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CHEX Practice Development Seminar and Film Launch - reminder

*Tuesday 17 May 2011, 10.00am to 1.00pm
STUC Centre, Glasgow*

This practice development seminar will look at film as a method for evidencing the effectiveness of community-led approaches to health improvement. Using CHEX's recent experience of making a film about community-led health, the event will give participants the opportunity to explore film as a method to evidence their community-led health work, as well as looking at choosing the right method and good practice in the use of film. Using story dialogue, participants will hear from 2 of the projects who took part in the CHEX film before the launch of the film itself.

The seminar is aimed at community-led organisations and their partners who are working towards health improvement. There is no charge for the event but spaces are limited so please register at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/chexseminarfilmregistration> no later than **Friday 29 April** in order to secure your place. If you require any further information please contact Olivia Hanley at olivia@scdc.org.uk or call CHEX on 0141 248 1990.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Alcohol Focus Scotland launches Manifesto

Alcohol Focus Scotland's Manifesto recently launched their Manifesto which calls for the new Scottish Parliament to take decisive steps to reduce the harm caused by alcohol by:

- Increasing the price and reducing the availability of alcohol
- Specifically targeting supermarkets for increased regulation
- Banning alcohol sport sponsorship

- Reducing drink driving limits to 50mg
- Awareness raising campaign on the harm alcohol causes to others
- Improved treatment and support services for people in need

For a copy of the Manifesto, please click [here](#). For more on Alcohol Focus Scotland, visit <http://www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/>.

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### **Partnership Action on Tobacco and Health (PATH)**

Partnership Action on Tobacco and Health (PATH) is a joint initiative between ASH Scotland, NHS Health Scotland and the Scottish Government which aims to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use in Scotland. Issues relating to health-based inequalities are an ongoing feature of PATH's work, including those which affect members of Scotland's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities.

PATH has recently concluded some work into issues around smoking within Scotland's LGBT communities; this includes a survey of LGBT former and current smokers, a survey of health practitioners who engage with LGBT people (including those working in the sexual health and blood-borne virus sectors) and a focus group with LGBT service personnel and NHS stop-smoking practitioners to establish what links might be forged between statutory and voluntary organisations that cater for LGBT people. Further details can be found on the ASH Scotland website [here](#).

Additionally, ASH Scotland's Information Service has just issued an information briefing 'Tobacco use and LGBT communities', which is also available to download [here](#).

PATH can offer free awareness-raising sessions to any statutory or voluntary organisation, in order to help identify how the issue of smoking and tobacco use might be effectively raised with clients or service users. If you would like any further information about these sessions, or about any of PATH's inequalities-centred work, please contact Linda Bates (Development Officer (PATH)) via [lbates@ashscotland.org.uk](mailto:lbates@ashscotland.org.uk) or on 0131 220 9481. For further information on ASH Scotland, visit [www.ashscotland.org.uk](http://www.ashscotland.org.uk).

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Free Comedy Workshops and Courses for people suffering from ill health

Universal Comedy, a Glasgow based charity and social enterprise set up in 2004 by people suffering from ill health, has been successful in securing funding over 3 years from the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation to provide comedy workshops and training courses FREE of charge to people suffering from long term health problems.

The funding will enable people with ill health in the Greater Glasgow, Edinburgh and the Lothians and across Scotland to attend free comedy workshops and training courses aimed at improving confidence and self-esteem and reducing the social isolation and depression that ill health can cause.

The workshops and courses will be tutored by professional stand up comedians and comedy writers working on the Scottish comedy circuit and include BAFTA and Scottish Variety Award Winner Susan Calman, writer and performer Steven Dick, Comedy Mother Jojo Sutherland, Fringe veteran Paul Sneddon aka Vladimir McTavish and comedian/actors Viv Gee and Raymond Mearns.

The tutors help the participants to create and develop their own comedy material using their own experiences to create stories, poems, monologues and comedy sketches. The participants will be encouraged to show their work in some way e.g. contributing to Universal Comedy's newsletter, producing a DVD, CD, written material for publication, or radio work. 'Graduates' will continue to be supported by Universal Comedy through the newsletter, website and event invitations after the course has finished. Most people who complete the 10 week course find that it really boosts their confidence

and gives them a focus outside of their health problems and an opportunity to enjoy themselves in a supportive group setting. Many people are motivated to move onto further learning, volunteering or employment opportunities.

If you are interested in registering for one of the comedy workshops or courses, please call 0141 564 1200 or e-mail linda@universalcomedy.co.uk. For more information on Universal Comedy, visit www.universalcomedy.co.uk.

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## **Wildlife Counts**

Passionate about your local wildlife? Keen to learn more about the nature on your doorstep and enthuse others? BCTV's Wildlife Counts programme can help you to engage with your community and help them record their local flora & fauna.

Wildlife Counts aims to:

- Support and encourage communities in Glasgow, Inverclyde and North Ayrshire to observe and record wildlife
- Develop a network of sustainable recording communities
- Train YOU to be a Biodiversity Mentor for your area

Wildlife Counts will provide you with:

- Specialist ID and recording training
- Winter training programme (fundraising, community engagement, Recorder 6)
- Resources to help you & your community

As a Biodiversity Mentor you will have a passion for and interest in wildlife, commitment to recording in your area and the ability to interact with members of your local community and support them in recording wildlife sightings. Interested? To find out more, contact Paul McDonald on 01786 476181 or [p.mcdonald@bctv.org.uk](mailto:p.mcdonald@bctv.org.uk).

