



CHEX-Point Snippets

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Note: Due to CHEX attending The Gathering, Snippets will be taking a break for three weeks. The next issue will on Thursday 27th February 2014.

Thanks!

Hello, and welcome to issue 250 of CHEX-Point Snippets. As always, this issue contains all the latest news and information relating to community-led health. **If you have any news or updates from your own work locally that you would like mentioned in Snippets please get in touch.** 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 will be published on **Thursday 27th February, 2014**. Please send anything you would like to be included before Tuesday 25th February.

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CHEX News

News from the Network: "Tell Tale Signs" - Parent Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse

In each edition of Snippets we like to profile some news from organisations around community-led health. In this week's issue we're highlighting a film by Safe Space, Edinburgh University and SAMH.

Safe Space, Edinburgh University & SAMH have made a film with service users of both organisations in order to raise awareness of the issues for parents who are survivors of childhood sexual abuse and to enable parent survivors assist in guiding and informing future service provision and delivery.

Through a series of interviews, group discussion and personal testimony they have encapsulated parent survivor experiences of becoming a parent, their concerns around their capacity to parent, fears for their children's safety, issues in seeking support and highlighting what they found most beneficial from support services.

The short term benefit of this film is offering survivors a public voice to assist in overcoming barriers of secrecy and shame which are part of abuse experience. Recognition of their resilience and strength is often cited as an empowering tool for survivors in helping one another as is ability to cope with stress and be active participants within their own communities.

The long term outcomes through use of the completed film are raising awareness of the needs of parent survivors and to broaden and enhance learning and understanding across a wide spectrum of professional services. This film will impact on future policy and practice with regard to recognition of the long term effects for survivors, sensitive and confident practice in response to disclosure and longer term implications for children, families and community.

They are holding a premiere of "Tell Tale Signs - Parent Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse", a 30 minute film directed and produced by Sue Hampson and Sitar Rose. In the film, five parent survivors share intimate reflections about the effects of childhood sexual abuse, the challenges they face in disclosing to professionals and how it shapes their experience as parents and partners.

- Wednesday 19th February, from 1.30-17.00
- George Square Lecture Theatre
University of Edinburgh, George Square
Edinburgh, EH8 9LH

The programme will consist of an introduction by Siobhan Canavan, University of Edinburgh; opening thoughts from Catherine Deveney, freelance journalist and novelist; screening of the film; Questions and Answers followed by light refreshments and gathering.

To book, click [here](#), and for information contact emma.giles@ed.ac.uk.

If you would like to have any aspect of your community-led health work featured in Snippets please get in touch. Email sam.jordan@scdc.org.uk or phone 0141 248

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Community Health Exchange (CHEX) annual conference – Save the date

CHEX will be inviting community-led health organisations and others to attend an annual conference on Thursday 1st May 2014 at the Townhead Village Hall in Glasgow.

The conference will aim to encourage communities to take action to address the health inequality issues that are important to them. With an emphasis on discussion and information exchange, organisations involved in community-led health initiatives will be warmly invited to attend and share ideas, good practice and inspirations.

This will be a free event with lunch included which will be timed and located to best enable participants to travel from across Scotland. Full details and agenda will be finalised shortly. To register your interest in attending contact David Reilly at david.reilly@scdc.org.uk or 0141 248 1924.

SCDC submission to Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill consultation

CHEX's parent organisation, SCDC has submitted its response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the draft Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill.

In addition to giving plenty of suggestions for the actual detail of the Bill, SCDC's submission highlights the risk that inequalities may be exacerbated without accompanying community capacity building support for disadvantaged communities.

You can download our submission [here](#).

A fairer, healthier Scotland: a way forward together Seminar – part of ‘the Gathering’

- Wed. 19 February 2014
- 1pm-4p.m.
- The Lomond Suite, SECC, Glasgow

Community-led health organisations work with different organisations and agencies to tackle health inequalities at a local level. This seminar is a significant opportunity to join forces with many others in the third and public sectors (national and local) to exchange practice, information and ideas.

Speakers from community-led health sector and voluntary sector will join colleagues from Scottish Government and NHS Health Scotland in stimulating the discussion.

The seminar is free and the organisers – NHS Health Scotland, Voluntary Health Scotland, Community Food & Health Scotland and CHEX – want to encourage their members and contacts to come along, contribute and make the event memorable!

It's anticipated that 200 will come along and places are going fast. So, register your place now by clicking [here](#).

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General Information

Health and Sports Committee: early years call for evidence

The Scottish Government's Health and Sports Committee will be investigating the effectiveness of early years intervention in tackling health inequalities.

From pre-birth to interventions for young children, the committee has issued a call for evidence and will also look at the way the health services work in relation to early years - all part of a wider examination of the health inequalities across Scotland.

The closing date for written evidence is the 7 March and you can submit written evidence by emailing the Committee on healthandsport@scottish.parliament.uk. You can read more [here](#).

Charter for people living with stroke in Scotland

The Charter for people living with stroke in Scotland was recently released and aims to improve the experience and access to community services for thousands of people who have a stroke every year by arming them, their families, service providers and politicians with clear, evidence based information. The charter was written by people who have had strokes, MSPs and people who provide services.

