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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 **Thursday 26th July** so please send anything you would like to be included before Tuesday 24th. 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.

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CHEX News

Latest edition of CHEX-Point now online

The Summer 2012 edition of CHEX-Point magazine is now available on the CHEX website. In this issue we take a look at equalities approaches and welcome a number of contributors who tell us about how groups they are working with respond to the health issues that are important to them. As well as the usual CHEX features and news, in this issue we have:

- Seldom reached: the complex health inequalities facing LGBT communities
- Embedding an equalities approach: a national perspective in our ENGAGE page
- Homelessness and health – engaging services users in a holistic approach
- Using our evidence: a call for a platform to evidence our impact on inequalities
- Using our VOiCE – tools for tackling equalities barriers

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News from The Corner

One of our Network members, The Corner, has let us know that they are integrating their service with other Dundee organisations Dundee Peer Education Project and Health Buddies in Schools. To coincide with this, a new Integrated Corner Angle e-newsletter is now available. In this first edition you will read about the transition from three co-located services into one integrated service, a process that has been on-going over the last year. The newsletter also contains news on volunteering, services and campaigns.

[Click here](#) to read a copy of the Corner Angle

HIIC tutor network event for South East Central Scotland

CHEX has been asked to forward on news about a potential HIIC tutor network event for South East Central Scotland. The purpose of the event is to increase numbers of active tutors in West Lothian in order to get more people round the table to enable the best discussion and learning to happen.

The initial proposal is for an initial HIIC local tutors networking meeting in Broxburn, West Lothian Friday 3rd August 9.30-11.30. This would discuss what people want to get out of the network meetings, how regularly they could meet and to ensure they are designed in such a way that it will be time well spent for everyone. The idea is that each person would take an active role in the meetings taking turns to deliver sessions and host meetings. Meetings would also be an opportunity to discuss any issues that arise between meetings, such as essay submissions, recruiting for courses and promoting courses.

Broxburn is just off Junction 3 of the M8 and only 5 minutes from the Newbridge interchange between M8 and M9. The local train station is Uphall and trains run from/to Edinburgh and Glasgow. Collections to and from the train station could be arranged with advance notice. If you are interested in coming to this first session, or

have any questions or ideas for themes and agenda items, please contact Laura Dunkel on the details below by Friday 20th July:

Laura Dunkel, Community Health Development Officer - Health Issues In the Community/Put Your West Foot Forward, Health Improvement Team, Strathbrock Partnership Centre, 189a West Main Street, Broxburn EH52 5LH. Tel: 01506 775626 Mob: 07825 357367, Email: laura.dunkel@westlothian.gov.uk

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General Information

Scoping Exercise into National Standards for Community Capacity Building

Scottish Community Development Centre (CHEX's parent organisation) has conducted research on behalf of Education Scotland indicating that there is an appetite for a more strategic approach to Community Capacity Building. One way this could happen is by build upon the existing experience of the [National Standards for Community Engagement](#) in order to create similar standards for community capacity building. These might help achieve common understandings, improving practice and involving a wide range of stakeholders.

Scottish Community Development Centre was commissioned by Education Scotland to explore whether there is scope for the development of national standards for community capacity building - and, if so, what form these might take. The [results of the research phase](#) indicate that there is an appetite for a more strategic approach to CCB, which will deliver consistent, equitable and sustainable opportunities for communities across Scotland.

Education Scotland will work with partners in the coming months to explore the best way to move this discussion forward - using the research report as a springboard for further discussion - in parallel with the implementation of the strategic guidance. Education Scotland is welcoming comments and will hold a series of meetings in Autumn 2012. [For further information visit Education Scotland.](#)

Opportunity for communities from Living Streets

[Living Streets Scotland](#) is running events with community groups across Scotland to help them take action to improve their local walking environments. The events focus on the conditions for walking of a particular street, path or area known to the group and which, if improved, could help encourage more walking for short journeys; thus yielding health, environmental and local economy benefits. Assisted by Living Streets, groups audit their street, path or space, identify priorities for improvements, produce a focused report and plan/deliver those improvements with relevant organisations, often councils. Work with groups so far has resulted in a range of improvements for local people including:

- campaigns against dog fouling;
- more litter bins;
- better street cleaning;
- re-surfacing of pavements and paths; and
- removal of pavement obstructions

The events are free and Living Streets can meet sundry costs such as refreshments and venue hire as required. Wherever possible, meetings are held in the usual meeting place of the group. If this is not possible, meetings are held in a venue as

close as possible to the area/street to be audited by the group. The Walkable Communities project is open to any group with an interest in the quality of their local walking environment but may be of particular interest to Health Walk Groups, Community Paths Groups, Transition Groups, Tenant & Residents Associations, Older People's Interest Groups or Disabilities Interest Groups.

For more information contact: Janice Gray, Communities Co-ordinator, Living Streets Scotland, 0131 243 2649, Janice.gray@livingstreets.org.uk

Change in address for Fife Employment Access Trust

Fife Employment Access Trust has asked us to alert Snippets readers in Fife that the organisation has moved address (as 12 July 2012) to 6 & 7 Hanover Court, Glenrothes, KY7 5SB. The Trust also has a new telephone number of 01592 753388, although its e-mail and web addresses remain the same. See more at www.journeytowork.co.uk

News from Outside the Box

Outside the Box has a new project called Wisdom in Practice. It aims to build on the skills, knowledge and confidence of older people, to enable you to start or develop services that are led by older people. It works with older people across Scotland to make a difference to the opportunities and services you can use. For more information please go to: www.otbds.org/wisdom

Outside the Box is also delighted to share that the Mind Waves project was shortlisted for the Technology 4 Good Awards 2012. Despite being a runner up, Outside the Box state that it was an honour to be chosen when the project is still in its first year. For more information and for the reactions of the community reporters you can go to the blog: mindwavesnews.wordpress.com

New community led regeneration category in this year's SURF awards

Each year, SURF and the Scottish Government team up to recognise, reward and celebrate best practice in Scottish community regeneration. The SURF Awards are independently judged by a panel of national regeneration bodies and community representatives. This year, SURF Awards is introducing a set of five new categories to reflect all aspects and scales of community regeneration activity. The new 2012 SURF Award categories are:

- Community Led Regeneration
- Sustainable Place
- Infrastructure and Regeneration
- Creative Regeneration
- YESS to Jobs (Youth Employability and Skills Services)

If you are aware of a regeneration initiative that deserves wider recognition, and would like to nominate it for a SURF Award, an application form is available from the [SURF website](#). The closing date for applications is noon on Monday 17 September 2012.

Vote for Grampian Opportunities for National Lottery Awards

Grampian Opportunities has been nominated for an award from the National Lottery for our New Explorations mentoring project and has asked CHEX to promote their cause! To vote you need to either [click on this link](#) or you can phone 0844 836 9706 (calls cost 5p from a BT landline. Calls from other networks may vary, calls from mobiles cost considerably more).

As part of Grampian Opportunities, the New Explorations project has established a

volunteer “peer-led” mentoring service for disabled people, as well as people with long term conditions or mental health problems. Mentees are supported to explore their opportunities for positive change, focusing on the areas of health and wellbeing, education, training, volunteering and employment. The main focus for the mentoring is to enable adults to move into and sustain employment. You can find Grampian Opportunities on www.facebook.com/GrampianOpportunities or follow us on twitter @G_Opportunities.

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Consultations and Surveys

Extension to the Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill consultation

CHEX has been keen to raise awareness within community-led health of the opportunity to respond to the Scottish Government’s Consultation on the Proposed Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill. The consultation contains much that is relevant to community-led health approaches, with questions on community engagement, decision making powers for communities and removing barriers to communities taking control of local assets such as land and buildings.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that the deadline for responding to the consultation has now been extended to the 26th September 2012. Read more about the consultation and how to respond on the [CHEX website](#).

Community garden, growing and food projects may be interested to know that the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens is planning a discussion event around the bill on Tuesday 24th July at 11am in Edinburgh - venue to be confirmed.

Review of stroke prevention interventions

The Institute for Applied Health Research at Glasgow Caledonian University is looking for projects or interventions around the development and implementation of cardiovascular secondary prevention services as part of a systematic review of the development and delivery of multimodal stroke secondary prevention interventions.