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Plan B - the Debt & Money Advice Project

Plan B Services is a unique "one stop" debt and money advice service. It is completely free to use if clients self refer or are referred to the service through a charity they are engaging with. The Plan B service has been developed with the client in mind. The service is tailored to enable Plan B to partner & inform the client through all stages of the process. A central aim of Plan B's outreach is to support clients whenever and wherever they are comfortable. Plan B talk through realistic, positive ways in which they can resolve and reduce costs & anxiety and they do this simply, clearly and honestly.

Plan B offer workshops, presentations, 1-1 advice, emergency response, money MOT's and even staff training. They are flexible as they aim to promote equal access & financial inclusion within the professional money & debt advice field hence their services are entirely free.

If you have service users (or are a service user yourself) and you think Plan B can help, please contact training.lucywoodhouse@googlemail.com or Ian Haughey at planb@ianhaughey.co.uk. Alternatively, call on 0141 237 3895 or 07887551466 or 07881581488.

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Equality & Diversity Training Needs Survey

Positive Action in Housing (PAiH) is reviewing the Equality & Diversity training it delivers across Scotland for members, housing associations, voluntary organisations, minority ethnic and refugee

groups, councils, government, the private sector and others. PAiH would therefore be most grateful if you could take just one minute of your time to answer 10 straightforward questions about your experience of equality and diversity training courses and what your preferences are, including costs and location. Access the survey [here](#).

Your answers will help PAiH deliver better targeted sessions in 2011. The money generated from training contributes towards their campaigns and humanitarian work to assist those facing poverty, homelessness and destitution in Scotland. For more information about Positive Action in Housing please go to www.paih.org.

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## Development of the Scottish Charter for Physical Activity

A recommendation from the 'Five-year review of 'Let's Make Scotland More Active' – A strategy for physical activity' was that a coalition of organisations independent of the Scottish Government who could mobilise, motivate and advocate for physical activity would assist in ensuring the profile of physical activity remained high and would facilitate better delivery coordination. Based on this recommendation, the Scottish Physical Activity Advocacy Coalition (SPAAC) has been established.

SPAAC and a range of key stakeholders are in the process of translating the Toronto Charter for Physical Activity, which is a [global charter](#) that was launched earlier in 2010 into a Scottish context. It is thought that this document (once produced) will act as a catalyst to bring the Coalition together and to encourage a wider range of organisations that have a potential role in advocating physical activity to engage.

A draft document has been prepared by SPAAC and is ready to go out to wider consultation and SPAAC would like to invite you to take part in this consultation. The window of opportunity to respond closes on **Tuesday 19 April 2011**. Please can you send your responses on the draft (available to [download here](#)) to Sharon Allison, Physical Activity and Health Alliance Coordinator, NHS Health Scotland to [sharon.allison1@nhs.net](mailto:sharon.allison1@nhs.net) by this date. If you have any further queries, please contact Sharon on 0131 313 7527.

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Draft Community Resilience Strategy

A key strand of the Scottish Ambulance Service's strategy "Working Together for Better Patient Care" is to support the development of resilient, sustainable communities across Scotland. Over recent months, the Scottish Ambulance Service has been talking to communities and partners to explore what they mean by community resilience and the role the Scottish Ambulance Service could play in developing sustainable communities. The Scottish Ambulance Service is now seeking your views on the [draft Community Resilience Strategy](#) and how you feel your organisation could work most effectively with them to deliver the aims and outcomes set out in the strategy.

The Scottish Ambulance Service would welcome any feedback or comments by **Tuesday 10 May 2011** which can be sent to sas.strategy@nhs.net. If you would like to discuss any issues in more detail, please contact Dr Angela Jackson at National Headquarters, 0131 4467000, e-mail: angelajackson2@nhs.net.

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Healthy Eating publications from Community Food and Health (Scotland)

'TV Dinners' is a Community Food and Health (Scotland) fact sheet that provides examples of how groups working with young people have used TV formats, such as 'Come Dine with Me' and the 'F Word' as an entertaining way to teach cookery skills.

'How to get beyond smoothies' is a leaflet that gives top tips and ideas for promoting healthy eating activities with young people, all based on the experiences of youth workers who attended a youth, food and health networking event earlier this year.

These publications are available free of charge from www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk.

Tackling tobacco together: The final report of ASH Scotland's Local Tobacco Control Alliances Project (2006 - 2011)

The final report of the ASH Scotland Local Tobacco Control Alliance Project has been published. The report maps the development of local tobacco control alliances in Scotland from 2006 to 2010, identifies the dedication of individual champions, the dynamics of the various alliances and their individuality in meeting a common aim; details the work and legacy of the project, how this supported the development of alliances and assisted the sharing of learning both regionally and nationally; and looks to future opportunities and the involvement of practitioners, organisations and ASH Scotland post the project.

The report is available to download as a pdf file (2.21mb) [here](#).

Children and Young People Wellbeing

The following publications are available on the Child and Youth Mental Health Improvement Group website <http://www.phru.net/mhin/childandyoung/default.aspx> or by clicking on the relevant title below.

