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

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CHEX News

New HIIC case study – Denny Women’s Group

CHEX is pleased to make available a new case study on Denny Women's Group and their participation in HIIC (Health Issues In the Community) training. [HIIC](#) is a training programme aimed at increasing community capacity, increasing community participation, and establishing/consolidating community development approaches to tackling inequalities in health.

The case study details how, as part of the course, Denny Women's Group conducted research into domestic abuse, which has subsequently had an impact on local partnership work around this issue. In addition to showing how HIIC can contribute to a better understanding of the health issues within the community, the case study shows how a group can use this understanding to work constructively with health professionals to improve service delivery for their community.

Download the case study [here](#).

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General Information

Scottish Participatory Democracy Conference – Places still available

Organised by Fife Council, Scottish Community Development Centre (CHEX’s parent organisation), Participatory Budgeting Unit and Faith in Community Scotland, this conference will bring together a range of invited speakers including Minister for Local Government and Planning, Derek Mackay, as well as workshops, participatory budgeting stories and an opportunity to try hands-on participatory budgeting. Participatory budgeting directly involves local people in making decisions on the spending and priorities for a defined public budget.

The event will take place on Wednesday 13th June in Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline. The event is **free** for community and voluntary organisations. To register, download and complete the [booking form](#).

For further information, contact Kevin Sayer on 08451 555555 ext 471741 or email Kevin.Sayer@fife.gov.uk. Download the [flyer](#), and [workshop programme](#).

Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill Conference – Begin the debate

Community Development Alliance Scotland is holding a public conference on the proposed Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill, with the co-operation of the Scottish Government, on Thursday 28 June, from 10.45 am to 4pm, at Anniesland College, Glasgow. Scottish Government speakers and independent commentators

will introduce the issues, but the main purpose of the day is to give people the chance to speak to each other and start thinking about what opportunities the proposals offer – or maybe miss.

The College is easily accessible by train from Queen Street Station, and parking is also available. Registration and refreshments will be available from 10am, and a light lunch will be provided. The conference will be free, but advance registration is required. [Click here to register.](#)

Read more about the wider Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill consultation in the [consultation section of Snippets](#) below.

Glasgow's Health in the City event

CHEX attended the Health and the City event at the Albany, Glasgow, on the 21st May 2012. The event was commissioned by Glasgow CHP and organised by Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector. Presentations were given by Glasgow Centre for Population Health's Director Carol Tannahil, and Glasgow CHP's Head of Health Improvement, Fiona Moss. The presentations outlined the challenges faced in Glasgow and acknowledged that health improvement efforts may, in some instances, have contributed to health inequalities, with better off communities getting the most benefits. The possibility of more targeted approaches was therefore one of the subjects for group discussion.

Group discussion was varied, and included the need for holistic approaches, building individual and community capacity and resilience, sustainable approaches (e.g. peer mentoring) and funding and procurement issues. There was a concern that front line services are protected at the expense of developmental budgets for community/voluntary led approaches, and there was recognition of the need for the community and voluntary sector to have a strong coherent voice.

Fiona Moss advised that the information for this event would be used to inform deliberations on the new health improvement strategy in Glasgow. She also committed to feeding back at a future meeting with the third sector.

NHS Health Scotland Impact Assessments: could you help?

NHS Health Scotland would like to invite you to an impact assessment information day on the 29th of June being held in the conference room, Woodburn House, Edinburgh.

The information day will tell you about NHS Health Scotland, how it impact assesses and how it supports partners in this area. NHS Health Scotland aims to improve Scotland's overall health record by focusing on the persistent inequalities that prevent health being improved for all.

'Impact assessment' enables consideration of what effect work will have on people who have protected characteristics and who suffer the worst from health inequalities. Impact assessments allow NHS Health Scotland to identify areas for improvement, ensuring that its products and services work for those who need them the most.

To make sure our impact assessments are robust, In particular, NHS Health Scotland is looking for partners who can bring the views of people with protected characteristics, or who suffer from poor health, into their impact assessment process.

If you think this is something you could support NHS Health Scotland with, please get in touch with [Nicola Thomson](#) by the 25th of June with any access requirements.

