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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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The next issue of Snippets will be Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May so please send anything you would like to be included before Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can send information/material for inclusion in CHEX-Point Snippets by sending an email to [andrew@scdc.org.uk](mailto: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.

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## **CHEX News**

### **Sign up to the Community-led Health Database**

We mentioned at the end of last year that we had launched the CHEX online Community-led Health Database. The database allows you to search for projects by area, topic and target group, and provide you with the information you need to contact community-led health organisations in your area. You can have a shot of the database by visiting <http://www.chex.org.uk/project-search/>

The database is beginning to fill up, but we are keen to ensure that we have a true representation of the breadth of community-led health activity across Scotland. If you are a community-led organisation working to address health inequalities, then get in touch, and we will tell you how you can be included.

Email Olivia Hanley at [olivia@scdc.org.uk](mailto:olivia@scdc.org.uk) for sign up information.

### **Offer of fresh fruit and veg from Lanarkshire Community Food & Health Partnership**

In this edition we are pleased to give some prominence to CHEX Network member Lanarkshire Community Food & Health Partnership. This community-based charity is funded by North Lanarkshire Partnership to support and maintain the Lanarkshire network of community run food initiatives which enable local people to improve their health and wellbeing through the benefits of a healthier diet.

The partnership makes approximately 235 food deliveries a week in and around North Lanarkshire to various food co-ops/nurseries/hospitals/community centres as well as commercial and retail customers. They are always on the lookout for new clients to help them improve the life and well-being of local residents through the supply of quality fresh fruit and produce at low prices.

Any organisations based in this geographical area who would like further information from LCFHP with a view to ordering fresh fruit and veg should get in touch. Please contact Greig Mackay, Commercial Manager, Lanarkshire Community Food & Health Partnership, 01417715923.

### **Now available - seminar report from Community-led Health for All event**

As mentioned previously in CHEX-Point Snippets, the [Community-led health for all](#) resource was launched at the CHEX Seminar on 15th March at the Scottish Youth Theatre in Glasgow. The launch report is now available [here](#). It contains presentations, workshop notes and an introduction to the resource.

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. Download it by [clicking here](#).

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## General Information

### **Poverty Alliance seminar on Community Assets and Poverty**

Organised in conjunction with SCDC (CHEX's parent organisation), the next half-day seminar in the Poverty Alliance's 'Understanding Poverty' series will look at the role of 'asset' based approaches to tackling poverty. The seminar will discuss the possibilities and limits to assets based approaches to addressing poverty. Speakers will include Dr Lynne Friedli, specialist in public health, Andy Milne, CEO of SURF and Ian Cooke, Director of the Development Trusts Association Scotland. The seminar is free, and will take place in Glasgow, 30 May. For more information, and to register, click [here](#).

### **Scottish Community Development Network re-launch**

The re-launch of the Scottish Community Development Network, including a special general meeting, will take place in the Buchanan Suite, Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow on Thursday 7th June 2012 at 2pm. This free event offers the opportunity to re-vitalise connections with other practitioners, discuss current policy and practice contexts and set an agenda for SCDN for the forthcoming year. The Network has not been active for the last few years and is delighted to be re-launching this summer. You can register for the event using the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RSRLWNC> and download a flyer [here](#).

### **Become a member of the SDE Network**

Sustainable Development Education Network is offering membership from £15 / £25 per year. This provides free access to training sessions, workshops and networking events and discounts for plenty of other events and workshops from partner organisations. Other benefits include:

- Email updates on the latest SDE resources, research and policy
- Ability to submit events and information to the SDE Network website
- Invitation to the SDE Network annual policy forum
- Consultations – joint SDE Network submissions
- A detailed listing on the SDE Network website
- Opportunity to stand for the board and elect board members to shape the Network's future

Visit the [SDE Network website](#) for more information.

