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Celebrating 12 years of supporting and promoting healthy communities

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 Dundee-based CHEX network member organisation, The Corner. **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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The next issue of Snippets will be Friday 13th April so please send anything you would like to be included before Wednesday 11th. You can send information/material for inclusion in CHEX-Point Snippets by sending an email to andrew@scdc.org.uk or phoning 0141 222 4837. CHEX-Point Snippets is provided by CHEX – Community Health Exchange and compiled by Andrew Paterson. Thanks to all contributors to this edition.

Regards

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CHEX News

SafeSpace photography project - the story behind the photograph

Earlier this year, CHEX invited network members to share their photographs of community-led health activity as part of a photo competition. We received a diverse range of photographs which represent the breadth of activity across Scotland and were delighted to receive images of communities at work in achieving positive health outcomes.

We found the photograph entitled 'Friendship' particularly striking in representing the outcomes for the participants of SafeSpace in Dunfermline. While community-led health approaches consistently need to demonstrate robust evidence through facts and figures this photograph shows the power of relationship building and working together. We asked Pauline McGee, Manager of SafeSpace to tell us more about the background to the photograph, and she kindly provided some information.

Click [here](#) to read what she said and to view the winning photograph.

HIIC - an introduction from HIIC tutors

At the recent HIIC tutor conference, we asked some of the HIIC tutors to tell us about their involvement in the course and the impact it has in their communities. More videos to follow - but watch their brief introduction to HIIC here!

<http://youtu.be/K5EJV-14qec>

HIIC stands for Health Issues In The Community and is a training programme aimed at increasing community capacity, increasing community participation, and establishing/ consolidating community development approaches to tackling inequalities in health. Read more about HIIC [here](#) on the CHEX website.

New opening times at The Corner

CHEX network member, The Corner, has announced new longer opening hours from 1st April 2012. Based in Dundee and funded in partnership with Dundee City Council, NHS Tayside and Dundee Partnership, The Corner provides health, information and peer-led Services for Young People between the ages of 11 and 25.

The Drop-in times will be Monday to Friday 2 - 6pm and Saturday 1 - 4pm. 'Support-U' appointments will also be available between 12 - 2pm Monday to Friday.

To find out more about The Corner and the services it offers, please visit www.thecorner.co.uk

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General Information

Early Years Taskforce priorities and new fund

The Scottish Government's Early Years Taskforce has issued a paper setting out the shared priorities in taking forward the Early Years Preventative Spend agenda.

CHEX and SCDC (CHEX's parent organisation) are pleased to note that the paper puts emphasis on supporting families and communities to achieve their own outcomes. Priorities include:

- Helping children, families and communities to secure outcomes for themselves.
- A focus on engagement and empowerment of children, families and communities

In more detail, the paper states:

"We want to empower our communities to shape the provision they need in their local area. To help achieve this we will establish a Communities and Families Fund to support local projects that bring real tangible benefits for children and families such as community playgroups, crèches, wrap around care provision, community outreach, parents' groups and wider family support."

The Taskforce aims to take forward commitments laid out in the Early Years Framework prioritising the early years of children's lives and early intervention. CHEX and SCDC endorse these priorities and welcome the new fund.

Download the full document here:

www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0038/00389841.doc

Mental Health Strategy - emerging thoughts

The Scottish Government has brought together some of its initial findings from its consultation on the Mental Health Strategy. The update is available [here](#), and is intended to give an early update on how the strategy is being developed rather than a complete list of everything that will appear in the strategy. The Government is currently analysing over 340 written responses to the consultation, which ran from September 2011 to January 2012. The final Mental Health Strategy will be published before Summer 2012.

You can read a briefing based on CHEX's response to the consultation [here](#).

SCDC Response to the development of refreshed strategic guidance on CLD

CHEX's parent organisation, the Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC), has responded to the consultation on the development of refreshed strategic

guidance for Community Learning and Development (CLD). It responds directly to the questions set out in the consultation survey, emphasising the integral role CLD has in enabling communities to become more resilient and building the capacity of community-led organisations. We argue that CLD as an *approach* should be wary of focusing too much on learning at the expense of regeneration, health and community safety. Download or read the full consultation response [here](#).