Artistic opportunity for healthcare venues!

Art in Healthcare is seeking healthcare venues interested in benefiting from a series of FREE Art Workshops. With thanks to funding from the Scottish Government, Art in Healthcare is able to offer workshops run by practicing artists at no cost to venues. The workshops will be based on artworks from our collection of high-quality contemporary, Scottish artworks, aiming to engage participants in art as a stimulating and health-promoting activity. Get in touch with Amelia Calvert, Volunteer & Outreach Manager, on outreachmanager@artinhealthcare.org.uk or 0131 555 7638 to register your interest.

Olympic torch takes the high (and low) road

The Olympic Torch comes over to Scotland today as part of the relay route. Starting at Stranraer, the torch will make its way up the west coast to Glasgow and then up through the Highlands before reaching Inverness on Saturday. It even reaches Lewis and Shetland before coming back down the east coast next week, stopping in Aberdeen, Dundee and Edinburgh. Visit the [official torch relay site](#) to find out if the route passes near you.

Activities are also going on around Scotland as part of the build-up to the 2014 Commonwealth Games. CHEX's parent organisation, SCDC, is supporting groups and organisations around the country to engage locally around the Games Legacy. You can find out more about this work, including the projects SCDC is supporting, on [the SCDC website](#).

Alcohol minimum pricing bill passed

The Scottish Parliament has passed the Alcohol Minimum Pricing Bill, which should eventually mean that the minimum price for alcohol in Scotland will be 50p per unit. Shops and pubs will only be able to obtain a license to sell alcohol if they meet this condition. You can read more on this story on [the Scottish Government website](#).

In the [last issue of Snippets](#) we provided details of the separate consultation on the [proposed bill on alcohol legislation](#) which you can still respond to until the end of June.

Competition for Secondary Teachers & CLD Practitioners

The Scottish and Credit Qualifications Framework Partnership (SCQFP) invites teachers and those working in community learning to come up with a new title for the guide currently known as the Schools Toolkit.

The Schools Toolkit is available on the SCQF website at <http://www.scqf.org.uk/Education%20Providers%20and%20Advisers/Toolkit%20for%20Schools%20and%20Learning%20Communities>.

This competition is open to all secondary school teachers and workers in community learning settings in Scotland and the deadline for entries is Friday 29 June 2012. One lucky winner will receive £100 of Amazon vouchers. To submit your suggestion, email info@scqf.org.uk. The winner will be notified by email within 2 weeks of the closing date. Full details can be found on the SCQF website at <http://www.scqf.org.uk/News/&action=fullnews&id=55>.

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Consultations and Surveys

Launch of Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill consultation

The Scottish Government has launched its consultation on the Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill. Proposals currently include extending communities' right to buy, currently focused on rural areas, to towns and cities. The consultation looks at the issue of 'assets', exploring questions such as how people can find out about and have more say over assets in their area. It also considers participatory budgeting – an approach to local government which gives communities a say over how portions of local budgets are spent. The consultation document is now available on the [Scottish Government website](#), and written responses must be made by 29th August 2012.

In the meantime, the following related events might be ones to put in your diaries:

- Scottish Participatory Democracy Conference, 13th June, Dunfermline.
- CDAS Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill Conference, Thursday 28th June, Glasgow.

See the [news section of Snippets](#) for more info on these events.

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Publications

The impact of austerity – as reported by GPs

The latest report from the excellent 'GPs in the Deep End' research explores the impact austerity is starting to have on people in Scotland's least affluent communities and on the patient care available to them. The main issue that GPs in Scotland's most deprived communities report is the worsening mental health of patients. Job insecurity, financial strain, changes to benefits and fuel poverty (having to choose between heating and eating) are all placing increasing strain on people's mental health, and practices are finding they have to deal with these issues at the expense of attending to the physical health of patients. The report gives the example of the increasing number of people seeking letters of support for benefit appeals from their GPs.

Cuts to social care and support services are having a direct effect on services, with some GPs feeling that they are having to deal with the consequences of these services being overstretched and under resourced.

The report also contains a set of poignant case studies, showing the effect of austerity on individuals and families. Download it from the [University of Glasgow's website](#).