To get hold of the Charter, to give it your support or for more information click [here](#).

Welfare Reform Committee: "Abolish the bedroom tax"

The Scottish Government's Welfare Reform Committee has released its interim report on the so-called bedroom tax. The report, which brings together a range of responses from a consultation issued last year, calls for the tax to be abolished and for more to be done to alleviate the strain felt by tenants. It notes that the tax is "iniquitous and inhumane and may well breach their human rights" and sees evidence from tenants who have been forced to change accommodation, along with academics and local council staff.

Convener Michael McMahon MSP said: "The 'bedroom tax' remains bad law. Treating people's homes only as bricks and mortar, homes of around 65,000 disabled people and 15,000 homes with children, is simply not acceptable in this day and age."

You can read the interim report [here](#) and press release [here](#).

Health inequalities – evidencing the voluntary sector contribution

Voluntary Health Scotland has secured funding from NHS Health Scotland to gather evidence about the voluntary sector's contribution to tackling health inequalities. The project will also ask what additional support our members need from VHS, NHS Health Scotland and others to help improve their impact on health inequalities. Over the coming year, VHS will ask voluntary health organisations throughout Scotland to contribute to this evidence gathering, which will include a survey and case studies. The resulting national report and recommendations will be designed to ensure the role of the voluntary sector as a partner in tackling health inequalities is more fully recognised and built on.

More information to come, which we'll keep you up to date with.

Suicide prevention debate in Scottish Parliament

The suicide prevention strategy published last year set out the key areas of work that is believed with reduce suicides in Scotland. A debate led by the Public Health Minister Michael Matheson examined the strategy, which sets out a plan from 2013 to 2016. There were a probable 830 suicides in Scotland in 2012, the majority of which were men.

You can download the report [here](#) and view the debate [here](#).

Latest welfare reform news

With welfare reform continuing to dominate the headlines, CHEX brings you some of the latest news from around Scotland relating to welfare and community-led health.

- The above mentioned bedroom tax report comes as the Scottish Government has [sought further authority](#) from the Department of Work and Pensions to spend an extra £15 million on support for people facing increased rents, effectively cancelling out the impact of the housing benefit cuts in Scotland.
- The level of UK benefits paid in pensions, jobseeker's allowance and incapacity benefit is "manifestly inadequate" because it falls below 40% of the median income of European states, according to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. More [here](#).
- The Scottish Government consultation on the Scottish Welfare Fund ends

this Friday. More info in the Consultations and Surveys section [below](#).

News from other networks

CHEX has found the following e-bulletins interesting over the last fortnight:

- Inclusion Scotland produces an excellent newsletter on issues related to disabled people and helps draw attention to news and information which affects people with disabilities. To subscribe, email information@inclusionscotland.org.
- Keep Scotland Beautiful manages the Climate Challenge Fund which has almost exhausted its funding for this year. The Keeping Scotland Beautiful CCF newsletter is still a useful resource for info around events and news related to the environment and energy saving. You can read the latest issue and subscribe (top left) [here](#).

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Campaigns

ASH Scotland: Smoking in cars campaign

ASH Scotland is asking people to take action on smoking in vehicles, as two proposals from MSPs and MPs are currently debating the issues.

Their campaign asks you to firstly write to your MSP supporting Jim Hume MSP's proposal to bring forward a Bill on the matter. Secondly, they ask you to email your Westminster MP, where a vote of the matter in the House of Commons. There's only a few days left until the vote, so be sure to show your support soon.

You can fill in a form on the ASH Scotland website, making it really easy to take action. You can find out more [here](#).

NHS Scotland lung cancer campaign

'Get Checked Early' focuses on changing the perceptions of lung cancer as being untreatable, with Sir Alex Ferguson being the focus of the campaign. NHS Scotland have launched a new website getcheckedearly.org with the message that with addressing lung cancer early, more can be done.

Visit the website [here](#) and view the tv advert [here](#).

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Consultations and surveys

Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill - Ends soon

As previously mentioned in [issue 248](#), this consultation is looking to legislate the fund fully, which replaces the Crisis Loans and Community Care Grants, which were stopped in April 2013. Specifically, the new Bill looks to cement the place of local authorities in the decision making process as well as providing additional guidance.

This consultation closes on Friday 7th February. You can view more [here](#).

Scotland Rural Development Programme - Consultation

The Scottish Government is calling for a survey of its final proposals of the SRDP 2014 - 2020. The programme, which is part funded by the European Union and the Scottish Government, is aimed at providing support across a range of economic, environmental and social issues in rural areas.

Now in the final stages, this document gives an indication of this programme, and the attached funds will be used. There is over £1.3 billion in funds across the programme, which are being spent on various projects.

This consultation will be of interest to local organisations who work around the environment, rural issues, co-operatives and access to broadband - plus more.

You can read the proposals [here](#) and take a consultation response survey [here](#). Consultation closes 28th February 2014.