New Mind Waves programme from Outside the Box

The Mind Waves pilot programme, aimed at promoting mental health through positive use of the media, has gone live! The Community Reporters have been busy and their stories are now on their blog. To find out more you can go to Outside the Box's website: www.otbds.org/mindwaves or you can go to their blog: <http://mindwavesnews.wordpress.com/>. You can also keep up to date by going on twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/MindWaves1>

Shelter Scotland – helping people who are worried about their housing

Shelter Scotland is committed to making free, impartial, confidential and comprehensive housing advice and information available how and where people need it, with the aim of increasing people's access to advice and information. This is based on the recognition that, for individuals, feeling confident and empowered is pivotal to helping them resolve their issues now and in the future. Shelter Scotland knows that community-led health organisations provide a range of support and advice to individuals in communities, and encourage CHEX network members and CHEX-Point Snippets readers to signpost people they work with to their services using:

- a free national helpline 0808 800 4444
- a website full of advice for tenants, landlords and homeowners
www.shelter.org.uk/getadvicescot

Climate Challenge Fund – who has been funded

The Scottish Government has announced the 43 groups across Scotland that have been awarded funds totalling over £6.9 million for the next three years under the Climate Challenge Fund (CCF).

The CCF helps communities reduce their carbon footprints and contribute to Scotland reaching its climate change target of reducing carbon emissions by 80 per cent by 2050. The current round of applications, includes successful applications for the new Junior Climate Challenge Fund which aims to allocate funds to projects that are run by young people.

Read more on the [Scottish Government website](#)

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Consultations and Surveys

National Parenting Strategy

The Scottish Government seeks the views of early years workers as it develops the National Parenting Strategy.

The strategy will focus on parents of children of all ages, as well as parents-to-be and is aimed at all parents and carers. It will be built on the views of parents, and these are currently being gathered through a series of discussion groups taking place

across Scotland. The views of practitioners – particularly those who provide services to children and families – are also being sought.

There will be an opportunity for detailed comment through the forthcoming formal consultation on the Children's Bill. For the meantime, more information can be found on the [Scottish Government website](#)

Social Care (Self-directed Support)

The Scottish Parliament's Health and Sport Committee opened a call at the start of March for written views from all interested parties on the general principles of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill.

The Bill makes legislative provisions relating to the arranging of care and support in order to provide a range of choices to individuals as to how they are to be provided with their support.

The Committee states that it welcomes evidence from individuals as well as from organisations and professional bodies. Click here to read more about the consultation on [the Scottish Parliament website](#). The consultation ends on Tuesday 24 April 2012.

Views sought on Scottish Welfare Reform Bill

The Scottish Parliament's Welfare Reform Committee has asked for comments on the general principles of the Scottish Government's Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill. The Scottish Government states that the Bill has been published to ensure that devolved policies such as the provision of free school meals and blue badge parking will continue to operate in Scotland after changes are made to the UK benefit system. Read more about the bill [here](#), and about the consultation process [here](#).

RCUK survey

Research Council UK (RCUK) is seeking views of people in business, the public sector and voluntary and community organisations to understand what their research needs are, how research bodies currently meet them and how they might better meet them in the future. The aim of this 2012 User Satisfaction Survey is to gather feedback which will help organisations gain better access to research funding in collaboration with UK universities, build new relationships and networks, and gain access to skills and expertise. The online survey will go live in April and is being conducted by Pye Tait on behalf of RCUK. CHEX will keep you updated through Snippets, but for more information email sarah.townsend@rcuk.ac.uk

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Publications

Using evidence to promote positive outcomes in East Dunbartonshire

A new case study has been published by the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services on using evidence to promote positive outcomes in social work at East Dunbartonshire Council.

It demonstrates how East Dunbartonshire Council has utilised the evidence from their inspection report, as well as frameworks and supports that are founded on evidence to respond to the recommendations and make improvements.

This case study forms part of a project to showcase evidence-informed practice in Scotland. Read the East Dunbartonshire Council case study [here](#), and view all the case studies in the series [here](#).

Child Poverty Strategy – Annual Report

The Scottish Government has produced a report highlighting some of the key measures taken by the Scottish Government since the publication of the Child Poverty Strategy for Scotland in March 2011, and references some of the activity that will be taken forward across the 3 year span of the strategy. Read more about the report and download it for yourself on the [Employability & Tackling Poverty website](#).