- [Count us in: Mind over Matter, Promoting and supporting Mental and Emotional well-being](#) - the aim of this guide is to share current good practice that is happening in pre-school centres, schools and colleges in promoting and supporting children and young peoples mental and emotional well-being.
- [The benefits of social networking and attitudes to social networking and cyber safety](#) - 2 new reports from Australia highlighting aspects of social networking and cyber safety.
- [Need 2 Know: Measuring well-being: An Introductory briefing](#) - this briefing provides a basic 'need to know' introduction to measuring well-being. It looks at various definitions of well-being, summarises previous work on measuring well-being across the UK.
- [Child Poverty Strategy for Scotland](#) - the Scottish Government's child poverty strategy for Scotland has been launched. The Scottish Government's vision is for a Scotland where no child is disadvantaged by poverty. The Strategy sets out what the Scottish Government will do to reduce levels of child poverty in Scotland.
- [Principles for effective action: Promoting children and young people's social and emotional wellbeing in educational establishments](#) - a primary and Secondary school resource for supporting schools and learning establishments to deliver health and well-being within curriculum for excellence.

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Support for communities taking on stalled spaces in Glasgow

Glasgow City Council in partnership with Glasgow Housing Association is seeking to assist community groups/organisations to utilise and regenerate land within their communities which currently has no

function. Assistance is available ranging from a minimum of £1,000 to a maximum of £2,500.

Examples of what the funding could be used for, include purchasing equipment or materials, or for sessional fees for work that needs to be done on a site. Proposals from communities can include both land earmarked for development though delayed because of economic circumstances, vacant or derelict land and open space which is yet undeveloped. Proposals must take place within the Glasgow City Council Boundary.

Applications will be assessed twice yearly. First Round Applications must be submitted by 5pm on Friday 22 April 2011. Second Round Applications must be submitted by 5pm on Friday 23 September 2011. More information is available [here](#).

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### **Cycle Friendly Communities**

Grants of up to £5000 are available to projects that demonstrate effective ways of delivering benefits to communities through cycling. These projects will align well with the fund criteria and should; Promote Inclusion, Support the Community, Encourage Health Gain, Support Personal Development, Promote Cycling and play a role in Greening society.

For 2011, successful projects will also benefit from new partnership agreement between Cycling Scotland and Cycling Projects to provide additional support for projects promoting inclusion. As a result of the partnership, projects will be offered Wheels for All training, invitation to a 'Wheels for All' taster session, as well as consultation support and advice.

The closing date for the 2011 fund is **12 noon on Monday 30 May**. For more information, visit <http://www.cyclingscotland.org/>.

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Funding to develop cancer self help groups

Through the 'Helping You Help Others' programme, Macmillan, the national charity supporting people living with cancer, is inviting new cancer self help and support groups across the UK to apply for start up grants of up to £500 to:

- help with initial promotional costs
- printing (leaflets, stationary, newsletters etc.)
- postage
- venue hire
- refreshments costs
- speaker fees, etc.

Applications for start-up grants are accessed on a monthly basis. Macmillan are also inviting existing groups to apply for grants of up to £3,000 for their continuing development, for activities such as:

- away days
- speaker's fees and associated costs such as travel
- purchase of group resources e.g. computers, display materials

The next deadline for applications for developing grants is **Friday 1 July 2011**. For more information, visit <http://digbig.com/5bdtce>.

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### **Help The Homeless**

Help the Homeless, a national Charity which aims to help homeless people throughout the United Kingdom to resume a normal life, is currently accepting applications from small and medium sized

charities and voluntary organisations. Grants of up to £3,000 are available towards capital costs to support projects that assist disadvantaged individuals in their return to mainstream society, through residential or training facilities. Grants to larger charities may be considered if the project is suitable innovative and only possible for a larger organisation to develop it.

The next application deadline is Thursday 30 June 2011. For more information, visit <http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/Grants.htm>.

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### **Glasgow Women's Library events**

*April to June 2011 @ Glasgow Women's Library, 15 Berkeley Street, Glasgow, G3 7BW*

Glasgow Women's Library (GWL) have a range of events taking place over the next few months, including those listed below. For more information, click on the title of the event or visit <http://www.womenslibrary.org.uk/news/calendar/>

**a) Votes for Women**

*Thursday 21 April 2011, 6.00pm to 7.30pm (Free)*

Glasgow Women's Library is offering you the opportunity to question candidates and representatives of the main parties before the Scottish Holyrood Election on 5 May 2011.

**b) After the Wave: Japanese Women Surviving the Tsunami**

*Wednesday 27 April 6pm-7.30pm (Free)*

This special Glasgow Women's Library event is an opportunity to find out what is happening to women and their families after the recent tsunami, earthquake and nuclear crisis. Two campaigners will bring the story of women's efforts to survive and pass on information on practical ways we can help. In exchange for donations towards the post tsunami appeal, GWL will be providing green tea, Japanese nibbles and the chance to learn some basic origami.

**c) Bottled Tears: The Stow-Away War Bride**

*Thursday 5 May 2011, 6.00pm to 7.30pm (£3/Free)*

Explore "one of the strangest migrations in modern history" (BBC). Following World War Two, tens of thousands of war brides made one-way voyages to their husbands' distant homelands. In a spellbinding presentation Beverley Tosh will tell the tales of seven lasses who came of age in wartime Scotland then found themselves transplanted from Newfoundland to New Zealand. These personal stories about love and family, adaptation, endurance and identity are often overshadowed in the historical record. Beverley Tosh is the daughter of a Second World War pilot and his war bride. An acclaimed artist she has lectured and exhibited internationally.