In particular, the researchers are interested in details of the content and delivery of the intervention, and any associated training package for healthcare professionals/clinicians. The review will also consider implementation, and information is sought regarding whether or not the intervention has been imbedded in routine clinical practice, or if there are any plans to roll it out into practice.

If you are able to help, please contact Dr Maggie Lawrence, Stroke Association Senior Research Training Fellow/Senior Research Fellow Margaret.lawrence@gcu.ac.uk or Dr Jan Pringle, Researcher jpr1@gcu.ac.uk for a research form. Tel 0141 331 8687 or 0141 331 8863.

Consultation on the Children and Young People Bill

The Scottish Government has opened consultation on its proposed Children and Young People Bill, which sets out a range of proposals for taking forward ambitions for children’s rights and services. The Bill covers human rights for children and young people, childcare availability and other services for young people. Consultation ends on 25th September and more information is available on [the Scottish Government website](#).

In addition, more news on Scottish Government policy around children and young people is available on the “Getting it right...” newsletter which can be read [online](#).

Evidence Participation Change Project Evaluation

The Poverty Alliance is conducting evaluation of its *Evidence, Participation, Change (EPIC) Project* and is asking for the views of anyone who has been involved in any aspect of the project since it started in 2009. Through EPIC, the Poverty Alliance has organised training for community groups, held the annual Scottish Assembly for Tackling Poverty, carried out participatory research and supported the Tackling Poverty Stakeholder Forum. An independent evaluation has been commissioned and is now underway. As well as helping gain an understanding what has worked, the evidence from this evaluation will also help shape future work.

If you have been involved then please complete this short [online survey](#). Please complete your response by **16 July 2012**.

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Publications

Working with the Third Sector in Health and Social Care

SCVO and the Scottish Government have jointly produced a paper “Working with the Third Sector in Health and Social Care” containing information on what the third sector is, why, and how, statutory bodies should engage with the sector and issues that need to be considered when doing so. The paper was developed following discussions at a Ministerial Delivery Group on 11 January, which highlighted the need to encourage and develop a better understanding of the role the third sector can play in the delivery of health and social care services.

The paper includes a range of issues that health and social care partnerships should think about in terms of engagement with the third sector. In addition, SCVO is developing a new web-based resource which should appear in the not too distant future. The aim is that the paper and the web resource will enhance understanding of the role and potential of the third sector to local health and social care partnerships. The document is available to download from [SCVO's website](#).

Scottish Social Attitudes Survey

The Scottish Government has published the Scottish Social Attitudes Survey 2011. Some findings of particular relevance to community health are:

- People rate third sector provision of care for older people higher than both private and public sector provision.
- There is a split in public attitudes concerning the question of whether personal care for older people should be provided free across the board or whether it should be means tested.
- The most common view of standards in public services is that they have stayed the same, and around half of respondents are satisfied with the NHS.

Click [here](#) to read more on the Scottish Government Website.

SAMH Research Report into experiences of self-harm

The Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH) recently created an on-line survey to find out more about people's first-hand experiences of self-harm. The survey

received 227 responses with people giving honest and frank accounts of self-harm and the support they received.

The research report, launched on 25th June, shows that people's reasons for self-harming include coping with pressure, feeling a release or calming down. The research also identified that self-harm can take many forms, from cutting and burning to harmful drinking and disordered eating. The full report can be accessed via [this link](#).

Mental Health and the NHS

A new report from the Centre for Economic Performance and LSE argues that mental health is under-prioritised by the NHS. The report recommends that local health commissioners in England need to do more to roll out the UK Government's Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) programme. It points out that "mental illness accounts for 23% of the total burden of disease. Yet, despite the existence of cost-effective treatments, it receives only 13% of NHS health expenditure." Download the report from the following link: <http://cep.lse.ac.uk/pubs/download/special/cepsp26.pdf>.

Physical activity and mental health

Regular Snippets readers may have noticed that the last two issues have mentioned research and debate around the issue of physical activity and depression. Now, a new study from The University of Glasgow has added further weight to the argument that physical activity has beneficial effects on mental health and wellbeing. Furthermore, the research points to variations in the beneficial effects of physical activity between physical activity in natural and man-made environments. [Click here](#) to read more about the research.