Account of community ownership in Highlands and Islands

Over the past 20 years many communities in the Highlands and Islands have taken ownership of land and other material assets. This has resulted in new homes, new businesses and new confidence attracting many new residents. Now, an authoritative and evocative account of this story has been written by Professor Jim Hunter, published by the Island Book Trust and supported by the Carnegie UK Trust. 'From the Low Tide of the Sea to the Highest Mountain Tops' was launched at the Community Land Scotland conference in Mull on 14 March, and a reception for the book will be held in the Scottish Parliament on 18 April. You can buy the book [here](#).

New REFRESH publication

The first paper from REFRESH has been published in Nicotine and Tobacco Research. It is called 'Factors Influencing Exposure to Second hand Smoke in Preschool Children Living With Smoking Mothers' and can be found at the following link:

<http://ntr.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2012/03/15/ntr.nts074.full.pdf?keytype=ref&ijkey=7cUyT5NibqNiW9e>

A How to Guide, for both parents and professionals, can also be accessed from this site: <http://www.refreshproject.org.uk/how-to-guide/>

The REFRESH project aims to increase practitioner and parent knowledge of second-hand smoke (SHS) exposure in the home and its effects on children's health, test a new intervention to reduce SHS in the home, and improve associated policy and practice to reduce children's' exposure to SHS. REFRESH is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and managed and led by ASH Scotland, in partnership with Universities of Aberdeen and Edinburgh.

Outside the Box publications

The **Shared Strengths** policy and practice paper is now available on the Outside the Box website to download. Shared Strengths is an informal network of people who recognise that some adults use self harm as a means of coping. The dates for the next 5 sets of meetings are also available if you want to come along. To find out more go to: www.otbds.org/sharedstrengths

Moving On To Adult Life consists of 3 sets of resources around helping young people with disabilities with the next steps after school - to help their families and the staff working with them to think about their options and choices. Outside the Box has now made them available to download from the website, and you can find them here: <http://www.otbds.org/movingon>

Self Directed Support - About The Bill - it was introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 29th February. It is called the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland)

Bill. Outside the Box have produced some useful notes;

- Our summary of the Bill – what it says.
- A note on the stages of a Bill becoming an Act of Parliament.
- A note on how to suggest changes or make other comments.
- The list of questions for the Stage 1 inquiry.

These are available at: <http://www.otbds.org/sdsbill>

Outside the Box recently worked with the **Grampian Family Support Forum** whose members are or have been affected by drug addiction within their families. The majority attend Family Support Groups throughout the North East of Scotland. The forum used 'lived experience' to make positive changes within their communities. It also held an event to raise awareness that recovery from drug addiction can and does happen, and the important role of family members during that recovery. This report is available to download at: <http://www.otbds.org/grampianfamilies>

Report into causes of last summer's riots in England

A report from the Riots Communities and Victims Panel – set up to research the causes of last summer's riots in England – has argued that disenfranchised young people and their families need to have more stake in society if the same situation is to be avoided in future. It highlights the plight of more than 500,000 families who have little power over their own lives. Amongst its recommendations the report calls for better community engagement, involvement and cohesion. Read the full and summary report [here](#), or a Guardian article on the subject [here](#).

CDAS Bulletin

Click [here](#) to view the extremely informative March e-bulletin from Community Development Alliance Scotland (CDAS). This edition includes:

- Briefings on CDAS response to two Scottish Government consultations: Strategic Guidance for Community Learning and Development, and Review of Unified Voluntary Sector Fund and CLD HQ Funds.
- A critical analysis of the Scottish Government and COSLA's Statement of Ambition on community planning, arguing that the Statement misses an opportunity to push for 'bottom-up' community planning.
- A summary of the UK Government's Social Justice Strategy
- News and comment about the Scottish Government's Community Engagement team moving from the Regeneration and Commonwealth Games division to Local Government and Third Sector Directorate.

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Funding

Coastal Communities Fund

This £23.7 million UK-wide fund from the Big Lottery supports the development of coastal areas, promoting sustainable economic growth and jobs, so that people are better able to respond to changing economic needs and opportunities. Different levels of funding have been allocated throughout the UK, and there are separate allocations for the Highlands and Islands (£1.85m) and the rest of Scotland (£2.05m).