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LGBT Hustings Event

*Thursday 21 April 2011, 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Pollokshields Burgh Hall, Glasgow*

LGBT Youth Scotland and the LGBT National Youth Council (LGBT NYC) will be hosting a LGBT community Hustings event for young people (those aged 25 and under) in Pollokshields Burgh Hall, Glasgow, on 21 April 2011.

Fergus McMillan (Chief Executive, LGBT Youth Scotland) will chair a panel of candidates standing in the election to the Scottish Parliament on 5th May. Candidates will talk about their parties' positions on LGBT issues and answer questions from the audience. Invited attendees include

- Nicola Sturgeon (SNP)
- Stephen Curran (Labour)
- Kenneth Elder (Liberal Democrats)
- David Meikle (Conservatives)
- Patrick Harvie (Green)
- George Galloway (Respect)

Please register prior to the event at www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/events/hustings.htm.

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### Hustings to Discuss Poverty and Inequality

*Tuesday 26 April 2011 - Central Youth Hostel, Haddington Place, Edinburgh from 6.00pm to 8.30pm*  
*Wednesday 27 April 2011 - City Hall, Glasgow from 6.00pm to 8.30pm*

The Poverty Alliance is joining forces with the Child Poverty Action Group, Oxfam and Save the Children and Playbusters to organise hustings meetings shortly before the Scottish elections. With around 1 in 4 Scottish children affected by poverty and with income inequality showing no signs of getting any narrower, this is an opportunity for you to discuss and debate with candidates about what they would do about these problems if elected. There is no need to register, just turn up with your questions!

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Scottish antenatal parent education pack Roadshows

Thursday 2 June 2011 – The Teacher Building, Glasgow, 10.00am to 4.00pm
Monday 6 June 2011 - The Hilton, Dundee, 10.00am to 4.00pm
Tuesday 14 June 2011, Ramada Jarvis, Inverness, 10.00am to 4.00pm

NHS Health Scotland, Healthcare Improvement Scotland (formally NHS Quality Improvement Scotland) and NHS Education for Scotland are hosting a series of road shows to launch the Scottish antenatal parent education pack. The events will be of interest to all those involved in developing and providing antenatal parent education including midwives, physiotherapists, nutritionist's, mental health and well being specialist's, health visitors and anyone working with expectant parents.

For booking details, please see the registration form [here](#). For additional information on the event please contact Laura.Martin3@nhs.net. Please note that the closing date for registration is **Monday 9 May 2011**.

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CLD Standards Council Conversations: A CLD contribution to Scotland as a Learning Society

Thursday 28 April 2011 - Hilton Hotel, Dundee, 10.00am to 4.30pm
Monday 16 June 2011 - Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh, 10.00am to 4.30pm

Over the course of 2011, the CLD Standards Council have been hosting a major series of seminars exploring views on the advancing of Scotland as a Learning Society. The final two large gatherings will take place in Dundee on the 28th April at the Hilton Hotel, and in Edinburgh on the 16th June at Murrayfield. The gatherings are full day events, with registration between 9.30am and 10am. The CLD Standards Council will be pleased to offer support for any out of pocket expenses incurred in attending.

To book places, please email Kirsty Horne at k.horne@ltsotland.org.uk or call 0141 282 5263. Full details of the Conversations project can be found [here](#).

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## **The Role of Treatment in Recovery, A One Day National Conference**

*Wednesday 1 June 2011, 10.00am to (registration from 9.15am)  
Thistle Hotel, Glasgow*

This conference provides an unrivalled opportunity to update knowledge, hear about good practice and to meet others working in the same area. Through presentations, discussion and debate the conference will consider:

- The role of treatment in a person's recovery
- The choices in different forms of treatment modalities, especially substitute therapies
- The learning to be had from international perspectives
- The role of the professional in a person's recovery
- What recovery means at a personal level

Cost: £197 including lunch and refreshments

For information, download the [conference leaflet](#) or to book online, click [here](#). Alternatively, call the conference office on 0141 201 9353/9264/0674 or email [Debbi.Limond@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:Debbi.Limond@glasgow.ac.uk). For details of other University of Glasgow events, visit [www.gla.ac.uk/departments/developmental/cpd/newcourses/](http://www.gla.ac.uk/departments/developmental/cpd/newcourses/).

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Diabetes Management - The Big Challenge

*Friday 3 June 2011, 10.00am to 4.30pm (registration from 9.00am)
Glasgow*

Management of Type 2 Diabetes is increasingly complex and this conference has been designed to clear up some of the confusion, update your knowledge and give you more confidence in managing your diabetic patients. The conference will cover a range of hot topics on diabetes and through a mix of presentation, audience participation, case studies, question and discussion sessions the organisers will ensure you have an educational and stimulating day.

Cost: £197 including lunch and refreshments

Download the leaflet/booking form at http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_195397_en.pdf. For further information, contact Sarah McNulty by e-mailing sarah.mcnulty@glasgow.ac.uk or telephoning 0141 201 0825 / 9353 / 0674.