New Outdoor Experience Centre - Sense Scotland

Sense Scotland is embarking on a new project; looking to develop its current outdoor activities by establishing its own outdoor and environmental experience centre in Scotland (in the Central Scotland area). This will be a permanent base from which people with complex communication support needs can experience wilderness, explore the outdoors and its environs, camp out, plant trees, develop paths and light camp fires. The centre will complement and support the existing outdoor activities programme and residential short breaks.

They are looking into the feasibility of such a centre and finding a suitable location. To help plan and ensure that it will suit those who will use it, they would be most grateful if you could complete the survey online. Click [here](#).

Scottish Fire and Rescue Local Plans

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service are required to produce a Local Fire Plan for each area they operate in. They are currently asking individuals and organisations to add to their consultation around the issue.

The local plan is the mechanism which describes how they are to align to the SFRS Strategic plan aims and objectives. The plan is currently in draft as it is required to be available to stakeholders for consultation.

You can read the document and complete the survey [here](#).

EVOC Network of Children, Young People and Families

If you've been a part of this network the folks over at EVOC are looking to get your feedback on what you like and what you're looking for in the future. You can take the survey [here](#).

If you're not attending, you can find out more [here](#).

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Publications

Older People Taking Action - Event Report

Highlands & Island Equality Forum, Highland Senior Citizens Network and Outside the Box held an event titled Older People Taking Action in October, 2013.

The aim of the event was to bring together a range of voices to discuss issues related to older people and their health, and how community-led approaches could improve people's lives.

Loneliness was the main theme of the day, with 'men's sheds' and digital inclusion being examined. This report highlights the discussion that took place and details the case studies that were presented on the day. It looks at the challenges of the each approach to tackling loneliness and provides some interesting ideas.

You can download the report [here](#).

Healthy Living Programme Evaluation

This research looks at the impact of the Scottish Grocers Federation Healthy Living Programme's (HLP) training and resources on community retailers selling fruit and vegetables.

The HLP aims to support convenience retailers in communities throughout

Scotland to provide and promote healthier choices in their shops. There has been a focus on supporting retailers in areas of deprivation in order to address health inequalities

The research highlights the benefits of both the training and resources, but also their limitations. It also makes some recommendations about how else the Programme could support community retailers.

Download the report [here](#).

Health and Wellbeing Profiles 2014

The Information Services Division of the NHS has published updated data for its [Health & Wellbeing Profiles](#). These profiles take a measure of the health and wellbeing across Scotland's 32 Local Authorities, giving information to a range of health metrics such as average life expectancy, alcohol-related health effects, rates of unemployment and more.

These profiles are primarily used for organisations who provide services to give information on various health indicators but also have uses for organisations and for individuals looking for information about the areas they live or work in.

Some of the most stark examples are related to life expectancy, which for a man is as low as 71.6 years in Glasgow and up to 79.4 years in East Dunbartonshire.

You can view the data on the ScotPHO website [here](#). News release [here](#).

Edinburgh Participatory Budgeting Report

The Canny Wi' Cash Participatory Budgeting Project work to support older people to make decisions on small grants for work with, by and for older people. A co-productive project, it has now released a report detailing the work as well the outcomes, which have seen older people feel more involved with the decision making process, along with becoming more involved in the wider community and improved health and wellbeing overall.

A total of £56,000 was distributed in this manner, across 56 projects in the Edinburgh area. Voting took place across a two week period with 312 votes across 37 voting venues - an excellent turnout.

The report itself is a great insight into the whole process and provides some useful detail about the project, including the challenges and difficulties they faced.

An interesting report, which you can download [here](#).

Delivering integrated care and support

IRISS have published an IRISS Insight, which is based on a report prepared for ADSW at the time of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill (Petch,

2013), which seeks to distill key evidence to assist health and social care partnerships in Scotland in their delivery of integrated care and support.

The report suggests that the achievement of personal outcomes for individuals should be the focus of integrated care and looks at the way this could be achieved.

You can read the report [here](#).

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Social Entrepreneurs Start Up Programme

The School for Social Entrepreneurs Scotland are currently taking applications for the third year of Lloyds Bank/Bank of Scotland Social Entrepreneurs Start Up Programme. The programme provides a fully funded year of learning and a grant to all successful applicants. The Lloyds Bank Social Entrepreneurs Programme is open for recruitment between 3rd Feb- 3rd April. Successful applicants will receive a year of practical support, a mentor from Lloyds Bank and a financial grant of £4,000 or £15,000.

For more information, click [here](#).

Sport Relief Community Cash grants programme

Comic Relief for grants between £500 - £1,000 for groups with an annual income of £100,000 or less delivering projects in Glasgow. The deadline for receiving completed applications is Tuesday 4th March at 5pm. People are encouraged to [apply online](#).

Clydesdale Bank - 2014 Spirit of the Community Awards

The awards are open to a range of organisations across the third sector who can demonstrate their support for the local community. This could include groups promoting access to financial education, helping to upskill people for the workplace or aiming to improve and protect the environment.

There will be an overall winning group in each of the three categories which will secure £10,000 of funding, along with three highly commended that will each be awarded £5,000. More information [here](#).

