, a free event hosted by Aberdeen Forward will take place on Tuesday 27th March (6pm - 8pm). The event will look at creative ways to reduce your food waste, and there will be advice on clever purchasing habits, hints on how to make sure you only cook what you need and free recipes and special tips for reusing your leftovers in creative ways.

If you would like any more information about this event or you'd like to reserve a place,

please contact Aberdeen Forward on 01224 560360 or visit:

[www.aberdeenforward.org/contact-us](http://www.aberdeenforward.org/contact-us)

### **Win tickets for Edinburgh International Science Festival family extravaganza day as part of Greener Scotland Campaign (Edinburgh)**

We mentioned above that CHEX is trying to do our bit for the Scottish Government's Greener Scotland Campaign.

As part of the same campaign, you can win tickets to the Edinburgh International Science Festival family extravaganza day on Sunday 1 April, where there'll be hundreds of workshops, shows and interactive events taking place. Festival goers young and old will get the chance to learn about, marvel at and get hands-on with everything from cooking lessons to chemistry experiments to invisibility cloaks!

Courtesy of Scotland's Greener Together campaign, all you need to do to enter the competition is sign up free to the new movement to create a cleaner, greener Scotland.

Click on the following link to enter <http://action.greenerScotland.org/scdcsciencecomp>

### **Equality Local Government Election Manifestos Meeting (Edinburgh)**

As the election to the City of Edinburgh Council is scheduled to be held in May 2012, Edinburgh & Lothians Regional Equality Council (ELREC) would like to encourage

members of all protected characteristics to engage with the leaders of major political parties to help them to speak about their election manifestos. Taking place on Monday 19 March 2012 at Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL, 6:30pm his meeting will enable you to interact with the politicians to discuss their manifestos, on key equality priorities and what they can do to deliver equality and foster good community relations in Edinburgh.

The following leaders and representative of political parties will participate as Panel Members.

- Cllr Jenny Dawe, Leader, Liberal Democrat
- Cllr Norman Work, Scottish National Party
- Cllr Andrew Burns, Leader, Labour Party
- Cllr Jeremy Balfour, Leader, Conservative Party
- Cllr Steve Burgess, Leader, Green Party

Click [here](#) for more information.

### **SDEN Annual Conference (Edinburgh)**

The Sustainable Development Education (SDE) Network's annual conference, entitled 'Myth Busting: The Economy vs. Sustainability. Why Capitalism isn't the Big Bully it thinks it is' will take place on Thursday 29 March at City Chambers Edinburgh. This is an opportunity for the SDE community to meet, talk, share and learn. The conference will offer a mix of speakers to challenge and stretch our thinking, as well as provide workshops to share knowledge, skills and practical activities.

The keynote speaker will be Lord Rector of Edinburgh University, Peter McColl, who will explore the myths surrounding the economy, capitalism and meeting the sustainability challenge, and workshops will focus on alternative business and finance such as social enterprises, co-operatives and credit unions. Projects will also be able to promote themselves at the information table, or by displaying pop-up banners around the conference room.

The conference is free for SDE members, so SDE urges anyone interested to sign up! To book a place, email [coordinator@sdenetwork.org](mailto:coordinator@sdenetwork.org) or call 07506 189 600.

### **Data visualisation event (Glasgow)**

The Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS) data visualisation team are running a free data visualisation day on 21st March 2012. The day is organised into neatly apportioned sessions to co-create data visualisations with people from the social services sector who would like to try to visualise the data they deal with on a day-to-day basis. These sessions are now fully booked but IRISS will also provide a number of 'curiosity seats' for those interested in coming along as spectators. So if you, or someone you know, would be 'curious' to know more, they can come along and take part.

Details of the event can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/2981954105/esearch?srnk=1&ebtv=C>

### **5th Ethnic Minority 3rd Sector Network Meeting (Glasgow)**

"I am going to get myself Elected" will take place on Thursday 22 March 2012, 5.30pm – 8.00pm, 423 Paisley Road West, Glasgow G51 1PZ (Entrance via North Gower Street). The theme for the meeting will be local council elections May 2012. The debate and discussions will cover the following three themes:

- Why should ethnic minorities be involved in democratic processes?