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## **Alcohol's harm to others conference: Beyond the drinker**

*Friday 3 June 2011  
Hilton Edinburgh Grosvenor*

This Alcohol Focus Scotland conference will explore the impact of excessive drinking on people other than the drinker, with a particular focus on children and young people. The day will be a mix of international and local expert speakers, including young people themselves, and topical workshops. Alcohol Focus Scotland are delighted that Professor Robin Room will be the keynote speaker.

The delegate fee is £80 per person which includes lunch and refreshments.

For more information and to book a place please email [snapy@alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk](mailto:snapy@alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk), call 0141 572 6294 or visit [www.snapy.org.uk](http://www.snapy.org.uk).

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Better Health and Wellbeing for People with Long Term Health Conditions

*Tuesday 14 June 2011, 10.00am to 4.30pm (registration from 9.00am)
Glasgow*

Around 2 million people live with long term conditions in Scotland and improving their quality of life is a major goal. This conference aimed at updating knowledge, skills and sharing good practice around the key areas of long term conditions management will bring together health, social work and other professionals involved in managing, caring and supporting patients with long term conditions.

Cost: £197 including lunch and refreshments

Download the flyer/booking form at http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_194726_en.pdf. For further information, contact Sarah McNulty by e-mailing sarah.mcnulty@glasgow.ac.uk or telephoning 0141 201 0825 / 9353 / 0674.

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## **Inclusive Design for Getting Outdoors: A conference on research into inclusive outdoor environments for all**

*Monday 27 to Wednesday 29 June, 2011  
John McIntyre Centre, Pollock Halls, University of Edinburgh*

OPENspace, in collaboration with research partners at the Universities of Salford and Warwick, is hosting a third international conference in Edinburgh, UK. The event will coincide with the publication of findings from the consortium's flagship research project – Inclusive Design for Getting Outdoors (IDGO) – and marks the tenth anniversary of OPENspace, based at Edinburgh College of Art, The University of Edinburgh and Heriot-Watt University.

The conference will focus on recent research into the design and provision of accessible outdoor environments for everyone – people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. It will highlight the importance of inclusive environments in improving the quality of life of individuals at different life stages and explore the links between the design and planning of communities – both urban and rural – and enhanced health and wellbeing.

The event follows on from two previous conferences in the Open Space: People Space series (in 2004 and 2007), and will be delivered through a combination of plenary and parallel sessions. Drawing on expertise in enhancing people's engagement with the outdoor environment, it will be of interest to researchers, designers, planners, policy makers, public health professionals and campaigners; in short, everyone working for accessible and more inclusive environments for all.

For further information or to register (N.B. an early bird rate is available up to 30 April), visit <http://www.openspace.eca.ac.uk/conference2011/confbackground.htm> or email [openspace@eca.ac.uk](mailto:openspace@eca.ac.uk). Alternatively, telephone the OPENspace Office on 0131 221 6177.

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## **Confidence Building for BME Women**

*Thursday 5 May 2011 to Thursday 9 June 2011, 9.30am to 11.00am  
Community Room, Health All Round, Springwell House, Ardmillan Terrace, Edinburgh EH11 2JL*

A FREE Six Week Course exclusively for BME Women, giving you the tools to build your confidence. Call Claire or Maysoon on 0131 537 7530 for more details and to book your place. For more on Health All Round, visit [www.healthallround.org.uk](http://www.healthallround.org.uk).

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## Participation Skills

*Tuesday 10th May 2011, 9.45am to 4.15pm, registration from 9.30am  
Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living 117-127 Brook Street, Glasgow, G40 3AP*

The value placed on involving people in decisions about; their own care or treatment, the support or services that will be provided in their community etc has increased significantly over recent years. To be effective it is important to ensure that all those involved are clear about what the purpose of involvement is and feel confident and competent to play their part. This one day workshop will cover

- What do we mean by participation?
- Barriers to involvement and how to overcome these
- Choosing participation methods
- Planning your involvement activities

Places cost £110 per person.

For more information or to book a place, please contact Charlotte Lee, CSL Training, Evaluation and Development, Hunters Lodge, Slockavullin, Lochgilphead, PA31 8QG by telephoning 01546 510209 / 07918 603792 or e-mailing [charlotte.lee2@btinternet.com](mailto:charlotte.lee2@btinternet.com). Website: [www.cslconsultancy.net](http://www.cslconsultancy.net).

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## Training day on patient group submissions to the Scottish Medicines Consortium

*Tuesday 24 May 2011  
LTCAS, 349 Bath Street, Glasgow*

Long Term Conditions Alliance Scotland (LTCAS) and the Scottish Medicines Consortium, which provides advice to the NHS in Scotland about the use of new medicines, are holding a Training Day on 24 May 2011. This free event is open to representatives of groups supporting patients, families and carers with drawing up Patient Interest Group submissions, which are considered as part of the assessment process for each medicine. It will be of interest to those who have previously made submissions and those thinking about it for the first time.

A booking form is available from the LTCAS website at [www.ltcas.org.uk/events.html](http://www.ltcas.org.uk/events.html) and early booking is advised as places are limited. Call Marie McHenry, SMC Public Involvement Officer on 0141 404 0231 or e-mail [Marie.McHenry@ltcas.org.uk](mailto:Marie.McHenry@ltcas.org.uk) if you have any questions regarding the content of this day. A full agenda will be available shortly.