'Activity' funding 2014/15

Activcity Funding Programme is back for 2014/15. This is an initiative of the City of Edinburgh Council that supports events that promote sport and physical activity within the city.

Activcity works alongside local sports clubs, governing bodies, community organisations and voluntary groups to fund and develop sport and physical activity events. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Glasgow City Council Support for Community Facilities

The aim of the Fund is to support local communities to make better use of existing infrastructure; particularly those buildings that are currently underused or face difficulty. It encourages the development and long term sustainability of organisations and provides the opportunity for applicants to build their capacity and is targeted at organisations which are on the pathway to community management of Council facilities.

The Community Facilities Social Enterprise Fund has three broad themes:

- Business Income and Development
- Activity Development
- Governance and Organisational Development

There's three elements of support available:

- Governance and Capacity Building Support by Jobs & Business Glasgow. This support will be commissioned through Jobs & Business Glasgow rather than by means of a direct grant to the applicant.
- A mix of support from Jobs & Business Glasgow, as above, plus financial support for the development of services/premises that improve the financial sustainability of the organisation.
- Purely financial support for the development of services/premises that improve the financial sustainability of the organisation.

Find out more [here](#).

People's Postcode Trust Small Grants

The People's Postcode Trust today opens their Small Grants Programme, with funding from £500 to £20,000 available for projects lasting up to 12 months for community organisations and charities. The first round is open until 21st February. 14 Scottish projects [were funded](#) in the last round.

You can find out more information and apply [here](#).

Healthy Hearts Grants

Heart Research UK has announced that the next funding round of its healthy heart

grants has re-opened for applications.

Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message.

There are two applications rounds per year. Applications are only accepted during January and February.

<http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/grants/healthyheartgrant>

NESTA - Policy & Research Small Grants Scheme

NESTA (the National Endowment for Science Technology and the Arts) has announced the launch of a new small grants scheme.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to universities and incorporated research organisations, charities, companies and consultancies for research projects. This could, for example, be developing a paper, a proof of concept or a policy idea. Priority will be given to proposals that address questions NESTA have not seen addressed before and that do not have coverage in the academic literature proposals that have a potential impact on thinking, policy or practice. NESTA plan to run the open call four times in 2014 and aim to fund up to ten projects in total across the year.

The first closing date for applications is the 21st February 2014.

<http://www.nesta.org.uk/Small-Grants-Open-Call>

Previously advertised

Forbes Charitable Foundation

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to charities primarily benefiting people with a learning disability. The trustees prefer small to medium-sized organisations and awarded 44 grants totalling £260,831 in 2012/13.

Next deadline is 28th February 2014. For further information, click [here](#).

The Young Grow Wild grant has increased to £500

Groups can now apply for a grant of up to £500 for ideas about how your group could kick start an exciting planting project in your community. This is an exciting new grant programme for 2014 designed to support groups of young people to make their own ideas a reality. We're looking for youth led ideas that use plants to cheer up your local community, provide wildlife habitats and help communities to work together. There's more information [here](#).

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Events

Are you running an event? We'd love to highlight national and local events from across Scotland, especially in places where we usually don't hear from. Get in touch: sam.jordan@scdc.org.uk

Argyll and Bute Independence debates (Various)

Under its Building Community Bridges workstream Argyll Voluntary Action are holding a number of debates on Scottish Independence.

- [Poster for Oban Debate](#) - 7th Feb 2014
- [Poster for Tarbert Debate](#) - 26th Feb 2014

These events are ticket only so please email senga@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk for one. Young people are especially welcome at these events.

The Scottish Ambulance Service/NHS Scotland event (Various locations)

You are invited to attend an annual Patient Focus Public Involvement (PFPI) public meetings in February this year. The meetings will provide patients, carers and members of the public an opportunity to meet members of staff, talk about the developments in the service strategy and how the Service is listening to patients and making changes from their input.

All meetings will start at 10.30am and finish at 2.00pm, including a light lunch. Note: Events were held in Inverness and Dundee on the 5th and 6th of February.

- 10th February 2014 - Glasgow - Delta House, Delta House, NHS Scotland, 50 West Nile St, Glasgow, Lanarkshire G1 2NP.
- 11th February 2014- Ayr - Ayrshire Hospice, The Ayrshire Hospice, Lecture Theatre, 35 Racecourse Road, AYR, KA7 2TG.
- 12th February 2014 - Edinburgh - City Chambers, Edinburgh City Chambers, Diamond Jubilee Room, 253 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ.

The Scottish Ambulance Service will reimburse reasonable expenses; expenses forms will be available at the Service events or from danielquee@nhs.net Please

register for one of the five events by completing this short form – click [here](#).

Local Food Support Hubs (Glasgow)

This new project will be providing free healthy meals, information and support to people affected by cuts in welfare or who otherwise are struggling to make ends meet. Woodlands Community Garden will also be running free cookery classes to help people cook on limited budgets, including classes targeted at people experiencing mental health problems.

- Saturday 8th February 12-3pm (Albany Centre)
- Wednesday 12th February 6-8pm (Albany Centre)
- Sunday 16th February 12-3pm (Windsor Hall)
- Monday 24th February 6-8pm (Fred Paton Centre)

Check [their website](#) or get in touch woodlandscommunityinfo@gmail.com for more information.