- What are the perceived barriers?
- Party politics versus community needs?

The invited guest speaker is Hanzala Malik MSP, and a panel debate with questions and answers will take place with the following panel members:

- Cllr Jahngir Hanif                      SNP
- Tahir Mohammed                      SNP
- Cllr Mohammed Razaq              Labour
- Raja Hanif                                  Labour

Click [here](#) for more details and to download booking forms

### **Growing Communities Networking Event (Inverness)**

This Growing Communities in Scotland event will be a good opportunity to share ideas and information, and to hear about waste reduction and composting. These L'Arche Workshops will take place at Inverness on 4th April 2012, 10.15am - 3.30pm. There will be an update on the work of Trellis and the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens. Visit <http://www.farmgarden.org.uk/events/growing-communities-in-scotland-networking-event> for more details.

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## **Conferences and Seminars**

### **Inclusion Scotland event (Dunfermline)**

Inclusion Scotland will be facilitating a seminar on 'Welfare Reform'(10am – 12.30pm) and promoting their 'Human Rights Toolkit'(1.15pm – 3.15pm) on Wednesday 28th March 2012 at The Vine Venue, 131 Garvock Hill, Dunfermline KY11 4JU.

The morning will consist of an up-to-date briefing on the current situation in welfare reform and its potential impact upon disabled people. The afternoon will consist of a short presentation about the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of Disabled People (UNCRPD).

This will be followed by an explanation of the toolkit and how it can be used by disabled person's organisations.

Lunch and refreshments will be available and you will be able to claim reasonable travel expenses on the day. To book your place and to discuss access and dietary requirements please contact: Angela on 0141-221 7589 or e-mail:

[info@inclusionscotland.org](mailto:info@inclusionscotland.org)

### **Scottish annual permaculture gathering (Edinburgh)**

Permaculture Scotland's Annual Gathering will take place at Old St Pauls Church Hall, Jeffrey St, Edinburgh, EH1 1DH on March 24, 2012, 10am - 5pm. The meeting will include workshops, seed swaps, kids workshops, presentations and news.

Places are limited so Permaculture Scotland recommends booking at <http://permaculturescotland2012.eventbrite.com/>. If this is not possible please phone James on 07790 265883. In terms of cost, there is a £5 suggested donation on the door and participants are asked to bring a dish of food to share.

### **Developing Community Car Clubs Conference & half-day workshop (Inverness)**

Discover how Car Clubs contribute to strengthening rural communities and reducing transport poverty on Tuesday 20th - Wednesday 21st March, 2012 at Waterside Hotel, Inverness, 19 Ness Bank, IV2 4SF. A series of presentations, case studies and workshops will provide delegates with an inspiring overview of the work in progress in community-owned Car Clubs. Hear about the benefits Car Clubs have to offer to rural communities and small towns, and the lessons learned from the Developing Car Clubs in Scotland programme.

For more information call 0113 234 9299 or email [info@carplus.org.uk](mailto:info@carplus.org.uk) or to book visit: [www.carplus.org.uk/events](http://www.carplus.org.uk/events).

### **Coming of age: transitions to adulthood (Irvine)**

Following on from the Children in Europe conference, this half day seminar in association with Quarriers will explore key issues around transitions in young adulthood including integrated services, disability, looked after children and transitions to employment. The seminar will take place on 21 March 2012, Gailes Hotel, Irvine, Ayrshire

Book online now at [www.childrenscotland.org.uk/quarriers](http://www.childrenscotland.org.uk/quarriers). Prices from £54.

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## **Training**

### **Workshops on Social Accounting and Social Capital (various locations)**

The Social Audit Network (SAN) in Scotland and Assist Social Capital are delivering one-day training sessions on Getting to grips with Social Accounting and Auditing and another half-day on Getting to Grips with Social Capital. The workshops are targeted at organisations interested in understanding and applying a social capital strategy to unlock intangible assets in their organisations and communities. Participants will gain a clear understanding of the social accounting and audit process and whether it is right for their organisation. Forthcoming workshops:

- Glasgow, 27th April 2012
- Edinburgh, 17th May 2012
- Dundee, 30th August 2012
- Inverness, 25th October 2012

For more information on costs and a booking form click [here](#).