### **Galashiels Bipolar Self Help Group**

Galashiels Bipolar Self Help Group is a new group for people with bipolar disorder and their partners, carers, family and friends. The group will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at New Horizons, Unit 10b Galabank Mill, Galashiels, TD1 1PR. For more information contact Aileen on 0141 5602050 or [aileen@bipolarscotland.org.uk](mailto:aileen@bipolarscotland.org.uk)

### **Looking for office space in Edinburgh?**

Thorn House is offering office space for charities, social enterprises and voluntary and campaign groups in Edinburgh. The building is already a base for many organisations including Friends of the Earth Scotland, Transform Scotland, Social

Enterprise Academy & NIDOS.

As well as fully serviced workspace, the centre has a range of shared spaces - perfect for organisations to hold meetings and training sessions. It also has shared kitchen facilities and communal spaces for socialising, networking and holding informal meetings.

There is currently a variety of space available – from individual desks to larger offices. If you are interested and feel you and your organisation could benefit from the facilities at Thorn House call 01865 207810, email [info@ethicalproperty.co.uk](mailto:info@ethicalproperty.co.uk) or visit [www.ethicalproperty.co.uk](http://www.ethicalproperty.co.uk)

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## Consultations and Surveys

### **Integration of adult health and social care**

This consultation sets out proposals to inform and change the way that the NHS and Local Authorities work together and in partnership with the third and independent sectors. Proposals include changes to how adult health and social care services are planned and delivered, aiming towards a seamless experience from the perspective of the patient, service user or carer. It also outlines improvements to integrating health and social care services which are not limited to older people, but extend to all adult health and social care services.

The consultation asks for views on new legislation that will be introduced in order to enable the changes that Ministers propose. View the consultation documents on the [Scottish Government website](#). Consultation ends 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012.

### **Scottish Breast Screening Programme Review of Service Delivery**

The NHS Scotland National Planning Forum (NPF) has commissioned National Services Division (NSD), part of National Services Scotland (NSS) to undertake a review of the breast screening service in Scotland. A Breast Screening Review Group was established with a remit to look at different options for delivering the breast screening service, and from this to identify the preferred option for the service. As part of the review process NSD would like to get your views on the preferred option, the details of which are outlined in this paper. Your comments will help the Breast Screening Review Group to develop its final conclusions and recommendations to the National Planning Forum.

[Click here](#) to download the consultation paper which gives details on how to respond. All comments need to be received by 11th June 2012.

### **Aberdeenshire ADP Strategy Consultation**

The development of a new Alcohol Drug Partnership strategy began in early 2011 and consultation workshop was held in June 2011 to begin the process of involving all key partners and stakeholders. The ADP aim to continue this involvement now by inviting you, your organisation or group to comment on the strategy. The consultation documents can be found on the following Website link:

[www.aberdeenshireadp.org.uk](http://www.aberdeenshireadp.org.uk). The consultation can also be submitted using survey monkey following the link [www.surveymonkey.com/s/AADP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AADP).

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## **Publications**

### **Shaking our Assets conference**

This event on community development and asset-based approaches was previously advertised in Snippets. Organised by the International Association for Community Development in partnership with Community Learning and Development Standards Council for Scotland, the conference included contributions from academics and practitioners, including SCDC Director Fiona Garven. You can now read the [conference report](#) as well as download presentations from the [IACD website](#).

### **Child poverty and social mobility report**

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) has written a briefing showing the detrimental impact child poverty has on their futures, such as their educational attainment and mental health. What is more, these and other outcomes act as barriers to families escaping from poverty. For more findings and recommendations, read the briefing at [http://www.esrc.ac.uk/images/child-poverty-social%20mobility\\_tcm8-20072.pdf](http://www.esrc.ac.uk/images/child-poverty-social%20mobility_tcm8-20072.pdf)

### **Research into Community Empowerment in England & Scotland**

Reframing State-Citizen Relationships in a Time of Austerity is a one year project funded by the AHRC as part of the Connected Communities Programme. The project aims to critically explore how the differing policy stances of the Scottish and UK public sectors are being rolled out in a time of austerity. It will identify and examine the mechanisms through which the role of the state in relation to community empowerment is being changed in light of the 'Big Society' and 'Localism' agenda in England and the Community Empowerment Bill in Scotland. SCDC (CHEX's parent organisation) recently participated in one of the project's events in Newcastle. The event explored:

- how the retreat of the state might empower communities;
- how empowered communities might be able to weather the storm of austerity;
- how Scotland's 'social democratic' politics might make empowerment follow a different course than in England; and
- what other conditions and support might be necessary to empower communities.