Rural Scotland report

The Rural Policy Centre at the Scottish Agricultural Centre has published [Rural Scotland in Focus 2012](#) (click to download). It covers a wide range of rural-related issues, such as changes to demography, economy and environment, the strengths of rural areas as well as the challenges they face, the roles of the voluntary, community and private sectors and the rolling out of broadband. The report is rather lengthy, but has a set of concise key messages at the end. Most relevant to community-led

health, there is a warning that revenue meant for communities may be re-directed to making up for services which were previously provided by the public sector.

Children and Young People's Mental Health Indicators – Final Report

NHS Health Scotland launched a new set of indicators that will be used to paint a unique national picture of the mental health of children and young people in Scotland in November 2011. These provide a means of assessing and monitoring the mental health (mental wellbeing and mental health problems) of Scotland's children and young people and the contextual factors that can impact on, or are affected by, a child or young person's mental health (at an individual, family, learning environment, community and societal level) over time and will enable the development of the first national profile.

The final report and associated appendices are now available via the following hyperlinks

- [Final report](#)
- [Associated appendices](#)

Also available is a [briefing that contains the indicators](#), which was published in November 2011.

New publication available to download from CFHS

Available to download from Community Food and Health Scotland's website, [What's Cooking in Scotland? Part One](#) is based on the experiences of community groups and agencies throughout Scotland and shows how they have addressed some of the issues that groups have concerns about when planning to set up and deliver cooking classes. Featured in What's Cooking in Scotland? Part One are an [Evaluation of Fife's Community Kitchen](#) and [Cooking in the Community in 5 Easy Steps](#), a manual developed by Fife Community Food Workers.

Stroke survivors' guide launched

To coincide with the launch of the UK's first Action on Stroke Month (May 2012), Stroke Association have published a guide explaining the levels of care and support people can expect after they have had a stroke.

The Stroke Survivors' Declaration has been created for stroke survivors by stroke survivors and carers to give guidance on how to navigate the health, social care and welfare systems and what to do if the individual's needs are not being met. The Declaration comes hot on the heels of the charity's recent report, [Struggling to recover](#), which showed many people were still struggling to navigate the system that was meant to support them, preventing them from making their best possible recovery.

The Stroke Survivors' Declaration is available to download from www.stroke.org.uk/campaigns or by calling Stroke Association on 0131 555 7244.

Physical activity and depression

A study by researchers from the Universities of Bristol, Exeter and the Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry has found no relationship between physical activity and improvement in symptoms of depression. The paper acknowledges that many other studies have found exercise to be beneficial to people with depression but argues that these studies have mostly had relatively short follow up periods. The study involved 361 adults aged 18-69 who had recently consulted their general practitioner with symptoms of depression. After one year, those who had been offered a physical activity intervention on top of other treatment showed no significant

difference in terms of reduced symptoms. Read the study [here](#)

Shipyards and sectarianism

In a further attempt to understand Glasgow's relatively poor health profile, researchers have compared death rates and deprivation in Glasgow with those of Belfast. The study does not dispute that deprivation is a major factor behind Glasgow's health inequalities. However, as with related studies comparing Glasgow with similar parts of Europe, [Shipyards and sectarianism: How do mortality and deprivation compare in Glasgow and Belfast?](#) finds that deprivation is not an adequate explanation for Glasgow's higher mortality rates compared to Belfast. Something else is going on in Glasgow that makes people more likely to get ill and die younger than in other similar cities.

Update on Review Of Community Planning and Single Outcome Agreements

The Scottish Government and COSLA have issued an update on their on-going joint Review Of Community Planning and Single Outcome Agreements. This aims to revise and strengthen current approaches in the face of financial and other challenges to ensure that community planning partnerships are a cornerstone of the outcomes focussed and partnership based approach to public service reform in Scotland.

The review reaffirms the importance of partnership working with the Third Sector. It is relevant to the work of community groups, and has recently been on the agenda in the Scottish Government's [working group looking at the role of community councils](#).