Scottish Older People's Assembly Committee (Aberdeen)

Tuesday 18th February 2014 11.30am – 2.30pm at the Town and County Hall, Town House, Aberdeen, Union Street, Aberdeen.

These are two hour seminars for older people and their representatives, supported by the Scottish Government and arranged by the Scottish Older People's Assembly Committee as a follow on from the "mini SOPA" that was held on 5th December.

Please register your place by contacting Glenda Watt on 0131 469 3806 or acfaa@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Children and Young People's Network - CVS Inverclyde (Greenock)

You are invited to the next meeting of the I3SF Children & Young People's Network. This network will be of interest to anyone who:

- Works or volunteers with children or young people
- Offers services for children or young people
- Wants to find out more about children & young people's services in Inverclyde

Details of meeting:

- Date: Tuesday 18th February
- Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm
- Place: CVS Inverclyde. Click [here](#) for a map of the location.

To register your interest, please contact erin.donnely@cvsinverclyde.org.uk.

Using the Equality Duties to Your Advantage (Glasgow)

This CRER briefing session as part of the Gathering sets out a step-by-step approach for voluntary and community organisations to use the public sector equality duties to boost campaigns and complaints, challenge discrimination, hold public bodies to account and ensure that services meet people's needs.

- 19th February 2014
- Glasgow, The Gathering 2014

More info and booking [here](#).

Engage Renfrewshire Funding Fayre (Paisley)

Registration starts at 5.30pm. The event will be organised around a world café/speed dating arrangement, where the 'funder' stays at a table and the attendees move around the tables, discussions being 6 x 20 minute sessions.

Funders who are definitely coming along are, Renfrewshire Council, Awards For All, and BIG Lottery, with more to confirm their attendance.

- Renfrew Town Hall
- Wednesday 19th February, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Refreshments and a buffet will be available. If you are interested in coming along please respond to admin@engagerenfrewshire.com

Second Helpings: A CFHS national learning exchange on food mental health and wellbeing (Dundee)

Community Food and Health (Scotland) is holding a second national learning exchange on food, mental health and wellbeing on Wednesday March 5 at Discovery Point in Dundee.

There will be inputs on the day from organisations that have been looking at the impact that their work involving food, has on mental health and wellbeing. There will be a session from the Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research and Policy (SCPHRP) who are working with organisations to look at the kind of evidence they are generating. There will also be plenty of opportunities to meet others working in the field and share ideas about how we understand and spread what works in relation to food, mental health and wellbeing.

This is a free event and you can book your place [here](#).

UN Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Glasgow)

Despite almost four decades of race equality legislation, minority ethnic communities are still experiencing substantial employment gaps. Positive action could help to address these gaps, but are organisations in Scotland making the

most of the powers they have? We welcome you all to join us in exploring positive action at our Annual Symposium.

- Friday 21st March 2014, 9.30am
- IET Teacher Building, 14 St Enoch Square, Glasgow G1 4DB

More information [here](#).

NHS Health Scotland Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Event (Edinburgh)

This event is aimed at those with an interest in supporting improvement in children and young people's mental health and reducing inequalities which impact on their mental health. The event will combine presentations with workshops, leading to opportunities for discussion and debate.

- Thursday 27th of March, 9.30am – 3.45pm
- Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh

Keynote presentations will raise awareness of a variety of national developments in the field of children and young people's mental health and showcase illustrations of innovative projects being taken forward by local area partnerships. Workshops and the market place will provide an opportunity for discussion and debate about emerging developments and issues.

To register for this event, please visit the [eventbrite](#) website.

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Conferences and seminars

The ALLIANCE RCOP Session at the Gathering, 20th Feb (Glasgow)

'And now for something completely different...' will focus on partnership working and is an opportunity for people who work in all sectors to explore how we can best work together in the new world of Reshaping Care, integration and wider public service reform.

The day has been designed to provide a balance of expert input, alongside opportunities for you to explore the issues and generate solutions. It is anticipated that this will prove to be an experience that is informative, inspiring and practical. This will include a keynote address from Paul Gray, the new Director General of Health and Social Care and Chief Executive of NHS Scotland.

There are further details about the [morning](#) and [afternoon](#) sessions, and an online booking form, on the Gathering website but you can also register by emailing us direct at Gillian.meens@alliance-scotland.org.uk

Trellis Scotland Conference (Perth)

The Trellis conference this year will be full of training workshops, project showcases, opportunities to network, photos of garden projects and stalls.

- 18 March 2014 Perth Concert Hall, Perth

For more information click [here](#).

Culture, Creativity and You: Why Making Matters (Glasgow)

Voluntary Arts Scotland's national conference, will take place at Platform Arts, Glasgow on Wednesday 26 February. This interactive and colourful event will provide a space for anybody working, volunteering or interested in creative cultural activity to come together and explore why making matters - and the many benefits that come from participating in the arts. For more information, and to book your place, click [here](#).