More e-bulletins

CHEX would like to point you in the direction of other e-bulletins relevant to community-led health. Please click on the hyperlinks to view the following:

- [LTCAS \(Long Term Conditions Alliance Scotland\) quarterly Quality Strategy updates](#) – about the Scottish Government's Healthcare Quality Strategy. Issue 5 just out, including news on third sector engagement with health and social care.
- [The Poverty Alliance e-news](#), which includes links to reports, debates and consultations.
- Community Food and Health Scotland's [Fair Choice \(Issue 60\)](#) with updates on policy, services and practice relevant to community food and health.
- [June's WiSH e-bulletin](#), produced by NHS Health Scotland, and which stands for Wellbeing in Sexual Health

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Funding

Resilient Scotland's JESSICA Fund

The Scottish Community Foundation is running Resilient Scotland, a new independent endowment of £15m from the Big Lottery which is available for investment into local communities in 13 of Scotland's most disadvantaged areas. The first programme – [Start and Grow](#) – was launched last week and consists of packages of grants and loans ranging from £10k - £60k. A programme of much larger

investments into community anchor organisations will follow.

Voluntary Action Fund Community Grants

Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) has announced that its small community grant programme is being extended for a further year. Aimed at Scotland's smaller community groups and voluntary organisations, the Community Grant will provide grants of up to £1,000 and free training to groups with an annual income under £25,000. Groups can apply for funding for a wide range of activities or operational costs. However, VAF is particularly keen to fund activities that will help build and develop strong organisations, for example; training for committee members and volunteers; visits to other organisations and conferences or professional support and consultancy. The next funding deadline is the **16th July**, but if this is too soon there will be another round finishing on 17th September 2012.

[Read more on VAF's website](#)

Anti-bullying funding

National Anti-Bullying Week takes place across Scotland from 19 - 23 November 2012. To mark the occasion, respectme, Scotland's Anti-Bullying Service, wants to encourage and support anti-bullying campaigning at a local level.

To help achieve this, Youth Scotland member groups are being offered the opportunity to apply for funding of up to £1000 to develop anti-bullying themed events and activities. Any youth group that has young people aged 10 or over and are in Youth Scotland's membership can apply. The deadline for applications is the 21st September 2012. Read more, including how to apply, [here](#).

Funding for preventing litter

Zero Waste Scotland has launched a new £250,000 fund to give community groups, local authorities, businesses and landowners, the chance to trial innovative projects to prevent littering in the first place. Initiatives should take a new approach to encouraging, educating, or enforcing litter prevention, and include measures of success. Partnerships between interest groups and inspire collaborative working are also encouraged. For more information visit <http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/litterfund>. The fund will close on Friday 14th September 2012.

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Events

Health All Round events in July and August (Edinburgh)

Health All Round has sent out its latest events listings for July and August 2012. This includes physical fitness classes, individual support and groups and workshops. Download the July and August leaflet by clicking [here](#).

The Scottish Women's Convention roadshow event (Islay)

The next Scottish Women's Convention roadshow event will take place on Islay in the Columba Centre, Bowmore on Monday 6th August, 10am-3pm. If you are interested in attending please contact info@scottishwomensconvention.org. Reports from previous roadshow events are available [here](#). The 2012 Glenrothes and Anstruther reports are available now, detailing the discussions held in that area. Visit

<http://www.scottishwomensconvention.org> for more information on the SWC.

Trellis Network Meeting (Orkney)

This event is for anyone interested in/involved with community , therapeutic , or green spaces used to improve health, well-being or for community benefit. This event will be a great opportunity to network with both new and existing projects across Orkney. The main aim of the day is to showcase and develop links with a variety of gardening projects across Orkney.

The event will take place on Thursday 23rd August 2012, 10.15-3.30pm at The Garden Room, King St Hall, King St, Kirkwall, KW15 INN. Email info@trellisscotland.org.uk or phone 01738 624348 for more information.