### **Training for youth workers and youth work volunteers (Aberdeenshire and Stirling)**

Youth Scotland is running a series of free local training events across Scotland for Youth Workers/Leaders whether paid, sessional or volunteers. Participants will be able to develop new skills, increase their knowledge and meet other youth workers. Upcoming dates are:

- Aberdeenshire: Saturday 21st April, Wyness Hall, Jackson Street, Inverurie, AB51 3QB. Workshop topics: Terrific Toolkits, PVG Scheme Info Session, Games.
- Stirling: Saturday 28th April, Raploch Community Campus, Drip Road, Stirling, FK8 3RA. Workshop topics: Evaluation and Outcomes, Young People

and Self Esteem, Youth Participation, Young People, Alcohol and Drugs

Book your place for both events [here](#).

### **CLD staff development in community empowerment (Inverness)**

Education Scotland has been providing 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 next event is on Tues 27 March, Inverness, 10:00 to 15:00 - [Book](#)

### **Media courses (Glasgow)**

Glasgow Centre for the Voluntary Sector (GCVS) have five new courses to boost your online expertise:

- Video for the web, Thursday 22nd March 2012
- Writing for the web, Thursday 19th April 2012
- Using Twitter and Facebook for your organisation, Thursday 10th May 2012
- Social Media Basics, Wednesday 30th May 2012
- Measuring your online success, Thursday 7th June 2012

Visit the [GCVS website](#) for more information on the full range of courses.

### **Professional Development Award in Youth Work (Grangemouth)**

The PDA in Youth Work is a part time course aiming to provide candidates a nationally certificated qualification which meets the needs of the youth work sector, allows them to demonstrate that they have the required skills and knowledge to work with young people, and which is based on the National Occupational Standards.

The award is comprised of three Higher National Units:

- Understanding and Exploring Youth Work (Theory of Youth Work)
- Engaging with Young People (Youth Work Practice)
- Delivering Youth Work (Work based Placement)

The course starts on May and Linked Work and Training Trust is currently taking applications for it. Click [here](#) to find out more.

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## **Vacancies**

### **Development Workers (Edinburgh)**

The National CEDAR (Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse Recovery) Project is looking for 2 highly enthusiastic national development workers (35 hours per week, £26,424 - £33,087) who will be based at Scottish Women's Aid to provide information, support and training to a burgeoning membership. Both post holders will be experienced development workers with a proven track record in working with a wide range of partners and in achieving strategic outcomes. Visit <http://www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk/about-scottish-womens-aid/job-vacancies> for more.

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

Positive Action Training in Housing is seeking to appoint an experienced Trainee Co-ordinator (Salary £20,561) to provide support for up to 30 Trainees entering traineeships in Housing and other sectors. The traineeship combines practical on the job work experience with an academic qualification. The post holder will work with placement supervisors, trainees, colleges and universities to ensure that trainees are receiving appropriate support and training.

To apply for this post please contact: PATH (Scotland), 29 Park Circus, Glasgow, G3 6AP. Telephone 0141 332 9477. E-mail [recruitment@pathscotland.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@pathscotland.org.uk). Closing date 1pm, Monday 26 March 2012.

### **Creative Writing Tutor (Glasgow)**

Visibility are seeking a creative writing tutor (£25 per hour - 2 hours per week) for their "Go Active" classes, which have been running since 2001. The creative writing takes place on Monday mornings from 10.00am to 12.00pm and there are approx 10 participants in the class. For more details please contact Rosemary Cameron on 0141 332 4632 or email [Rosemary@visibility.org.uk](mailto:Rosemary@visibility.org.uk). See further details at <http://www.visibility.org.uk/work-with-us/employment/>. Closing date April 5th 2012

### **Regeneration and Development Officer (Glasgow)**

Yoker Community Campus is seeking an experienced, competent and enthusiastic Regeneration and Development Officer (Part time, 20 hours, £31,658 pro-rata) with a proven knowledge and successful record of designing, managing and developing community based training facilities and employability initiatives. Read more [here](#). Closing date 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Community Chef (Glasgow)**

North Glasgow Community Food Initiative is looking for a Community Chef (22 hours pw, c£20,000 pro rata). Visit <http://www.ngcffi.org.uk/id16.html> for more details and to apply. Closing date – 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Business Manager (Glasgow)**

GalGael is seeking a Business Manager (Salary of £32,000) to manage a range of business activities including; hardwood product range, bespoke commissions, timber processing and events. The successful applicant will have responsibility for attracting new business, managing production, costing and pricing, the marketing of our products and general operations. Visit <http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/jobs/9940?top=1> for full details. Closing date is 23 March.