[Click here to read the update](#)

New Strategic Guidance for Community Learning & Development

This new guidance has been produced following a consultation process involving discussion events and an online survey. It will be published on Monday 11 June, via a news release on the [Scottish Government website](#).

In addition, a chance to comment and discuss next steps with colleagues will be available on the [Engage for Education website](#) from 11 June, kicked-off with a video blog from the Cabinet Secretary for Education & Lifelong Learning. Throughout the week of the 11th June there will be a series of themed blog discussions covering areas such as: the impact of CLD and how the Guidance will support this work, Curriculum for Excellence, community engagement & empowerment, young people's transitions from school and the implementation phase of the Guidance.

Following the initial launch week, further interaction with the Guidance and its implementation will be possible through Education Scotland's Connect network.

WiSH e-bulletin

Last month's WiSH (Wellbeing in Sexual Health) e-bulletin is available to read at www.healthscotland.com/documents/5903.aspx. Amongst other news, it contains information on a needs assessment for HIV prevention and available treatment which has been carried out by NHS Tayside. There are also links to useful educational resources, and the latest events and training being offered across Scotland in sexual health.

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Funding

Thinking Differently – Young People and Alcohol

A group of Scottish and UK Funders led by The Robertson Trust and including Comic Relief, Children in Need, Joseph Rowntree Foundation as well as Scottish Government, is offering the chance to develop projects in Scotland which focus on three key themes: Families and young people, young people and peers and communities. The latter may be of particular interest to CHEX-Point Snippets readers, and the scheme is looking to fund projects that look to develop multi component projects that work with whole communities and young people to address local alcohol concerns.

The Funders have pledged significant funding of over £1 million across the next 3 years, from March 2013. A launch event will take place Monday 25th June 2012, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Stirling Baptist Church, 67 Murray Place, Stirling, FK8 1AU. Full details of the two-stage application process will be made available on the day to those who attend and also online for those who are unable to attend. The deadline for the first stage Expressions of Interest will be 12 noon Friday 31st August 2012.

For more information regarding the Launch event please contact Mark McGeachie at mark@therobertsontrust.org.uk. Attendees must pre-register their interest in the event by emailing the above address by 12 noon Monday 18th June.

The Voluntary Action Fund

The Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) has extended its small community grant programme for a further year. The fund invites small community groups and voluntary organisations to apply for up to £1,000 and receive free training if their annual income is under £25,000. Click on the following link for more information:

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/>

CFHS annual small grant scheme

Groups and agencies working with Scotland's low-income communities are invited to apply for between £500 and £3000 to develop activities that will help promote a healthy balanced diet. Last year, Community Food & Health Scotland awarded funding to 52 groups across Scotland, including a learning disability gardening project in Edinburgh, cookery courses for a young mums group in the Western Isles and a lunch club for a community centre in Glasgow.

More information and applications forms are available on the [CFHS website](#) or call 0141 226 5261 and ask for a small grant scheme application pack. Closing date: Friday 10 August.

Spoted

Spoted works with community sports organisations, many of which operate in hugely deprived and challenging communities. Through this fund, groups can apply for:

- Small grants of up to £2,000 which are available for specific projects
- Main grains programme which average £7,000. To access this grant groups need to be successful in receiving 1 to 1 support.

Organisations should apply for free membership before they apply for the grants.

See more at <http://www.spoted.org.uk/>

Also, as mentioned in the last issue of Snippets, [the Commonwealth Games Legacy](#)

[website](#) contains a list of useful funding streams for projects working in the areas of sport, physical activity and around the Commonwealth Games.

Big Information Days

The Big Lottery Fund Outreach Team is continuing to tour Scotland with a series of BIG information days. At each event, you will be able to find out more about all BIG's programmes in Scotland, including Awards for All, Investing in Ideas, 2014 Communities, Investing in Communities and Young Start. [Click here](#) to find dates and venues near you. In June the team will hold events in Falkirk, East Renfrewshire, North Lanarkshire and Midlothian.

GRANDweek 2012

Glasgow's GRANDweek is an annual event that aims to:

- Raise awareness of alcohol and drug issues and services;
- Get communities involved in tackling issues; and
- Build partnerships between communities and services.