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## BA in Community Development

*Begins September 2011  
Glasgow*

The University of Glasgow and the Black and Ethnic Minorities Infrastructure in Scotland (BEMIS) have reached an agreement that will see BEMIS facilitating support for willing trainees through a degree course focusing on Community Learning & Development complemented by extra direct training days/ workshops styles.

As part of BEMIS's programme for capacity building strategy for the ethnic minority's voluntary sector,

and in line with encouragement measures under the Positive Action notion, this training programme is deployed to fill a gap that has hindered the development of this sector and the diverse communities it represents.

Whether you are working in central government, local government or as part of a local partnership, you will be part of the contemporary rediscovery of community and active citizenship. The programme will assist you to build critical skills and knowledge you need to work effectively in the area of Community Learning & Development.

For further information or an application form, please contact Tanveer Parnez by e-mailing [tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk](mailto:tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk) or telephoning 0141 548 8047. For more on BEMIS, visit [www.bemis.org.uk](http://www.bemis.org.uk).

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### **Organisational Development Worker & Volunteer Development Worker, Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire**

*Salaries: £19,987 pro rata (£11,992) to 31 March 2012*

Voluntary Action has served individuals, community groups and organisations in East Renfrewshire for 12 years. An exciting opportunity has arisen to expand this service to Rural East Renfrewshire and Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire are looking for two dynamic and enthusiastic people to help meet future challenges. Posts are part time 21 hours.

Duties and Expectations: Work with organisations and volunteers in their local area to establish baseline information regarding their needs and develop/ deliver tailored training packages based on their needs. Raise awareness of social enterprise and impact volunteering has for an organisation and individuals. Relevant qualifications and/or experience required.

To request an application pack call 0141 876 9555 or email [reception@va-er.org.uk](mailto:reception@va-er.org.uk). Please note that the closing date for applications is **4pm on Wednesday 20 April 2011**.

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Community Development Officer, Central Scotland Regional Equality Council Ltd, Falkirk

*£22,591 pro-rata (18.5 hours per week) at £22,591 p. a. (Pro Rata)
(8 Months' Maternity Leave Cover)*

The Community Development Officer will work with minority ethnic people to improve participation in local Community Planning processes. This will be done through raising awareness of rights and legislative provisions for promoting equality and diversity. The post holder will also work to improve access and maximise uptake of available services for older minority ethnic people. This will be done through provision of multilingual, culturally-sensitive advice and information delivered via outreach work.

The successful candidate will have:-

- a proven track record of working with diverse communities,
- experience of community development work, project and event management.
- In addition, an ability to work with a wide range of stakeholders, reporting writing and
- working within tight budgets and timeframes is essential.

Further information and application packs can be found on <http://www.csrec.org.uk/opportunities.html> or by contacting CSREC, Community Education Centre, Park Street, Falkirk, FK1 1RE. Tel: 01324 610 950. E-mail admin@centralscotlandrec.org.uk. Please note that the closing date for applications is **12.00 noon on Wednesday 20 April, 2011**.

National Development Officer and Part-time Administrator posts, The Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice, Glasgow

a) National Development Officer, home-based (with travel)

Circa £28,000 (pro rata part-time working could be considered for highly experienced applicants who are able to fulfil the key responsibilities)

The Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice is entering a new phase of its growth and is currently seeking a National Development Officer to build on the work of the last three years. Prime responsibilities will be to support the national and local networks, promote the use of intergenerational practices and processes to the benefit of the citizens of Scotland, liaise with key policy makers and potential funders, and contribute to, and ensure implementation of, the agreed operational plan.

Applicants should ideally have sound experience and understanding of intergenerational practice, be a self-starter with good leadership and communication skills and a track record of successful strategic and operational development. The post will be home based with regular visits to the Glasgow office and travel throughout Scotland will be required. Part-time working could be considered for highly experienced applicants who are able to fulfil the key responsibilities. The post, which is funded by the Scottish Government, will initially be until 31st March 2012.

CVs must include relevant personal details, education, career background and describe your experience of Intergenerational working (max 150 words) and of network development (max 150 words) and the names of two referees. The job description and person specification can be obtained by emailing: lynsey@scottishmentoringnetwork.co.uk.

b) Part-time administrator, Glasgow

Salary: Circa £16,000 pro-rata

To support the work of the Centre a part-time Administrator is required with good IT skills and experience of Microsoft Office packages including the ability to analyse and maintain databases. Good communication skills are essential and applicants must be prepared to learn how to update the website using a straightforward web management system.

Applicants must have a good personality but also the ability to work without direct supervision. The post will be for 20 hours a week and can be on a flexible basis and is initially funded to 31st March 2012

Completed CV's for both posts can either be emailed to lynsey@scottishmentoringnetwork.co.uk or sent to Iain Forbes, Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice, 3rd Floor Brunswick House, 51 Wilson Street, Glasgow G1 1UZ. Please note that the closing date for applications for both posts is **5.00pm on Wednesday 20 April 2011**.