### **Chief Executive Officer (Glasgow)**

Youth Community Support Agency is advertising for a new CEO. At present the post is for one year till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2013. Application will be made for continued funding thereafter.

Salary, conditions of employment etc can be obtained by requesting a job description and application from [careers@ycsa.org.uk](mailto:careers@ycsa.org.uk). Closing date is 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.

### **P/T Development Officer (Kincardine & Mearns)**

CVS Aberdeenshire looking to recruit someone with the specialist knowledge and expertise needed to guide and support Community and Voluntary Sector groups and organisations across southern Aberdeenshire. The postholder will also be expected to represent the needs and capabilities of the Third Sector in Kincardine & Mearns through the Area Community Planning structure. Experience in supporting organisations with funding, business planning, the community takeover of public

assets or other Third Sector activities would be an advantage.

21 hours per week. Salary negotiable. For an application pack, email [mail@cvsa.co.uk](mailto:mail@cvsa.co.uk) or call 01330 825027. Closing date for applications: midday on Monday 2nd April 2012.

### **Project worker (Lothians and Falkirk)**

The Action Group seek a project worker (19.5 hours per week £24,000 pro rata) to work on developing services in line with the self-directed support agenda and helping service users access a greater range of support provision through the various SDS options. This will be likely to involve a degree of campaigning and advocacy work, both on a case work level with individuals, and on a wider level within local authorities and national practice. Visit <http://www.actiongroup.org.uk> for more info. Closing date 21 March.

### **NHS Board member (Orkney)**

NHS Orkney is looking for three new members to join its Board (Salary: £7,332 per annum). As a non-executive member of the Board, you will be expected to play a central role in guiding the strategies which address the health priorities and health care needs of the resident population.

If you would like to find out more about the role, contact Chairman, John Ross Scott, by calling Emma Laughton, Personal Assistant to the Board Chair, on 01856 888064; or by emailing [emma.laughton@nhs.net](mailto:emma.laughton@nhs.net). Closing date: 30th March 2012

### **Public Relations and Communications Officer (Perth)**

Woodland Trust Scotland requires a Public Relations and Communications Officer (£21,000 - 26,000 per annum) to promote the work of Woodland Trust Scotland primarily through media relations, but also through website, social media, e-newsletters, magazines and site based information. They are looking for high quality, high impact and consistent communications to raise the profile of the organisation with our key audiences, including opinion formers, the media, our members and the general public. Full details at <http://digbig.com/5bfrih>.

Closing Date: 22nd March 2012

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## **Websites**

### **Asset based approaches in Scotland**

The Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS) has set up a webspace called Asset based approaches in Scotland - where resources can be shared and issues discussed and taken forward. Anyone not already registered for the public service community of practice site will need to do so before they can access this. Once you get to the site you'll see a range of discussion forums, such as:

- Case studies of good practice
- Defining terms
- Asset proofing documents and policies
- Communication and Branding
- Measurement and Evaluation

- Asset Mapping

The site can be found here:

<https://knowledgehub.local.gov.uk/group/assetbasedapproachesinscotland>

## Campaigns

### **‘See me’ launches ‘What’s On Your Mind?’**

On 22nd February 2012 ‘see me’, Scotland’s national campaign to end the stigma and discrimination of mental ill-health, launched ‘What’s On Your Mind?’ – a new campaign aimed at 13-15 year olds. The campaign resource pack - a short film and engaging activities - encourages young people to talk about mental ill-health and stigma, and support their friends. The resource packs are sent to schools and youth groups. The pack is also accessible from: [www.seemescotland.org/whatsonyourmind](http://www.seemescotland.org/whatsonyourmind). There you can also add yourself to our Wall of Support, ‘like’ us on [Facebook](#) or ‘follow’ the campaign on [Twitter](#).

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