A range of views was put forward, and SCDC made the point that many communities need support before they are in a position to take control of assets, co-produce services and have more influence over decisions that affect them.

If you would like to read any of the discussion papers from the event you can download them from the [project website](#).

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## **Funding**

### **People and Communities Fund launched**

Applications are now open for the new People and Communities Fund, which will

make at least £6m available annually for allocation to organisations to deliver community-led services or projects. The PCF is aimed at registered social landlords and other community anchor organisations such as community development trusts. The two main priorities of the fund are employability and preventative action. Read more about the fund and download application documents at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/community/pcf>

### **Rural Direct**

Rural Direct is a service that can help rural community groups access funding. Whether you are looking to refurbish your Community Facility, develop a new service or manage land, funding is available to help you. The team can help you identify funding opportunities and direct you to other services local and nation that can assist you in the process. To get in contact with Rural Direct phone 0845 838 8598 or email [info@ruraldirect.org.uk](mailto:info@ruraldirect.org.uk). Visit [www.ruraldirect.org.uk](http://www.ruraldirect.org.uk) to find out more, including local Rural Direct contacts for your area.

### **Disney Friends for Change Grants**

Youth Scotland is working in partnership with Youth Service America to award £750 Disney Friends for Change Grants for youth-led projects. Young people aged 5-18 located in the United Kingdom are eligible to apply for the grants, and applications are due by midnight on 21st June 2012. Start the application process [here](#) or contact Lois Marshall, Youth Scotland Young Leader Development Worker on 0131 554 2561 or email [lois.marshall@youthscotland.org.uk](mailto:lois.marshall@youthscotland.org.uk)

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## **Events**

### **Aberdeen Impact Awards (Aberdeen)**

The Aberdeen Impact Awards will be presented by STV journalist and presenter, Norman MacLeod, between 2pm-3pm at ACVO's annual Insight Aberdeen Third Sector and Volunteering Fayre at The Music Hall on 28th July 2012. Managed by ACVO (Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations), the Awards highlight the hard work being carried out by local charities, volunteers, social enterprises and fundraising groups. Active citizens, volunteers, public and private sector organisations will all have the chance to be recognised.

Local people are invited to nominate their most deserving acquaintances and their favourite charities now at <http://www.acvo.org.uk/aberdeenimpact.html>

### **Welfare Reform and Universal Credit Presentations (Edinburgh)**

From May to August, information sessions on Welfare Reform and Universal Credit will be delivered by One Parent Families Scotland in Edinburgh. Welfare Reform will cover all the major changes that have already been implemented and those that will be introduced from 2013 onwards. The presentation covers Tax Credits, Housing and Council Tax benefits, Employment & Support Allowance, Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payments and Child Maintenance. Universal Credit will provide delegates with an overview of the new system, the timescale for its introduction, eligibility, conditionality, how it works and sanctions. The first presentation on Welfare Reform will be given on 22 May 2012, 10am - 12pm at One Parent Families Scotland, 13 Gayfield Square, Edinburgh EH1 3NX. A presentation on Universal Credit will be delivered at the same time the following Tuesday.

To book a place, please contact Rory Ross on 0131 556 3899 or [email](#). A £15 non-refundable administration charge will be made.