GRANDweek 2012 takes place from 8th to 15th September and is co-ordinated by the Communities Sub-group of the Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP). The GRANDweek Local Grant Scheme is now open to bids from community and voluntary groups (in Glasgow City only). Awards (max. £1,000) will be made in each CHP sector to successful applicants to promote the GRANDweek aims and the strategic themes in the ADP Strategy (i.e. Prevention; Recovery; Protecting Vulnerable Groups). Deadline is Monday 18th June.

For information about GRANDweek 2012 and the Local Grant Scheme contact: Stephen Birrell, Service Manager (Alcohol, Drugs and Communities), Glasgow Community & Safety Services, Eastgate, 727 London Road, Glasgow, G40 3AQ Tel. 0141 276 7654. stephen.birrell@glasgow.gov.uk or visit www.glasgowgrand.org

The People's Postcode Trust

The People's Postcode Trust has announced that it will re-open for applications on the 9th July 2012. The People's Postcode Trust offers grants of between £500 and £10,000 to small organisations and community groups for projects lasting up to 3 months in the areas of:

- Poverty Prevention; Advancement of Health
- Community Development; Public Sports
- Human Rights
- Environmental Protection.

All community groups, sports clubs and registered charities are invited to apply for funding from £500 up to £2,000. Registered charities can apply for up to £10,000. The deadline for all applications will be 5pm on the 24th August 2012.

<http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/>

Co-operative Membership Community Fund

The [Co-operative Membership Community Fund](#) provides grants of between £100 and £2,000 to voluntary groups, community groups and local charities throughout the UK. The scheme is funded by Co-operative members donating some or all of their share of profits, which is then given away in the form of small grants in their local communities. Grants can be used to help fund anything from equipment to event costs, rent or fixtures, sport or computer equipment.

Tesco awards

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with disabilities.

The Tesco Charity Trust Trustees also consider grant applications at their tri-annual meetings. These grants range between £4,000 and £25,000 and are to support local, national or international projects in areas where Tesco operate.

Applications for grants for children and their education and welfare should be made between the 1st May and the 30th June. Applications for grants for elderly people and adults and children with disabilities should be made between the 1st August and the 30th September. Find out more at <http://www.tescopl.com/index.asp?pageid=121>

Funding for Children's Outdoor Recreational Activities

The Explore Fund, from Outdoor clothing company "North Face" provides grants of up to £2,500 for projects supporting youth outdoor participation within a specific community or place of interest. Projects should also encourage community involvement and focus on breaking down barriers to getting youth outdoors. Only one Explore Fund financial support package will be given to an organisation in each calendar year and applications that can provide match funding will be viewed favourably. The closing date for applications is the 2nd July 2012.

<http://www.explorefund.eu/index.php/>

BT Community Connections

Community groups which help, or want to help, people access the internet and improve their ICT skills could be eligible to receive 12 months free broadband from BT. Silver surfers, after school and youth clubs, even 'IT for the Terrified' groups have benefitted from an award in the past and BT is now encouraging even more people to get online.

Go to www.bt.com/communityconnections to apply for an award. The closing date for applications is Friday 7th September at 5.30pm. If you have any questions please contact BT Community Connections on 0845 257 6792 or info@btcommunityconnections.com.

BBC Community Music scheme

The BBC Performing Arts Fund's Community Music scheme is open for applications. It aims to help not for profit community music groups in the UK to carry out training, attract new audiences, encourage new members and raise their profile in their community.

Community groups looking to apply for a grant as part of the scheme can either apply for up to £5,000 for a development project (Option1) OR up to £10,000 for a project that includes the commission of a new piece of music (Option 2). Applications for the scheme will close either at 5pm on 29th June 2012 OR when the scheme has received the first 500 eligible applications, whichever is the soonest. [Visit the website](#) for more information.