Scotland's Hepatitis C Patient Conference (Stirling)

Scotland's Hepatitis C Patient Conference is aimed at informing, while also listening to those who attend, helping to shape the future direction of Scotland's response to Hepatitis C.

- Tolbooth, Stirling, FK8 1DE
- 10 am to 4 pm, 19 March 2014

The agenda includes a keynote address by the Minister for Public Health, an overview of the new treatment landscape with the risks and opportunities that brings and a presentation on patient activism by Charles Gore, President of the World Hepatitis Alliance and CEO of the Hepatitis C Trust. There will also be an opportunity to hear a patient's experience of accessing treatment within Scotland. There will be an interactive electronic voting and expert panel session to help gauge opinions to current issues and any queries highlighted by the audience. Two rounds of workshops will also occur on the day.

More information [here](#).

Community Empowerment: Voice, Participation, Action (Edinburgh)

The Scottish Government's consultation on the draft Community Empowerment Bill closed in January 2014. As the Scottish Government releases the results of the consultation and prepares for the Bill to begin its legislative journey through the Scottish Parliament, Holyrood magazine's is holding an event to look at Bill and its next stage of development.

Derek Mackay MSP, Minister for Local Government and Planning, will deliver the keynote address at the conference. He will be joined by experts in service delivery and community representatives from across Scotland who will explore the unique relationship between Scotland's public services and the people they serve and consider content of the draft Bill.

Tuesday 6th May 2014. More information and booking [here](#).

Public Health: Use of evidence in health inequalities policy (Edinburgh)

The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh are holding a symposium on "Public Health: Use of evidence in health inequalities policy". This symposium will be essential for those across the entire public health workforce; specifically Public Health Consultants, trainees, Public Health Advisers and all with a role to play in reducing health inequalities.

- Title: Public Health: Use of evidence in health inequalities policy
- Date: Thursday, 8 May 2014
- Venue: Queen Mother Conference Centre, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ

In addition to a contemporary review of this fast moving field, symposium delegates will gain an appreciation of the challenge of translating proportionate universalism into everyday public health practice.

CHEX will be attending this event, along with CHEX Network member Health All Round. Details and booking [here](#).

Creating Health Equity for a Healthier and Fairer Scotland (Edinburgh)

Policy Knowledge presents Creating Health Equity for a Healthier and Fairer Scotland, their second annual briefing event focused on reducing health inequalities. This event will provide a platform for informed debate and discussion around health inequalities allowing delegates to examine and explore current policy and initiatives to reduce inequality and to ensure everyone has a fair chance. Key topics for discussion include:

- A New Vision to Reduce Health Inequalities
- What is Health Inequality
- Taking a Coordinated Approach to tackling Health Inequality
- The Role of Place in Improving Health Inequalities
- Taking a Three Themed Approach to Reduce Health Inequalities
- Exploring the Implications of Inequalities in Health

The event will take place on the 28th May 2014. The agenda is available [here](#). To book, click [here](#).

Previously advertised

Positive Persons' Forum: Conference for people living with HIV (Glasgow)

The Positive Persons' Forum is an annual conference for people living with HIV in Scotland. It's a chance to share the challenges you face and to call for change.

The one-day conference is for anyone living with HIV in Scotland. The aim of the day is to ensure you have your say on what's needed for people living with HIV in Scotland and to make sure decision makers hear your voice. It is the only event of its type in Scotland and a fantastic opportunity for you to have a say and contribute to deciding what the priorities for change across society, services and policy should be.

Sessions include talks on cure research and rights and HIV, as well as workshops designed to explore your experiences and challenges and identify priorities for change across Scotland.

To book:

- Online: www.hivscotland.com
- By phone: 0131 558 3713
- By email: info@hivscotland.com

The conference is free to attend and taking place in Glasgow on the 22nd February. Help with travel costs and childcare is available.

National Conference - Mental Health and Wellbeing in Later Life (Glasgow)

NHS Scotland in partnership with Age Scotland, Mental Health Foundation, the Alliance, Carers Scotland, and Carers Trust Scotland are jointly hosting this event on 27th February 2014 at Hampden Park in Glasgow, from 10am - 4pm. This event is free, but places are limited. To book, please email irene.hamilton1@nhs.net or phone 01315365522. For more information, [click here](#).

Scottish Local Authorities Working Towards a Smoke-Free Generation (Edinburgh)

Scotland's Tobacco Control Strategy developed through a partnership approach envisages a people free of the burden of tobacco by 2034, with a lower than 5% smoking prevalence rate and a whole generation living a healthier tobacco-free life.

This summit will see the launch of a public health campaign by Michael Matheson MSP, Minister for Public Health along with an opening address from Cllr Peter Johnson, COSLA Spokesperson for Health and Wellbeing at the event.

The event will examine:

- How are Councils already responding to the call to work in partnership and reduce smoking prevalence in their communities?

- What are the possibilities for partnership working across local communities to combine resources and the creativity of local people in pursuit of a healthy tobacco-free Scotland?

Details:

- 26 March 2014
- Booking form will be on available on ASH website from 6th February.
- George Hotel, George Street, Edinburgh

We'll keep you updated with more info on this event.