### **Health All Round events in May and June (Edinburgh)**

Health All Round has sent out its latest events listings for May and June 2012. This includes jogging and walking groups, yoga classes, baby massage and much more. Download the May/June leaflet by clicking [here](#)

### **Commissioning and Procurement Event (Elgin)**

In response to local demand, Voluntary Action Moray has facilitated a FREE information event to help support the effective participation of Third Sector organisations in competitive tendering. The event will be delivered by Commissioning and Procurement Officers from The Moray Council. It will take place at Elgin City Football Club, Wednesday 30th May 2012, 9.15 am – 11.30 am. Topics for discussion will cover:

- What support is available with the tendering process
- Evidence required from potential providers to support tender application
- The commissioning process – how decisions are made, including criteria for best value and community benefit clauses, accountability and appeal process

High uptake is anticipated so early booking is essential and is limited to 2 delegates per organisation. Please email [vam@voluntaryactionmoray.org.uk](mailto:vam@voluntaryactionmoray.org.uk) or telephone 01343 541713 to book by Friday 18th May at the latest.

### **Volunteers' Week (Fife)**

Volunteers' Week starts slightly early in Fife this year in the week commencing the 28<sup>th</sup> of May. In order to celebrate 'Active Volunteering', Volunteer Centre Fife will be showcasing five local organisations who like to keep their volunteers active. On each day of Volunteers' Week, staff from the Volunteer Centre will be participating in the activities provided by one of the showcase organisations, and will be broadcasting to the region all week on Kingdom FM's Kingdom Action!

If you need a bit of inspiration, wish to publicise your event, or just want to publicly thank your volunteers, get in touch with Sarah on 01334 659134 or email [sarah.latto@volunteeringfife.org](mailto:sarah.latto@volunteeringfife.org)

### **GCVS events (Glasgow)**

*Health and the City: Opening a dialogue with Glasgow's Third Sector on future health provision in Glasgow* takes place at 9.30am – 1.00pm (followed by lunch) on Monday, 21st May 2011, The Albany, 44 Ashley Street, Glasgow G3 6DS. This event is intended to start a dialogue between the voluntary sector in Glasgow and the NHS (through the Glasgow Community Health Partnership) on the future focus for health improvement activity in the city. It aims to offer the chance to influence Glasgow's future health improvement activity.

*Analysis or Paralysis* free GCVS event takes place on Wednesday, 30th May 2012, 9.30am – 1.00pm (followed by lunch) at The Albany. Recognising that we are in a fast changing operating environment, this half day aims to provide you with thinking space and an opportunity to explore driving and restraining forces and planning your response by working through Force Field analysis with consultancy support. The aim is to ensure you leave the session with confidence that you have carried out a detailed analysis and you have a plan to develop your organisation.

Book both events online at [www.gcv.org.uk/events](http://www.gcv.org.uk/events).

### **'New Leaves- New Links exhibition (Perth)**

Volunteers from PLUS Perth & Kinross led by artist Jackie Proctor have been carrying out a local project 'New Leaves- New Links' to promote community spirit. New Leaves - New Links is a local art project based on a springtime theme, with the aim of bringing communities together. Throughout the project lives were improved by establishing 'links' to combat isolation - offering opportunities to become practically involved within the community once more, and as a valuable source of creativity, enjoyment and boost to general wellbeing.

The project will 'finale' with a wonderful exhibition in St Matthews Church, Tay St, Perth during the Perth Festival Of the Arts from 22-27th May. PLUS also like to invite you to take a look at their Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/PLUSleaveslinks>, to view some contributions from community members.

### **Stride for Life walks (Perth and Kinross)**

These free led walks in Perthshire are for different abilities and are a great way to meet new people and be active in your community, and you can enjoy a cuppa and a blether after each walk! Download the full timetable of walks in the area [here](#). For further information please contact the Stride for Life team: 01738 492467/479 or email [pbrown@liveactive.co.uk](mailto:pbrown@liveactive.co.uk).