Individual bids will be invited from £50,000 upwards. The funds can be used to support both capital and revenue, and projects and communities will be encouraged to match funds with other pots of money. Innovative bids will be welcomed from businesses, social enterprises, local enterprise partnerships, charities, voluntary groups and local authorities supporting economic development within the community.

Applications must be received by 27 April 2012. For further information visit: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_coastal_communities_fund, call 0300 456 4746 or email enquiries@bigfund.org.uk.

Scottish Government funding for grass roots sport

The Scottish Government has announced a £10 million fund to support Community groups in Scotland to build, upgrade and improve sports and physical activity facilities. Under the scheme, grants of up to £250,000 can be applied for to encourage participation in sport in the wake of the Commonwealth Games. The fund will be administered by Sportscotland, and will be spread over three years.

See the [Scottish Government website](#) for more information on this new fund.

Comic Relief reopens

Comic Relief has announced that its UK Grant making programmes will re-open for applications on the 10th April 2012. Funding of between £25,000 and £40,000 will be available to third sector organisations operating in the areas of:

- Young people and mental health
- Sexually exploited and trafficked young people
- Domestic and sexual abuse, Mental health
- Young people and alcohol
- Refugee and asylum-seeking women.

The closing date for applications will be 12 noon on the 29th June 2012.

On the same date, Comic Relief is also opening the Sport Change and Older People's Programme 'Managing Money Better' programmes. These will also open for applications on the 10th April but will have a closing date of 12 noon on the 8th June 2012.

For details of both funds visit <http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/apply-for-a-uk-grant>

2014 Communities Grant from Big

2014 Communities is a new micro grants programme, offering local sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, community councils and schools grants of £300 to £2,000 to support and stimulate grass roots involvement in sport and physical activity. Visit http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_2014_communities/ for more on this.

Community Links Programme 2012/13

Sustrans are now calling for applications to the Community Links Programme 2012 - 13. Download the [Community Links Programme Application Information](#) and a [Community Links 2012 -13 Grant Application form](#) (you will need to complete one per project). If you have any questions or queries after reviewing the information, the Community Links Team (Graeme or Katherine) are available to discuss. All applications must be received with all supporting evidence no later than 1700 on May 11th 2012 to Community.Links@sustrans.org.uk. Early applications are appreciated.

St Nicholas Care Fund

St Nicholas Care Fund encourages applications from groups and organisations working with people in need in the following categories:

- Children, young people and older people
- Those disadvantaged by poverty, disability or unemployment
- Those who have suffered or are suffering from mental health problems.

For an application pack please contact Development Officer, PCT, St Nicholas Care Fund, 196 Clyde Street, GLASGOW. G1 4JY. 0141 226 5898, or email:

PCT@rcag.org.uk. Follow this link for more:

<http://www.stnicholasbox.org.uk/index.php?pid=3>

BT Award Scheme promoting internet access

Organisations which help people access the internet and improve their ICT skills could be eligible to apply for a BT Get IT Together Award in the Technology4Good Award Scheme. To apply for an award go to www.technology4goodawards.org.uk, where you can find the online application form and read the full rules and guidance notes. The closing date for applications is Friday 18

Patient Group Bursary Awards

Healthcare Company "Sanofi" has announced that its 2012 Patient Group Bursary Awards scheme is now open for applications. Through the scheme three awards will be made to patient groups within the UK that can demonstrate that their programmes can deliver empowerment and information to patients in the face of major cultural and structural changes within the NHS.

Successful applicants will receive a grant to the value of either £25,000, £15,000 or £10,000. In 2011 Patient Group Bursary Awards were awarded to Breakthrough Breast Cancer and the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Trust. The closing date for applications is the 27th April 2012. Click [here](#) for more details.

Community Radio Fund

The Community Radio Fund will open for applications on the 9th April 2012. Under this Ofcom fund, Community Radio Stations can apply for funding to support their core running costs. The average grant awarded over the last few years has been in the region of £15,000, and the closing date for applications is 5pm on the 11th May 2012.

Visit [http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/commun radio/Communityfund/](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/commun_radio/Communityfund/) for more.