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Events

The Big Tent Festival (Fife)

Big Tent combines a weekend of music, arts and family activities with debates on social and green issues. Based on the Falkland Estate in Fife, the event will include a One Planet Food Village which celebrates the best in organic food and drink. Musical acts include the Proclaimers, Salsa Celtica, Karine Polwart, the Treacherous Orchestra and Breabach. For ticket info go to: <http://www.bigtentfestival.co.uk>

Taster Programmes at The Albany (Glasgow)

From the 12th June - 5th July, The Albany will be open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings - with a taster programme of activities. GCVS is offering a mix of community-based events, self-improvement classes, capacity building activities, exercise and dance classes, art and design workshops...and more! [View the Taster Programme online](#)

SOS Glasgow Volunteer Open Evening (Glasgow)

SOS Glasgow is holding a volunteer open evening on the 21st June from 6pm – 8pm at Glasgow Council on Alcohol, 7th Floor, Newton House, 457 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, G3 2LG. The event will provide information regarding becoming an SOS BUS volunteer. The SOS Glasgow service helps people who have become separated from their friends, become disorientated, lost their mobile phones and perhaps sustained injuries. The very distinctive SOS Glasgow bus can be seen at the front of Central Station in Gordon Street on a Friday and Saturday night from 10pm to 4am. The bus is staffed by Alcohol Support Workers from Glasgow Council on Alcohol and First Aiders from The British Red Cross. Police and ambulance personnel support the service and the G1 Group provides a security officer to help keep everyone safe.

If you would like the opportunity to join the SOS bus team as a volunteer driver or volunteer support worker please contact GCA on 0141 353 1800 and reference SOS Bus or email GCA on email@glasgowcouncilonalcohol.org. For more information about Glasgow Council on Alcohol's services visit www.glasgowcouncilonalcohol.org.uk.

Advocacy, Self-directed Support and Stroke awareness raising events (Inverness and Moffat)

These events will provide an opportunity to:

- Hear more about the work of the Advocacy, Self-directed Support and Stroke Project – the work already underway and plans for the future
- Share information about what is happening locally with regard to self-directed support – what's working well and what changes are needed
- Discuss what information is needed to help people access and make the most of self-directed support

They take place between 10.30am and 3.30pm and are being held:

- 22nd June, Moffat
- 28th June, Inverness

For more information or to book a place phone 0131 555 7240 or email ASDSscotland@stroke.org.uk.

National Carers Week activities (Renfrewshire)

National Carers Week begins on Monday 18th June. This year's title is "In sickness and in health". To celebrate Carers Week, Renfrewshire Carers Centre will be hosting a number of activities throughout the week. For further information on these

activities please visit <http://www.renfrewshirecarers.org.uk/carers-week/4564419747>.

Volunteering Zone Sessions (Stirling)

Volunteer Development Scotland are running more information sessions on the popular [Volunteering Zone](#), an on-line method of registering volunteer roles across local authority areas. Volunteering opportunities can be posted directly online and kept up-to-date by organisations.

The online service offers features and benefits including:

- secure online access to opportunities 24/7
- keeping information consistent across the country
- posting pictures and logos alongside opportunities and organisations
- publishing and un-publishing opportunities as and when required
- assign access to branches to use volunteer role templates and register them locally
- statistics about how many people are looking at your volunteering opportunities across the country
- access to events volunteers for events organisers

The next sessions take place as follows:

- Wednesday 20th June 1.00pm – 3.30pm
- Tuesday 17th July, 10.00am – 12.30pm

In order to book a place, please visit [this website](#). All the sessions will take place at VDS in Stirling. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you have any queries, please contact Rebecca Dadge rebecca.dadge@vds.org.uk or Tel 01786 479593.

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Conferences and Seminars

Improving Mental Health in Scotland (Edinburgh)

Capita's Improving Mental Health in Scotland Conference aims to provide an insight into the key themes and proposals outlined in the new Mental Health Strategy 2012-2015, due this summer. Bringing together into a single document their mental health improvement work, measures for mental illness prevention and work to improve mental health services, the forthcoming strategy signals the Scottish Government's intention to take forward mental health policy in a more joined-up and systematic way.

For more information on the event, including prices and registration, click [here](#).