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## **Conferences and Seminars**

### **Local Government Explained (Edinburgh)**

This event from Holyrood magazine is taking place on Monday 11th June at the COSLA Conference Centre in Edinburgh. Supported by COSLA and The Improvement Service, the event is designed to provide you with the knowledge of what the election result means for you and your organisation, and how to now best engage with local government given the changed political composition. Key speakers already confirmed include:

- Rt Hon. Henry McLeish (Chair), Former First Minister of Scotland
- Derek Mackay MSP, Minister for Local Government and Planning, Scottish Government
- John Baillie, Chair, Accounts Commission
- Colin Mair, Chief Executive, Improvement Service
- Rory Mair, Chief Executive, COSLA
- Professor John Curtice, Professor of Politics, University of Strathclyde

For full details on the day then please go to [www.holyrood.com/localgovernment](http://www.holyrood.com/localgovernment)

### **Stories and Cures (Edinburgh)**

Stories and Cures: Medicine, Science and Illness takes place on Saturday 26 May, 10.30am – 5pm, Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1SR. This day of talks, workshops and discussions explores how medical history formed new ways of thinking and healing, which shapes what we do today. This 'public engagement' project is supported by The Wellcome Trust. The day costs £40/£34 to attend and booking must be made in advance by phoning 0131 556 9579. Find out more [here](#).

### **Margaret Wheatley event (Glasgow)**

The CLD Standards Council for Scotland invites you to spend a morning with Margaret Wheatley, internationally acclaimed speaker and writer on leadership and change. This event is part of the Ideas Academy programme, building on dialogue and conversation surrounding the CLD contribution to Scotland as a Learning Society. Entitled Whatever the Problem, Community is the Answer, the event will take place on 5th June 2012 (10.15am - 1.30pm) at Trades Hall, Glasgow

Margaret Wheatley writes, teaches and speaks about how we might accomplish our work, sustain our relationships and willingly step forward to serve in this troubling time. She works from the belief that whatever the problem, community is the answer. Visit the [CLD Standards Council website](#) for more information on the event and to book a place.

### **Participatory Budgeting Workshop (Glasgow)**

The People's Budget campaign will be delivering this workshop on getting a greater say for ordinary people in how public budgets are spent locally on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm – 9pm, venue tbc. The People's Budget is about helping you understand how to persuade your local council, health organisation, police force, or housing provider to give you a significant say resulting in your community becoming a positive place to live and work.

Alan Thornton will talk about participatory budgeting and the power it gives (back) to residents to make important decisions. Discussion will focus on how this could work here in Glasgow. This is not just an information session, but a workshop which will support people to bring participatory budgeting to their area. As Alan will be travelling from England for the workshop he is keen that those who attend are genuinely interested in pursuing participatory budgeting following the session.

General information on participatory budgeting is [available here](#). Interested organisations, committees or groups should register interest with Alan Thomson - [alant@church-poverty.org.uk](mailto:alant@church-poverty.org.uk) 0161 236 932 - by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

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## **Training**

### **Deaf Action Courses (Edinburgh)**

Deaf Action's new term of British Sign Language will be starting in August 2012. All courses have been approved for ILA funding. The courses available are:

- Introduction to BSL
- BSL 1
- BSL 2
- BSL 3

If you are interested in any of these courses, visit [this page](#) on the Deaf Action website which contains information on dates, times, costs and funding.

### **Managing Self –Harming Behaviour (Galashiels, Edinburgh and Paisley)**

This practical workshop aims to provide frontline professionals with tools to work with people who self-harm on an ongoing basis. Participants will learn more about how to support people who self-harm to understand why they do it and how to bring it under control. The workshop covers:

- Understanding why each individual self-harms.
- Harm minimisation: What does it mean?.
- Theories trying to explain Self-harm.
- Develop and implement care plans.
- Links between self-harm and suicide.

Dates and venues:

- Galashiels Wednesday, 23rd May 2012, Langee Complex Marigold Drive Galashiels TD1 2LP
- Edinburgh, Monday 11th June 2012 South Side Centre 86 Causewayside Edinburgh EH9 1PY
- Newcastle Thursday, 14th June 2012 Phoenix Training Development Ltd, Phoenix House, 174 New Bridge Street
- Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 2TE Paisley Monday 18th June 2012 RAMH, 41 Blackstoun Road. Paisley. PA3 1LU