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Conferences and Seminars

Keeping it Real.....the Health & Wellbeing of Adolescents (Dumfries & Galloway)

This free event will take place on Wednesday 14 November 2010, 9.15 – 3.30pm Duncan Room – Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries. It is open to people and services residing within Dumfries & Galloway, and aims to stimulate discussion, build momentum, strengthen Dumfries & Galloway's responses to risk taking behaviour by adolescents. This includes gender issues, domestic abuse, sexual relationships, gambling and substance use. Please contact jill.shearman@nhs.net for a booking form and more information before 26th October.

Ethnicity and Health Research conference (Edinburgh)

This one day conference for researchers, policy makers, practitioners and the general public will present and discuss recent advances in research aimed at improving health and well-being, and reducing health inequalities. It will take place at Surgeon's Hall, Edinburgh, 09:15 - 16:30, on 21 November 2012

In 2009, the Scottish Government accepted a strategy for future research on ethnicity and health produced by an expert working group. The conference will describe progress made since 2009, including advances in data collection by National Records Scotland and the NHS in Scotland, paving the way for future research. Leading researchers will present their latest findings, using a variety of methods ranging from action research with local communities to analysis of a database covering 4.65 million people. The impact of the research on policy and practice and its relevance to other communities and the population as a whole will be highlighted and the way forward debated.

For more information on this event, have a look at the [draft conference programme](#). Abstracts for [oral presentations and posters will be accepted until 20 August](#) and registration for the conference will open on September 10, 2012. Read more [here](#).

Long Term Conditions Alliance Scotland Dialogue Event (Glasgow)

LTCAS Members and others are invited to come along to a Health and Social Care Dialogue Event on the 18th July 2012. The event will be an opportunity to hear about and share views on the proposals for health and social care integration currently out for consultation. At the event you will hear from key leaders involved in this

integration process including:

- Ron Culley, Health and Social Care Team, COSLA
- Derek Feeley, Director General, Health and Social Care and Chief Executive, NHS Scotland Scottish Government
- Angiolina Foster, Director of Health and Social Care Integration, Scottish Government

For more information and to sign up for this event please email event@ltcas.org.uk or call 0141 404 0231.

To read more about the Scottish Government's consultation on integration of adult health and social care, and to contribute to CHEX's response, [click here](#).

8th World Congress on Active Ageing 2012 (Glasgow)

Glasgow is hosting the World Congress on Active Ageing 2012 and will offer a Public Programme and Senior Pass for the first time ever at the Congress. The Public Programme is designed to cater for inactive older people as well as those already active. The event runs from Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th August 2012 at the SECC, Glasgow. The Senior Pass costs £8 and gives access to lectures, performances and the Experience Zone, which provides a range of brief 'have a go/taster activities' to keep you active and give you a taste of something new. For further information and booking visit the website: www.wcaa2012.com or phone Congress Secretariat on: 0141 331 0123.

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Training

Workshop on Social Accounting and Social Capital (Dundee)

The Social Audit Network (SAN) in Scotland and Assist Social Capital are delivering one-day training sessions on Getting to grips with Social Accounting and Auditing and another half-day on Getting to Grips with Social Capital. The workshops are targeted at organisations interested in understanding and applying a social capital strategy to unlock intangible assets in their organisations and communities. Participants will gain a clear understanding of the social accounting and audit process and whether it is right for their organisation. The next workshop is in Dundee on the 30th August 2012

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

Training on writing decision papers and developing policy (Edinburgh)

Government Knowledge are offering these 2 training sessions in Edinburgh:

- Writing Decision Papers, 15th August ([more detail](#))
- Developing Policy, 16th August ([more detail](#))

The training is aimed at policymakers, project managers and decision-makers from all sectors. To find out more, including costs, visit <http://govknow.com/training-home.html>

GCVS training on the benefits of volunteers (Glasgow)

Entitled "Harnessing the 'Goodwill Surplus': The benefits of more volunteers helping you do more", this training will improve awareness and understanding of involving volunteers to improve your work as well as some of the issues and risks. This event is free and takes place 1.30pm – 4.30pm, Tuesday 21st August 2012 at The Albany Learning and Conference Centre, Ashley St, Glasgow. Contact

john.robertson@gcvs.org.uk for more information on the event and booking. Also, [visit GCVS's website for a full training programme.](#)

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Vacancies

Development and Co-ordination Officer (East of Scotland)

This role is part of the Scottish Drugs Forum's Addiction Worker Training Project. The Development and Co-ordination Officer will establish and develop a work based training programme for potential Addiction workers in the East of Scotland. This will involve engaging key stakeholders; seeking funding; liaising with potential placement providers; liaising with potential education providers; and engaging those who would be potentially employed on the course.