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Events

Youth Buzz (Airdrie)

Youth Buzz is hosting its AGM on Thursday 12 April from 4.15pm-5.30pm at Airdrie's @ Home Centre. One of the aims of Youth Buzz is to be as inclusive as possible to all young people in North Lanarkshire and give as many young people as possible the opportunity to attend the AGM.

If you would like further information or attend, please contact June Ford on 01236 812578, or e-mail FordJu@northlan.gov.uk.

Age Scotland's election hustings (Dumfries)

Age Scotland's next election husting will be taking place in the afternoon of 16 April at St George's Church Hall in Dumfries. The husting will have council candidates from all 4 main political parties and will give you the opportunity to put your questions to your prospective councillors ahead the Local Government Election on May 3rd 2012.

Please contact morag.halliday@agescotland.org.uk if you would like to attend the event. Visit <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/get-involved/campaign/> for more information.

Public involvement in the NHS: Work in progress? (Edinburgh)

This free session asks: What is the NHS's shift towards public participation producing on the ground? How is this affecting the institution and the range of people who engage with it? What are the practical challenges of public involvement? What should happen next? A mixed panel of academics and practitioners will briefly share their perspectives and experiences. Everyone is welcome to participate, and to attend the drinks reception afterwards.

The event takes place on the 6th Floor of the Chrystal Macmillan Building, George Square, University of Edinburgh, on the 4th April, 5-6.30pm, with drinks and nibbles afterwards. For more information and to register click [here](#).

Developing Peer Support for Long Term Conditions (Edinburgh)

On 17th April 2012 at the John McIntyre Centre in Edinburgh, the Mental Health Foundation will be running the first of two Scotland-wide networking events to support the development of peer support services for people with long term conditions.

As part of a larger project funded by the LTCAS Self Management Fund, this one day event aims to bring together organisations with an interest in developing or delivering peer support to share knowledge, good practice and ideas for how we can build the quality and extend the reach of peer support services across Scotland.

Presenters include current deliverers of peer support services, such as Waverley Care and Angus Cardiac Group. There will also be a chance to hear from the Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland on the role of the GP as potential referrer to peer support.

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities that exist when developing peer support for people with long term conditions. They will also have the chance to find out how to link into other networking, training and learning activities offered through the project over the coming year.

To register for this event, or find out further information about this project, please contact Janine Bowie, jbowie@mhf.org.uk tel: 0131 243 3800

Men's 10K (Glasgow)

Men's Health Forum Scotland's 10K for men will take place at Bellahouston Park, Glasgow, on the 17th June 2012. [Registration](#) is now open for this year's event.

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Conferences and Seminars

Common Cause Workshop (Edinburgh)

This full day workshop explores the work around [Common Cause](#) and the implications of this for environmental and social change. Relevant to anyone working on social or environmental issues, the workshop will:

- Introduce participants to research on values and their impact on behaviour
- Introduce participants to research on frames and how they affect the meaning and influence of our communications
- Illustrate the implications of values and frames with practical examples
- Offer participants an opportunity to discuss the implications of this new understanding of values and frames for their work.

The workshop will be on 25th April in Edinburgh and will run from 9.30am to 4.00pm and you can find further details and book your place [here](#).

European Year for Active Ageing Event (Edinburgh)

This event will take place on Friday 27 April 2012 at the Scottish Parliament from 10.00am - 3.30pm. Coordinated by Long Term Conditions Alliance Scotland in collaboration with the Joint Improvement Team, the Scottish Government, NHS Health Scotland, academic partners and community organisations, aims to promote cross sector collaboration on healthy and active ageing, and to share innovative ways to promote physical activity for older people, including those living with a disability.

Find out more and register at <http://www.ltcas.org.uk/news-and-events/events/date/1335484800/> or contact louise.wanczycki@ltcas.org.uk 0141 404 0231.

Children's Services in Scotland (Edinburgh)

Capita's 3rd National Children's Services in Scotland Conference takes place in Edinburgh on Tuesday, 22 May 2012, and addresses the challenge of embedding the Getting it right for every child (GIRFEC) approach across all public services. It prepares you for forthcoming policy developments, including the Rights of Children and Young People Bill and the subsequent Children's Services Bill in 2013. Featuring leading practitioners and experts from across the Scottish Public Sector, this event aims to equip you with practical knowledge to take forward your local service provision whilst complementing national priorities and guidance.