Supporting Asylum Seekers and Refugees: A Seminar for Faith Communities (Glasgow)

This seminar is organised by the Scottish Inter Faith Council and will take place during Refugee Week in Scotland, Wednesday 20th June 2012, 10.30am – 1.30pm Blessed John Duns Scotus RC Church Hall, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow, G5 0TY. The seminar will explore ways in which faith communities can provide help and support for asylum seekers and refugees. John Wilkes, director of the Scottish Refugee Council, will highlight issues faced by asylum seekers in the city. Bridging the Gap, an organisation established by churches in the Gorbals, the Glasgow Destitution Network and others will share about their work supporting asylum seekers and refugees. There will also be an opportunity to discuss the issues and to make

links with other faith communities and organisations.

The event is free and a free lunch will be provided. Please RSVP with any special dietary requirements to Frances Hume: fhume@scottishinterfaithcouncil.org or on 0141 420 6982 by Tuesday 12th June. A programme of other activities marking Refugee Week Scotland can be found [here](#).

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Training

Training from Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability (Glasgow)

Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability is offering the following training. All training takes place from 10am-4pm at Merchant Exchange, Glasgow, and costs £100:

- Outcome focused planning - informative and practical one day course which covers personalisation and self directed support by taking you on a journey of putting a support plan together in a co-productive way. Tuesday 12th June 2012 & Wednesday 25th July 2012
- Graphic facilitation - one day course to give you the skills you need to create a visual representation of any meeting in real time. The trainer will show how to communicate effectively with individuals and groups in a creative, inclusive and memorable way. Date: Tuesday 3rd July 2012
- Easy Read – a practical one day course which addresses communication skills and the barriers around communication. Considers all the steps involved in creating easy to understand information. Date: Wednesday 8th August 2012
- Communication – really saying something - one day course which looks at communication. Explores a variety of communication techniques and tools which you can put into action with the individuals you support and work alongside. Date: Wednesday 29th August 2012

For more information please contact John Somerville, email: john.s@sclcd.co.uk or call 0141 559 5732 or Book online [Here](#)

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Vacancies

Violence Against Women Development Officer (Dundee/Glasgow)

Amina - The Muslim Women's Resource Centre requires a Development Officer (AP4 £23,230- £26,502 pro rata 35 hrs per week) to: help tackle domestic abuse and change attitudes within the Muslim/BME community via programmes with women and men; to raise awareness amongst them that domestic abuse is unacceptable in Islam; and enable Muslim women to have their views heard in inputs to service and policy development. You will have excellent communication skills and experience in organising large scale events.

Application packs are available by email info@mwrc.org.uk or download from the Amina website: <http://www.mwrc.org.uk> or from the office by Tel: 0141 585 8026.
Closing date: Thursday 21 June 2012.

Sustrans posts (Edinburgh)

Sustrans are advertising for the following 3 posts:

- [Deputy Director, Built Environment](#)
You will be responsible for the management and delivery of all infrastructure designed, funded, constructed and managed by Sustrans in Scotland including the National Cycle Network (NCN).
- [Deputy Director, Behavioural Change](#)
You will be responsible for leading the delivery, diversification and development of all our behaviour change projects including the promotion of Sustrans work in school settings and community engagement.
- [Urban Designer](#)
You will be responsible for providing high standard specialist technical knowledge and skill to help design new urban realm and retro-fit existing streetscape to make it more welcoming and usable for active travelling.

Click on the links for more information on each role.

Chief Executive (Edinburgh)

The Scottish Mediation Network seeks an experienced and capable individual with a track record in leadership, strategic engagement and management. You will work with the Board, Staff and Membership of SMN to promote mediation in Scotland. SMN is also responsible for delivering key projects including the Scottish Mediation Helpline, North Lanarkshire Small Claims Mediation Service, Mediation in Complaints Handling Service. Salary: £38,783 - £40,623, Closing date: 15th June 2012

For further information please see the [Scottish Mediation Network website](#).
Alternatively, please contact Sally Tuddenham on 0131 556 1221 email admin@scottishmediation.org.uk

Community Development Worker (Edinburgh)

The Broomhouse Centre is looking for a creative and determined team player for the following role: Community Development Worker (Relationships, Sexual Health and Wellbeing), 18 hours per week fixed term for 12 months, £22,515 pro rata. The postholder will be tasked with releasing the potential of a small group of volunteers over the next 12 months. This time next year, having got to the heart of the community, you will be supporting community members to tell their friends, neighbours and local service providers what we can all be doing to really improve the sexual health, wellbeing and relationships of people living in the west of Edinburgh. For an application pack contact the Broomhouse Centre on 0131 455 7731, 79-89 Broomhouse Crescent, Edinburgh, EH11 3RH or e-mail admin@broomhousecentre.org.uk.