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**Communications & Policy Admin Assistant, Shelter Scotland, Edinburgh**

*£14,645 per annum, plus excellent benefits  
(Ref: SHE00107)*

As Administration Assistant, you'll be part of Shelter Scotland's work to campaign for better housing for all, by influencing at local level with housing professionals to improve policy and practice. By assisting in public campaigns, policy initiatives, training for professionals, the provision of information resources and innovative digital communications, you will work to end Scotland's housing crisis. To succeed, you will need to have:

- Experience of administrative work in a busy office

- Previous responsibility for financial reporting, purchase ledger and transactions
- Competence in MS Word, Excel, and ability to use databases for recording and reporting

Please note that the closing date for applications is **Thursday 21 April 2011**. Benefits include 30 days holiday and flexible working. Shelter Scotland are committed to giving all applications equal consideration. More Info including guidance notes and job description are available at <http://digbig.com/5bdswp>.

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Volunteer Co-Ordinator, Glasgow Women's Library

*Salary: AP4 SCP 30 (£26,189 per annum)
Full time: 35 hours per week
Fixed Term Contract initially until 31st March 2012*

Glasgow Women's Library (GWL) is a vibrant information hub housing a lending library and archive collections relating to women's lives, histories and achievements. It delivers an innovative Lifelong Learning Programme, an Adult Literacy and Numeracy Project, a dedicated Black and Minority Ethnic Women's Project and a National Lifelong Learning Project.

GWL are seeking to recruit a committed, imaginative individual who can embrace an exciting new role within a dynamic team, and across a 'cluster' of organisations, to develop a model of volunteer co-ordination. The post holder will be employed by GWL, the lead partner, but will also work with three additional partners, Amina: Muslim Women's Resource Centre, Diversity Films and Move On, to build volunteering capacities across and between the cluster. This role will include assessing and meeting the organisations' needs through the recruitment and placement of a targeted number of volunteers. GWL are looking for someone who is passionate about both volunteering and the potential of lifelong learning in people's lives.

This post is exempt for women only under Schedule 9 part 1 of the Equality Act 2010. Please note that the closing date for applications is **5pm on Tuesday 26 April 2011**. Further information and application packs can be downloaded from <http://www.womenslibrary.org.uk> or contact: Glasgow Women's Library, 15 Berkeley Street, Glasgow, G3 7BW. Telephone: 0141 248 9969. Email: info@womenslibrary.org.uk.

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### **Deputy Chief Executive, Gay Men's Health, Edinburgh**

*£27,102 (Salary NJC point 32) (post point 32-37 if extended beyond 12 months)  
Initial 12 months post  
Based Edinburgh (with travel throughout Scotland)*

Gay Men's Health is a national charity which aims to promote the health and wellbeing of all gay and bisexual men in Scotland. Gay Men's Health are actively working to challenge stigma and discrimination faced by gay and bisexual men living with HIV.

The role of Deputy Chief Executive is a newly created position, designed to help the ongoing growth and development of Gay Men's Health. Initially funded for 12 months, contract extension is subject to the post holder successfully securing further funding. You should have experience of sourcing and successfully securing funding applications, bids or tenders. You will also provide line management, support and advice to a team of highly skilled professional staff. You will also be required to take on the responsibility and duties of the Chief Executive in his absence.

If you feel you have the expertise to make a significant impact on the future development of a dynamic, forward thinking, gay men's charity, then Gay Men's Health would like to hear from you.

Download an application Pack at <http://www.gmh.org.uk/about/vacancies.html>. Please note that the

closing date for applications is **12 noon on Wednesday 27 April 2011** with interviews to be held week commencing 2 May 2011.

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Various Posts, Minority Ethnic Carers Of Older People PROJECT (MECOPP), Edinburgh

MECOPP is Scotland's leading Minority Ethnic carers organisation providing a range of care and support services throughout Edinburgh and the Lothians.

a) Development Worker (Gypsy Traveller Communities) (Job ref no: MECO2)

£23,082 pro-rata AP4 SCP 27 (18 hours per week - one year contract) pro rata (cost of living award pending)

This innovative project will contribute to the development of knowledge and practice in supporting informal carers within the Gypsy Traveller community in Scotland. The postholder will support the Project Lead in developing and delivering a range of services to support informal carers. This will include advice and information, casework and advocacy support, education and training provision and contributing to local and national policy.

You will have an understanding of community development approaches, a knowledge of health and social care and experience of working with disadvantaged communities. A current driver's licence and a willingness to travel is essential. A relevant professional qualification is desirable. Additional hours for this post are currently being sought. This post is funded by the Scottish Government.

b) Finance Administrator (Job ref no: MECO3)

£20,388 pro-rata AP3 SCP 23 (18 hours per week - one year contract with possibility of extension) pro rata (cost of living award pending)

This is a key post within the organisation providing a range of comprehensive financial and administration support services. You will have significant experience of accounting procedures (SAGE) and the ability to manage and report on different funding streams within a complex funding base. Sound administration skills and the ability to multi-task in a busy but friendly office environment is essential.

c) Volunteer Development Co-Ordinator (Job ref no: MECO1)

£23,082 AP4 SCP 27 (36 hours per week - one year contract with possibility of extension) (cost of living award pending)

This is an exciting opportunity to play a lead role in the development of a 'cluster' based approach to volunteering. The postholder will work collaboratively with four voluntary sector organisations (the 'cluster') to develop and support volunteering activity. Organisational capacity building is an essential element of this post.