Key issues covered include:

- Preventative spending and funding early intervention
- Embedding GIRFEC approaches across all public services including the police and health sectors
- Tackling complex issues around parental substance misuse and youth offending
- Successful interventions in the critical early years settings
- Establishing robust models of integrated working and managing culture change

Click [here](#) for more details, including costs.

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Training

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](#).

Deaf Action - Upcoming courses (Edinburgh)

The next Pre-Level 2 BSL course from Deaf Action will take place from 12th June until 7th August 2012. It will take place on Tuesday evenings, 6pm to 8.30pm, at Deaf Action, 49 Albany Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3QY and costs £120.

The Pre-Level 3 BSL course runs at the same dates, times and at place, but costs £150.

If you would like to find out more or book a place, contact Charlene Thomson, Social Enterprise Administrator, on 0131 556 3128 (voice and text), 0131 557 8283 (fax), or by email at learn@deafaction.org.

RSPH Diploma in Nutrition and Health (Glasgow)

Community Food and Health Scotland (CFHS) wants more people to be able to deliver the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland (REHIS) Elementary Food and Health course in their communities. Holders of the Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) Diploma in Nutrition and Health can apply to REHIS to register as tutors to deliver the Elementary Food and Health course.

To this end, CFHS is offering to pay the course fees for seven community food practitioners to obtain the RSPH Diploma in Nutrition and Health. The course is being delivered by the Nutrition Training Company in Glasgow over 4 ½ days, from **11- 15 June 2012 (exam 27 June)**. Applicants must have the RSPH certificate in Nutrition and Health or an equivalent qualification.

If you are interested in taking up this opportunity, please read carefully the [accompanying information \(PDF 41 kb\)](#) before completing the [application form \(PDF 41 kb\)](#)

Closing date for applications is 20 April 2012.

Free interactive workshop in health and wellbeing (Paisley)

The School of Health, Nursing and Midwifery at University of the West of Scotland is running a workshop on Thursday 19th April 2012 entitled 'Health and wellbeing - learning from each other in a time of change.'

This workshop will bring together practitioners and researchers in health and social care from across the region, to learn from each other and develop ideas about new ways forward. It will also introduce Ketso, the hands-on kit for creative engagement that is being used in a range of health and wellbeing contexts. You will have an opportunity to experience this innovative tool in action.

The workshop will take place at University of the West of Scotland, from 10:00 - 13:00. To reserve your free place now, please sign-up at:
<http://ketso.wufoo.eu/forms/ketso-workshop-health-and-wellbeing-in-scotland/>

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Vacancies

Support in Mind Scotland Post (AIness)

Support in Mind Scotland is inviting applicants for a dual role position of Highland Regional Manager and Manager of Companas Cottage, a day resource centre for people affected by mental illness in AIness. This is a full time post with a salary of £29,259 - £31,761. Full details on [Goodmoves](#). Closing date: 20th April 2012.

Project Co-ordinator (Ayrshire)

Taste Ayrshire is advertising for a project co-ordinator (Salary: £17,500 per annum) to work closely with the Taste Ayrshire Executive Director to deliver the activities of the TORE project, and who will have overall responsibility for the co-ordination of the project. Full details, including how to apply, can be found on the [Senscot website](#).

Development Officer (Dundee)

Dundee Social Enterprise Network (DSEN) seeks a Development Officer (£26K pro rata) to promote social enterprise in Dundee, and to recruit and support members. Applicants should have extensive experience within social enterprise, be highly self motivated, and have good IT skills and excellent admin abilities. Contact Derek Marshall, derekmarschall@factoryskatepark.com, to apply. Closing date 14th April 2012.

Co-ordinator (Edinburgh)

Grassmarket Community Project is looking for a Co-ordinator (Maternity Cover, £21,500 pa) for its Plough to Plate Project. As the Plough to Plate Coordinator, you will continue to develop and deliver a cookery training programme and co-ordinating gardening sessions for adults with a history of addictions, mental health and/or homelessness. The cookery programme will be centred around local, healthy food, linking into the gardening sessions at Greyfriars herb garden, and at a community garden in Edinburgh. There will also be the chance to work with the GROW Enterprise Manager to further develop catering enterprise activity. See the [Senscot website](#) for more details on this post. Closing date, 5th April.