Closing date Friday 22nd June 2012, interviews will be held Monday 30th July 2012.

Chief Officer (Edinburgh)

Voluntary Health Scotland is seeking a Chief Officer (Salary: £38,151 - £40,88) to lead the agenda as VHS embarks on a major modernisation programme. More information, a Job Description, Person Specification and Application Form can be downloaded from the [Voluntary Health Scotland website](#) or by emailing: chris.murphy@vhscotland.org.uk

Closing date: 25 June 2012.

Childcare Manager (Glasgow)

Stepping Stones for Families has the following vacancy: Childcare Manager (Childcare Centre), 35 hrs per week with salary: £25,807 per annum. Location: Thistle Extended Childcare Centre, Greater Easterhouse. Candidates should have or be working towards a BA in Childhood Practice or equivalent and be registered with the SSSC. Proven experience of supervising and developing staff, experience of Child Protection Policies and Procedures, proven experience of managing budgets and planning, monitoring and evaluation of childcare services are all essential requirements for this post.

For an application pack write to: Mary McCreddie, Stepping Stones for Families, Studio 3003a, Mile End Mill, 12 Seedhill Road, Paisley PA1 1JS or email info@ssff.org.uk. The closing date for the post is: Monday 25th June 2012.

Fund Manager (Glasgow)

GCVS is seeking a Fund Manager for its Third Sector Transformation Fund. Both the fund manager and organisation commissioned to evaluate the fund will report directly to GCVS, in its role as a signatory to the Change Plan.

Please refer to GCVS's Consultancy Brief Document for more information about the fund and how to apply. Any questions you have that are not covered in the brief you should be addressed in writing to Gillian McCamley gillian.mccamley@gcvs.org.uk.

Access full details and the Consultancy Brief from <http://digbig.com/5bgcrm>

Community Engagement Posts (Perth & Kinross)

There are several opportunities with Perth & Kinross Change Fund Community Engagement Partnership including a project lead, community engagement workers and an area community co-ordinator:

The key responsibilities of the team will be to:

- Raise awareness of the Perth and Kinross Change Fund objectives, make local connections and stimulate interest of local communities in relation to older people
- Undertake the organisation of community events, and support locality based staff and organisations to take forward new community led local initiatives.
- Develop strong networks and links between community groups, organisations and service users throughout Perth & Kinross
- Co-ordinate engagement activities and implement the engagement plan and communication strategy in identified localities across Perth & Kinross.

For more information on these posts please see [Voluntary Action Perthshire's website](#). Closing date for applications is: 12 noon Friday 29th June 2012.

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Websites

Pathways through Participation

Pathways through Participation was a two-and-a-half year research project in

England which finished at the end of last year. It aimed to increase understanding of how and why people participate in 'civil society', which could include volunteering, getting involved in local decision making and engaging with public services. The project was funded by the Big Lottery Fund and led by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) in partnership with the Institute for Volunteering Research (IVR) and Involve. Despite being finished, the website is perhaps still worth a visit, with plenty of briefing papers and reports on participation available to download. Visit the website at <http://pathwaysthroughparticipation.org.uk>

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Campaigns

City Car Club Competition

The Scottish Government's Greener Together campaign is running a competition to win one of five year-long memberships to the City Car Club scheme in Glasgow or Edinburgh. This enables you to hop in to one of the City Car Club cars parked around Glasgow and Edinburgh (or 12 other locations across the UK) and pay only for what you use.

To enter, you need to sign up to the Greener Together campaign, which means you'll get plenty of ideas, tips and prizes to help you live greener. So sign up to the Greener Together campaign now and you'll be entered to win free City Car Club membership for a whole year.

<http://action.greenerScotland.org/win-a-city-car-club-membership-scdc>

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