The AWTP Development and Co-ordination Officer will also offer support to individuals with a history of problematic substance use who are entering employment in social care. Application packs giving full detailed job description and an application form are available on our website: <http://www.sdf.org.uk>. Closing date: **Monday 16 July 2012 at 12 noon.**

Learning Disabilities Advocate (Edinburgh and East Lothian)

The post will be based in Edinburgh with work throughout East Lothian. Salary: Circa £20,520 pro rata, 4 days per week. One Year Fixed Term, to end of March 2013. The post involves: Working in partnership with adults with learning disabilities on a one to one issue-based advocacy basis; ensuring that their views/needs/ preferences are heard and listened to; ensuring that their rights are upheld and protected; ensuring that each advocacy partner is included and empowered, and has influence over decisions which affect advocacy partner's lives.

For further information contact Edinburgh@partnersinadvocacy.org.uk or 0131 478 7723 or look on our website <http://www.partnersinadvocacy.org.uk>. Deadline: 5pm, 20th July.

National Development Officer (Edinburgh)

The Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN) is looking to recruit two National Development Officers (Salary £26,589-£29,052 - 36hours per week) to contribute to the effective development of policy, partnership working and effective practice for Community Safety in Scotland, providing a unique and valuable contribution to making Scotland a safer place to live, work and visit. Based in Edinburgh this post is funded for 2 ½ years with the possibility of a further extension subject to future funding.

Further information or an application pack telephone 0131 225 8700/7772 or email Jacqui.doig@scsn.org.uk. Closing Date: Friday 10 August 2012. Interview Date: Wednesday 22 August 2012

P/T Learning Centre Course Organiser (Edinburgh)

Deaf Action is looking to recruit a highly-motivated Organiser (Salary £16,047 - £16,710 (Pro Rata) for 21 hours) to set up and oversee a programme of adult learning for deaf people. The successful candidate will have excellent interpersonal and administrative skills, as well as a strong motivation to provide high quality adult

learning opportunities. For an informal discussion on the Learning Centre Course organiser post, contact Jackie Slater. Application packs are available from: Deaf Action Head Office, 49 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QY, Tel: 0131 556 3128 Fax: 0131 557 8283 Text: 0131 557 0419 SMS: 07775 620757. Email: admin@deafaction.org. Also, visit www.deafaction.org. Closing date for applications: Monday 16th July 2012.

Finance Officer (Edinburgh)

Pilton Community Health Project seeks a suitably experienced and enthusiastic Finance Officer (Starting Salary: £23,232 pro rata, 21 hours - 3 days per week). Working with the management team the Finance Officer will be responsible for a wide range of finance and payroll duties and will be expected to work closely with other staff across the organisation contributing ideas and providing support. Interviews for this post will take place during w/c 30th July 2012.

For an application pack, please contact: Pilton Community Health Project, 73 Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh EH5 2PW Tel: 0131-551-1671 Email: admin@pchip.org.uk, or visit <http://www.pchip.org.uk>. Closing date: 5.00pm 23rd July 2012

National Community Development Manager (Edinburgh)

Action on Depression is looking for a National Community Development Manager (£22,318 pro-rata, 28 hours a week maternity cover). Experienced in developing and delivering services in the voluntary or statutory sector, the post holder will also have an awareness of the issues affecting adults with emotional health problems, gained either in mental health, health promotion or related fields. Application packs can be downloaded from www.actionondepression.org, by phoning 0131 226 1803 or emailing carole@actionondepression.org. Also, read the full job advert on [Goodmoves](http://www.goodmoves.org). The closing date for applications is noon on **16th July 2012**.