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Training

Want to advertise your training events? Email sam.jordan@scdc.org.uk

Using Creative Approaches to Evaluate Your Gardening Project (Perth)

Clear about your project outcomes but want more creative ideas on how to gather and present them? Emphasis is on making evaluation more accessible and interesting for all concerned.

11th February. For further information [click here](#)

St Andrew's First Aid training

A range of training for organisations is available across single day and three day courses in Scotland. You can find out more [here](#).

Using the Public Sector Equality Duty – a tool for the third sector (Glasgow)

This full day event will help you as a voluntary or community organisation understand the Public Sector Equality duty (PSED) better and find out how your organisation can use the duty and ensure that public services meet the diverse needs of your communities.

The PSED is designed to ensure that public authorities consider the impact of their work on all groups that they serve and employ. The duty requires public authorities to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations. It should enable better informed decision-making and policy development so that services are appropriate and accessible to all, and meet different people's needs.

Wednesday 19th March 2014. Places are limited and offered on a first come basis. Please email scotlandcommunication@equalityhumanrights.com including your name, organisation and any requirements you may have including communication support, access or dietary requirements.

Legal Structures for the Third Sector (Clydebank)

Just Enterprise have announced details of a new event in their programme of business development workshops/

This half day seminar is intended as an introduction to the range of legal structures currently available for the Third Sector, including the traditional ones of Company Limited by Guarantee and Development Trusts, and the newer Community Interest Company (CIC), and Scottish Charitable Incorporated Company (SCIO) structures.

- Venue: Cunard Suite, 3rd Floor, Riverside Entrance, West Scotland College, Queen's Quay, Clydebank, G81 1BF
- Date: Tuesday 25th March 2014
- Time: 9:30am to 12:30pm

To book your delegate place, click [here](#).

Scottish Welfare Fund training (Inverclyde)

Does your organisation support vulnerable people within Inverclyde such as lone parents, carers, those with disabilities, learning difficulties and mental health problems? If so, then the forthcoming Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) sessions on the Scottish Welfare Fund are for you.

The sessions aim to provide frontline staff in support organisations with a clear understanding of the Fund and how to apply. If this is of interest to your organisation please let CVS Inverclyde know as soon as possible by e-mailing [Carys](#) with your name, organisation, contact telephone number and email address, or call Carys on 01475 711 733. For more information, click [here](#).

Previously advertised

Call for practitioners to join Recovery Champion Network (Glasgow)

There's still time to sign up to the Scottish Recovery Network's free 2-day workshop to help advance recovery oriented practice in Scotland. Designed for practitioners who've completed the SRI 2 and are willing to be seen as recovery champions and change agents. Click [here](#) for more information.

Harmless Psychotherapy - training

Are you working/caring for someone who self-harms? Would you like to understand exactly why do they do it? Do you want to learn more about how to help them to get their self-harm under control until they can stop? Click [here](#) for more information.

Free Dynamic Youth Awards Training (Edinburgh)

Do you work with young people on tobacco issues? Would you like them to get formally accredited for that work?

ASH Scotland is offering free training on Youth Achievement and Dynamic Youth Awards. The training is open to anyone who works with young people on tobacco related projects (tobacco can be part of a wider project) and would like to take forward the awards.

- 4th March 2014, 9:30am – 3:30pm
- Central Edinburgh

More information on the Dynamic Youth Awards [here](#). To register contact Connie Bennett (Development Officer – Young People) cbennett@ashscotland.org.uk.

Intergenerational Project - Circles Network Advocacy (Greenock)

Circles Network Advocacy have recently received funding to recruit and train volunteers particularly between the ages of 16 to 25 and over 55 to develop skills in independent advocacy and deliver one to one advocacy to older people within our community and to advocate for young people in our community. Circles are interested in delivering training and meeting with groups that may already be working on intergenerational projects or anyone who would like to get to know more about this project. For more info contact Lynn at 01475 730797 or email [Lynn Blacklock](#).

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Vacancies

Mental Health Foundation - Peer Support Volunteer Co-ordinator (Glasgow, Stirling)

The Mental Health Foundation (MHF) is looking to recruit 2 Volunteer Co-ordinators for a new mental health carers peer support project. Although employed by MHF Scotland, each of these roles is seconded, and will be based with Action in Mind (Stirling) and Glasgow Association for Mental Health (Glasgow) respectively.

- £22,587 - £23,968

- Fixed term contract until March 2017

MHF welcome interest from a diverse range of individuals. For a recruitment pack contact Liz McEwan on 0141 572 0125/e-mail: lmcewan@mentalhealth.org.uk or go to www.mentalhealth.org.uk/jobs for more information.

For an informal discussion contact Julie Cameron on 07855314170. These posts are funded by the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund.

CVS Falkirk and District - Volunteer Co-ordinator (Falkirk)

CVS Falkirk and District are seeking a Volunteer Co-ordinator to manage our volunteers for a footcare project for older people, on a variety of sites across Falkirk District.

Please call 01324 692000 to arrange a short telephone conversation and to obtain an application pack in the first instance. CVs will not be accepted for this position. Closing date for applications is **Friday 7 February**. Details [here](#).

Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights - Two posts (Glasgow)

CRER have two new staff vacancies, Parliamentary and Public Affairs Officer and Communities and Campaigns Officer. Closing date for both posts is **Friday 7th February 2014, 10.00am**.

Job descriptions, person specifications and application forms for both posts can be downloaded [here](#) or for further information contact Nadia Rafiq on 0141 418 6530 or email nadia@crer.org.uk

Fauldhouse Community Development Trust - Sessional Worker: Tackling Sectarianism in Scottish Communities

To assist in the establishment and delivery of an effective, efficient and sustainable Local Development Project. The Project will identify and address issues relating to Sectarianism within the Communities of Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Villages. 30 Hours per Week – on a 3 month fixed term contract. Hours to be negotiated with the Project Development Worker (Some Evening and Weekend Work will be required).

£14.75 an hour, **closing Friday 7th February**. More details [here](#).

Grow Wild - Partnership Manager, Scotland (Edinburgh)

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, has been awarded a significant grant from the Big Lottery Fund to run a high-profile and ambitious UK-wide public engagement programme - Grow Wild. At the heart of the Grow Wild programme is an ambitious mass participation campaign to inspire people, especially disadvantaged young people, to do something positive for where they live by sowing UK native wild flowers. Working with a range of delivery partners, the Partnership Manager

(Scotland) will be responsible for delivering this initiative in Scotland and ensuring it creates lasting benefits for a range of communities.

More [here](#). Closing date: 10th February 2014 - 10am

Learning Link - Lead Officer (Edinburgh)

Learning Link Scotland is looking to recruit a Lead Officer with expertise in lifelong learning in Scotland. In addition to inviting applications from individuals, the Board is also interested in discussing with member organisations the potential for secondment. The salary for the Lead Officer will be in the region of £40,000 p.a. and either full time or part time will be considered.

CV and cover letter marked for the attention of George Thomson, Chair of Learning Link Board and emailed to: CNichol@learninglinkscotland.org.uk. Closes Monday 10th February, 5pm.

Inverclyde Connections - Three posts (Greenock)

As we featured in our [last issue](#), Inverclyde Council on Disability, in conjunction with Inverclyde CHCP and other partners recently secured funding for the Inverclyde Connections project. They are now advertising three posts as part of this.

- Financial Inclusion Link Officer, 20hrs, £20,384 pro rata
- Monitoring and Development Officer, 25hrs, £23,082
- In Work Support Officer, 35hrs, £23,999

All posts close at 4pm on Friday 14th February. Details [here](#).

Community Food and Health (Scotland) - call for planning group volunteers

Community Food and Health (Scotland) have hosted an annual conference for a number of years. Before planning begins for any future event for 2014 they would like to pull together a conference planning group with representation from various areas.

The planning group will meet 3-4 times before the event. Each meeting will last 2 hours and meetings will usually be held in Glasgow (NHS Health Scotland offices, city centre). The meetings will be a good way for the group to discuss programme content, speakers and the aim of the day. The only other commitment required as a member of the planning group is input via email and attendance on the day if possible.

For more information email janeoliver1@nhs.net

Inclusion Scotland - Two posts (Glasgow)

Intern Support and Development Officer: this is a unique opportunity to play a key

role in the delivery of two new Scottish Government-funded internship programmes for young disabled graduates.

Scottish Parliamentary internships for young disabled graduates: Inclusion Scotland has just received funding to deliver a very exciting pilot project, placing 7 interns in the Scottish Parliament over the next year.

For full information/application pack click [here](#):

Previously advertised - Closing soon!

Faith in Community Scotland - Various positions (Glasgow)

FiCS has three positions available

- Grants Officer for FiSCAF (Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund)
- Community Development Worker for TPT (Tackling Poverty Together) and
- Volunteer Recruitment Officer for TPT (Tackling Poverty Together)

You can download the advertisement [here](#), where further details and an application form for each post can be downloaded from the FiCS website. Deadline for receipt of applications is 12 noon, Friday, 7 February 2014.

Resourcing Scotland's Heritage - Project Manager (Edinburgh)

Resourcing Scotland's Heritage (RSH) aims to provide Scotland's diverse heritage sector with the vital tools, training and support needed to develop its capacity and confidence in generating income from private sources.

The project will run over three years from 2014 and will be the first fully co-ordinated sector specific training and network strengthening project of its kind.

The employee will work closely with relevant stakeholders to ensure effective and efficient implementation of the RSH Fundraising and Capacity Building programme, with responsibility for the overall coordination, implementation, execution, control and completion of a training programme that meets the diverse needs and goals of the sector.

You can find more information [here](#). Deadline 7th February.

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Websites

Able Radio

Able Radio is a "live, online, radio station presenting shows at the heart of the disabled community."

Set up in South Wales, the station brings together people from across the UK for music, conversation and a discussion of issues faced by people with disabilities. They have a range of programming throughout the day and are on the air 24/7.

There is also have a show each Sunday on issues related to Scotland, where the host Michael McEwan delivers music and highlights relevant disability news.

You can listen online [here](#).

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