For more details on the workshops, including prices, visit

<http://www.harmlesspsychotherapy.com/>

### **Cardiology Masterclass (Glasgow)**

Medica Cpd are delivering a Masterclass on Cardiology for primary care professionals and anyone else who is interested on Monday 18th June 2012 at Teacher Building, Glasgow. This half day masterclass on cardiology will provide a knowledge update, latest evidence and best practice and will focus on:

- Atrial fibrillation – diagnosis and management of / Arrhythmias
- An update on practical management by a cardiologist of different types of cardiovascular events

Masterclass Tutor: Colin Berry, Professor of Cardiology, Golden Jubilee National Hospital & University of Glasgow. Time: 1.30 – 4.15pm, Cost: £30.00 plus vat (early booking essential). Certificates of attendance provided. To download a leaflet and for further information: [www.medicacpd.com](http://www.medicacpd.com) or telephone 0141 270 8097

### **Intergenerational training courses (Oban, Dumfries & Galloway, Scottish Borders and Edinburgh)**

Generations Working Together is holding a number of free training courses for those people who wish to embed intergenerational programmes within their areas of work.

During the course participants will:

- Develop an awareness of resources and approaches which can support effective intergenerational training
- Explore and refine their own understanding of IP
- Have practical experience of the delivery of IP training
- Develop confidence and awareness to deliver IP training to front-line staff

The day-long course will be held in Oban on 25<sup>th</sup> May, Dumfries on 30<sup>th</sup> May, Galashiels on 31<sup>st</sup> May and Edinburgh on the 7<sup>th</sup> June. For more information regarding the Training courses, visit <http://www.scotcip.org.uk/Training.html> or contact: [office@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:office@generationsworkingtogether.org) or phone 0141 559 5024.

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## **Vacancies**

### **Community Engagement Manager (Central Belt)**

This is a key operational and strategically aligned role in Columba 1400 which requires active, long-term and direct work with young people. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to nurture aspirations, enabling young people and others to take a meaningful stake in their communities. It will require the proactive development of social scaffolding through engagement with leaders of influence. Proven interest in research and evaluation is essential. It is expected that candidates will have extensive professional and/or managerial experience in Social Work, Education, Health or Community Development. Private/Third Sector experience may be an advantage. Salary: £30,000 - £37,000. To see full job advert visit <http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/jobs/10469>

### **Administration Support Worker (Edinburgh)**

Deaf Action is looking for a well-organised and enthusiastic individual to join the team in their Edinburgh office. You should possess confidence and the ability to multi-task, have excellent communication skills, be a great team player and have a good knowledge of Microsoft Office. Knowledge of, or willingness to learn, British Sign Language is essential.

For an informal discussion on the Administration Support Worker post, contact Isabel Hamilton, Finance Manager on [i.hamilton@deafaction.org](mailto:i.hamilton@deafaction.org) or 0131 556 3128. Closing date for applications: Friday 18th May 2012, or email Lisa Roy at [admin@deafaction.org](mailto:admin@deafaction.org) for an application pack.

### **Manager (Edinburgh)**

Living Well North Edinburgh (LWNE) is seeking a new Manager to take the organisation forward, and build on achievements to date in these exciting and challenging times. An enthusiastic and committed person is required to lead a small team to implement the programme of supportive and preventative community services and activities in line with LWNE's values, standards and agreed service targets. This post is for 28 hrs a week: pro rata rate is £22,142 p.a. (FTE is £29,529). Closing date: 10 am Tuesday 15 May 2012, Interviews Friday 25 May 2012. For an application pack please contact Gillian Fairgrieve, Administrator, on 0131 343 6375 or email [admin@livingwellnorthedinburgh.org.uk](mailto:admin@livingwellnorthedinburgh.org.uk)

### **Education and Outreach Worker (Glasgow)**

Epilepsy Connections requires an Education and Outreach Worker (Salary £19,760) for its Schools Project. With a background in education, training or community education you will develop and deliver epilepsy awareness education programmes in schools communities in the Greater Glasgow & Clyde area to promote positive attitudes towards people with epilepsy and help to reduce stigma that still surrounds this misunderstood condition. Knowledge of epilepsy is desirable but full training will be given. Post subject to PVG membership. Application packs can be downloaded from <http://www.epilepsyconnections.org.uk> or contact: Irene Manson, Epilepsy Connections, 100 Wellington Street, Glasgow G2 6DH Tel: 0141 248 4125 Email: [imanson@epilepsyconnections.org.uk](mailto:imanson@epilepsyconnections.org.uk). Closing date for applications: 31 May 2012.