Community Gardening Co-ordinator (Glasgow)

North Glasgow Community Food Initiative is advertising for this post (£20,520 pro-rata, 17.5 hours per week (£10,260) Fixed term to 31 March 2012 with possible extension subject to funding) which involves managing development and delivery of gardening operations across three gardens, in particular establishing Milton Community Garden as a demonstration garden and maintaining Hamiltonhill allotment. The post also involves supporting volunteers in role and community engagement. For an application pack please see <http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/jobs/10988>. Closing Date: 12 noon Monday 23rd July 2012. Interview: Monday 30th July 2012.

Community Development Advisors (Glasgow)

Outside the Box is recruiting 2 Community Development Advisors - flexible working hours with potential for full time. Salary: £30,000 pro rata. Closing date: 27th August. For more information go to: <http://www.otbds.org/recruitment/>

Short Breaks Bureau Development Officer (Midlothian)

VOCAL Midlothian is looking for an experienced and motivated person (30 hours per week, AP5 £26,596 - £28,966 pro rata) to develop and manage an exciting new development, the Midlothian Short Breaks Bureau. The post is funded by Midlothian Council and is based in Midlothian. Candidates will have substantial experience in service development and delivery, a thorough knowledge of Scotland's health and social care system and a very good understanding of the needs and situation of carers. They will be able to evidence a knowledge and understanding of the role of short breaks, and will demonstrate the ability to work in an outcome-focused way with a good understanding of the principles of working alongside people to co-produce

solutions.

For details and application pack e-mail: jobs@vocal.org.uk VOCAL, 8 Johnston Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2PW. T: 0131 622 6666 <http://www.vocal.org.uk>. Closing date: Monday 20th August. Interview date: Wednesday 5th September.

Volunteer Co-ordinator (South Lanarkshire)

Healthy Valleys is recruiting a Volunteer Co-ordinator (£20,520 - 25 hours per week pro rata) to support its many volunteers who deliver a range of community led health interventions. The successful candidate will supervise volunteers and provide direction, coordination, and consultation for all volunteer functions within the organisation to strengthen community projects and programmes.

Applicants should have a track record in supervising staff/volunteers and have excellent people and communication skills. A current driving license, access to own transport for business purposes are essential. Application packs are available by phoning Healthy Valleys 01555 880666 or by email to carolanne@healthyvalleys.org.uk. Closing date: 20th July 2012. This post is funded until March 2013.

Head of Information and Digital Communications (Stirling)

Volunteer Development Scotland has created this post of Head of Information & Digital Communications (£35,634 to £40,344) to help it reach more people, channeling information to connect them to volunteering opportunities and support to those engaging with volunteers directly so that volunteers have an enjoyable experience. This is a key senior management role delivering a new information and digital communications strategy supporting VDS's transformational change business plan, through the management of information to meet differing needs and by deploying a range of technologies. Read more and download application details from [the VDS website](#). Closing date: Friday 20th July at 12noon.

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Websites

New Voluntary Health Scotland website

As part of the Voluntary Health Scotland modernisation programme VHS has launched its new website (www.vhscotland.org.uk).

The new website introduces a contemporary design making use of up to date web design features. Many of the elements of the old website have been retained and refreshed and new features such as a Members Noticeboard and a VHS Current Work section have been added.

The website will develop further over the coming months and VHS state that they would welcome people's comments on what they would like to see feature. Please email suggestions to mail@vhscotland.org.uk

Shaping the Choreography of Care and Support blog

Over the course of 2011/12, IRISS, in partnership with The Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow City Council Social Work Services, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS, Cornerstone Care and BUPA, was involved in a project to foster innovative strategies

and actions for the development of future support for older people's well-being. It involved multidisciplinary teams comprising designers, social service practitioners and users. The objective was to match the future expectations and aspirations of living a good older life to the resources that will be available to deliver it.

The project has a blog which can be [accessed here](#). The latest and final report from the project is also [available here](#).

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Campaigns

Statutory Duty for Play campaigns

Play Scotland have set up an online petition calling for a Statutory Duty for Play, which would ensure that local authorities are committed to providing sufficient and satisfying play opportunities for children of all ages and abilities, to be included in the new Children and Young Peoples Bill. Sign the petition [here](#).

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