You will have experience of volunteer co-ordination and management, be able to demonstrate an appreciation of the value of volunteers to an organisation and have an understanding of equality and diversity. Excellent organisational skills and the ability to understand and take responsibility for a complex workload are essential as is the ability to work well with a diverse range of people. The ability to speak a relevant community language is desirable. This post is funded by the Scottish Government.

Please note that the closing date for applications to all posts is Wednesday 27 April 2011. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified. Please note that CV's will not be accepted. For application packs or further details, contact Suzanne Munday (Director) by e-mailing Suzanne@mecopp.org.uk or telephoning 0131 467 2994.

Various Posts, Edinburgh Women's Aid

a) Family Support Worker (Ref FSW11)

AP3 £21,174 (pro rata) - 31.5 hours per week. Fixed Term until 31/3/2012

You will have a clear understanding of domestic abuse and its effects of children and young people, along with knowledge and experience of child protection issues and 2 years experience of working with children in a professional setting. You must be registered with the SSSC or be eligible to register. Some evening and weekend work may be required.

b) Weekend Support Assistant (Ref WSA11)

*AP2 £18,441- 19,959 (pro rata) + 7.5% unsocial hours + sleep over payments
18 hrs pw plus 3 sleepovers per week from Sat/Sun/Mon/Tues*

To work with the team leader and key worker to provide safe and supportive accommodation for women and any accompanying children who have experienced or are at risk of Domestic Abuse and are living in accommodation provided by Edinburgh Women's Aid at our 24hr support refuge. A relevant qualification at SVQ level 2 or above is required.

c) Support Worker (RefSW11)

AP 3 / 4 £21,174 – 23,232 pro rata - 28 hours per week

To be part of the team which provides a safe and professional support service in response to the needs of women and any accompanying children who have experienced or are at risk of domestic abuse. A relevant qualification at SVQ level 3 or above is required.

d) Board Trustees – unpaid Position (Ref T11)

Edinburgh Women's Aid are seeking women who have skills/experience in any of the following areas to become members of their board of trustees. * PR/marketing * Fundraising * Charity accountancy * Employment/charity law * Volunteer management and development * Charity governance * Working with vulnerable people * Business Management

Women only need apply under Schedule 9 (Part 1) of the Equality Act 2010. To download a pack, please visit <http://edinwomensaid.co.uk/index.php/about/vacancies/>. For postal packs, call 0131 315 8118 by 27/4/11 quoting the job title and post reference. The Board Trustee application packs are not available electronically. Please note that the closing date for all posts is **4pm on Tuesday 3 May 2011** with interviews for paid positions to be held on 17/18/19 May 2011 in Edinburgh. For all posts, successful candidates will be subject to PVG checks.

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## Committee Member, Scottish Health Council

*Ref: SHC182*

To achieve a truly responsive health service, the views of patients, carers, and local communities must be actively sought, listened to, and taken into account. The Scottish Health Council has been established to ensure that patients and the public are at the heart of improvement in NHS services.

Alongside setting standards and sharing good practice, the Scottish Health Council supports NHS Boards to engage with local users and communities, and involve them in the planning, improvement and delivery of local NHS services. The Scottish Health Council also reports on NHS Boards' major service change consultation activities, and records progress on participation generally in the NHS through the Participation Standard.

The Scottish Health Council currently has two vacancies on the Scottish Health Council Committee, and is looking for candidates who can demonstrate the following skills and experience:

- Strong commitment to involvement – whether in your community, your business or workplace
- Strong commitment to equal opportunities
- Understanding of how to set clear strategic objectives
- Understanding the principles of good governance of organisations and high standards of personal integrity

For further information and an application pack, visit [www.scottishhealthcouncil.org](http://www.scottishhealthcouncil.org), e-mail [shcrecruitment.gis@nhs.net](mailto:shcrecruitment.gis@nhs.net) (quoting the Job Ref in subject line) or SMS: text 'SHC [Job Ref plus your email address]' to 81400. Please note that the closing date for applications is **noon on Monday 4 May 2011** with interviews to be held in Glasgow on Wednesday 18 May 2011. Please note that applications will not be considered from candidates who have worked within the NHS in the past 5 years as the Scottish Health Council are looking for Members to contribute a 'user' perspective

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### ScotPHO website: Updates to 2010 Health and Wellbeing Profiles

ScotPHO have updated several of the resources in their [2010 Health and Wellbeing Profiles](#). These updates include the addition of Traffic Light charts to the excel tools; maps to aid navigation in the spine packs and a new Local Authority level report. ScotPHO have also updated all the profiles resources to correct a problem found in the "Patients (65+) with multiple hospitalisations" indicator. Note: the circulated printed material already contains the correct values for this indicator.

Visit <http://www.scotpho.org.uk/profiles/>.

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Updated CLD section goes live on LTS website

LTS (Learning and Teaching Scotland) are pleased to announce that the updated [Community Learning and Development section](#) on the LTS website is now live. The new section has been expanded to reflect all of the work of the Communities Team, and includes links to useful resources in the three themes of adult learning, building community capacity, and young people, children and families. Also available are sections about continuous professional development, and inclusion / equality.

Plans are in place for additional resources for the site, including uploading video case studies of practice across the three strands. The two guidance resources – [Capacity for Change](#) and [Same Difference](#) – are in the process of being updated and transferred to the LTS site from their current location on the Scottish Government website.

For more on LTS, visit <http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/>.

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