### **Cancer Information and Support Volunteer (Glasgow)**

Volunteering opportunities are available supporting people affected by cancer in the new Macmillan service in your local library. Join Glasgow Life's Macmillan volunteer programme and receive excellent training, make new friends, make a difference in your community and be part of an innovative cancer support programme, the first of its kind in the UK!

To get involved and make a real difference to the lives of people in your community, contact Morven MacLean, at [morven.maclean@glasgowlife.org.uk](mailto:morven.maclean@glasgowlife.org.uk) or 0141 287 2907.

You will not be out of pocket as MacMillan pay expenses in line with its volunteer expenses policy.

### **Stock Finder (Glasgow)**

Cosgrove Care is a local, well established charity providing high quality services to children and adults with learning disabilities and complex needs. The organisation is recruiting for a temporary Stock Finder (6hrs/wk, £6.20/hr) to develop and put to use creative and imaginative ways of sourcing second hand goods, antiques and collectables. If you are interested in applying for this post, visit the shop on Skirving Street, Shawlands, and ask for an application pack; or call the HR Dept on 0141 620 2507. Alternatively, you can download a pack from Cosgrove's website:

<http://www.cosgrovecare.org.uk>. Closing date for applications is Friday 18th May 2012

### **P/T IRISS Associate (Glasgow)**

IRISS has a temporary vacancy for a flexible and versatile individual to join the company on a fixed-term, part-time basis to develop and deliver work around self-directed support (SDS) in Scotland (£29,249-£35,938 pro rata). The IRISS Associate will be involved in two key projects: Pilotlight, which comprises four projects and involves the design of new pathways for accessing self-directed support in Scotland; and a project focusing on SDS micro provision and support, which will explore the role of micro enterprises in developing a range of support provisions that can be accessed by individuals using their individual budget allocation. A full job description and application forms are available here: <http://www.iriss.org.uk/news/vacancy-iriss-associate-pilotlight-sds> . If you have any questions or queries, please email Lucy Robinson: [lucy.robinson@iriss.org.uk](mailto:lucy.robinson@iriss.org.uk) or call 0141 559 5062.

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## **Websites**

### **CDJ Plus**

CDJ Plus is a new website from the Community Development Journal which aims to connect readers of the Community Development Journal with the wider community development world, to promote good communication, and exchange of information and ideas, between researchers, educators, practitioners, activists and citizens. It provides community development publications, links and latest news from CD around the world. The site currently has a news item on North Edinburgh Social History Group's publication [Never Give Up: A Community's Fight for Social Justice](#) and related [documentary](#), both of which have also featured in Snippets previously. Visit the CDJ Plus website by [clicking here](#).

The actual Community Development Journal can be found [here](#), although you have to subscribe in order to access the articles.

### **Moray Community Support Unit webpage launched**

Moray Council has created a new section on its web page providing support for community groups. The webpage for the Community Support Unit contains definitions of community capacity building and community engagement, as well as resources ranging from the [National Standards of Community Engagement](#) to the [Scottish Health Council's Participation Toolkit](#). See [http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_75494.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_75494.html) for more. The

Community Support Unit is part of the Strategic Planning & Governance Department within the Moray Council.

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## Campaigns

### Tackling Human Trafficking – Help Us Keep People Safe

A joint campaign from Crimestoppers and Strathclyde Police, *Tackling Human Trafficking* aims to raise awareness of human trafficking in the Strathclyde area. The campaign is appealing to anyone who may in their day to day lives come into contact with people who are trafficked - be it where they live, where they work or as they travel within their community - to report any concerns anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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