Young Carers Worker (Edinburgh)

Edinburgh Young Carers Project is seeking suitably experienced applicants to join its team developing and providing high quality support to young carers in Edinburgh as a full-time Young Carers Worker (salary starts at £23,232 pa). The postholder will be expected to work directly with young carers from the age of 5 to 20 on an individual basis and in groups and support them to meet individual outcomes and objectives.

This position involves following up new referrals, delivery of person centred planning and service provision, developing new opportunities, working in partnership with other agencies. Full details at www.youngcarers.org.uk/vacancies. Closing date: Friday 6th April 2012.

Enterprise & Development Manager (Edinburgh)

WHALE Arts Agency, in Wester Hailes, is seeking to appoint an Enterprise and Development Manager (Salary: £27,000 - £28,000) to develop and implement its Enterprise Growth Strategy and to ensure the overall financial sustainability of the organisation is maintained during the forthcoming period of growth and development planned for the organisation.

For a full application pack please contact Sarah Wain sarah@whalearts.co.uk
Deadline for Applications: 12:00 on Monday 16th April. Interviews will take place on Tuesday 24th April.

Business Development Manager (Glasgow)

The Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH) is seeking an experienced Business Development Manager (Salary £33594 - £37074) to consolidate its business plan and roll out SAMH's Resource Centre model across Scotland. The successful candidate will have a proven track record in the provision of a quality service to customers, marketing, retail and/or health promotion. Experience of community involvement and partnership working is also required.

Application forms and job descriptions are available on [the SAMH website](#). Closing date: 11th April 2012 at 5.00pm.

Children Services Manager (Inverness)

Barnardo's Scotland is seeking a talented and committed manager to lead its Northern Lights residential service in Inverness, which enables children and young people who have been placed outside the Highlands to return to their own community. You will have experience of leading a residential service and the ability to manage a team comprising project workers, teachers and support workers. You will work closely with other local Barnardo's services designed to support young people in terms of aftercare and then into employment. This is a full time post with a salary of £33998 - £41148 p.a.

For details on how to apply and more [click here](#). Closing date: 13th April 2012.

National Development Officer (Stirling)

Dyslexia Scotland is seeking an enthusiastic individual to provide support, training and guidance to existing and new volunteer-led Branches and an Adult Network across Scotland. Applicants should have excellent interpersonal and organisational skills, extensive experience in community development, training, education, advice or similar, working with volunteers and a proven working knowledge of dyslexia. Salary: £23,232 - £25,716.

Click [here](#) for more details from Goodmoves. Closing date 10 April 2012

Quarriers vacancies (Various locations)

Quarriers are currently advertising for the following vacancies:

- Epilepsy Fieldworker in Aberdeen
- Support Workers in Inverclyde
- Project Manager and Project Assistant in Glasgow

- Night Support Worker in East Dunbartonshire
- For details on these posts visit <http://www.quarriers.org.uk/get-involved/jobs>

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Websites

The Saltire Awards

As of 1 April 2012 the Saltire Awards will replace the MV Awards programme as the Scotland-wide programme for recognising youth volunteering. The Saltire Awards is a brand new initiative to celebrate and reward Scotland's young volunteers aged 12-25. It was piloted in 2011/2012 in 7 local authority areas in Scotland, and is to be delivered across Scotland by third sector interface organisations working with young volunteers directly and also with organisations which engage young volunteers.

For instance, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire has [recently announced](#) that it will be the facilitating organisation for the Saltire Awards locally in North Lanarkshire.

Read more about the awards at <http://www.saltireawards.org.uk/>

CDAS on Facebook

Community Development Alliance Scotland (CDAS) is the latest organisation to sign up to Facebook. Take a look [here](#) and, while there, why not take a look at [CHEX's page](#) as well?

Campaigns

National Spring Clean

Keep Scotland Beautiful aims to get 200,000 Scots out cleaning their favourite part of Scotland this Spring. It's completely free to take part, plus there are competitions and Greggs treats can be ordered for every person who takes part in your clean-up event. And if you don't fancy organising your own event, you can search our on-line map to see if there is an event in your area you can join.

More information, and on-line registration, can be found here:

www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/springclean. If you would like to organise a clean-up event out-with the National Spring Clean dates (1st April – 31st May), you can order a free clean up kit here: www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/cleanupkit

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