

Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

January 2020

Welcome

Welcome to the January edition of Stirling Council's Community News Sheet. This is a free news sheet from Stirling Council's Community Engagement Team which includes a variety of information gathered from different sources and organisations that we hope groups and communities will find useful. We endeavour to ensure all information is accurate and up-to-date. We can also include information about community activities and topics, please feel free to email us any contributions.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact us: communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk



Your Stirling: You Decide Update

Your Stirling: You Decide, Stirling's approach to participatory budgeting, is proceeding well. From the successful proposals, the Delivery groups for each proposal have worked with Council Officers to finalise completion or come up with final choices for communities where needed.

Eight proposals have had final decisions made on them by their community following community engagement and voting and are now in the procurement and installation stages. Another two proposals have been finalised with information and plans available. Regular updates on all proposals is available on Stirling Council's website.

To find out about your community's successful proposals and others visit:

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/ysydprogress>



the
Gathering
2020

This is Scotland's largest event for charities, social enterprises and voluntary organisations. Held in the SEC, Glasgow and organised by SCVO, this year it will take place on **Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 February**; it's free and everyone is welcome.

It's a place for people from the voluntary sector to network, showcase their work and learn from each other. You will be reminded that you face the same issues as others, and you will find solutions that are right for you.

There are opportunities to listen, learn and be heard on all the things that impact on the sector - funding, employability, health & wellbeing, insurance & risk and much more. There will be a busy exhibition and marketplace with over 110 exhibitors and a packed programme with around 65 workshops, seminars and training sessions.

To find out what workshops, seminars and training sessions are happening, and to book your place visit <https://scvo.org.uk/the-gathering-2020/event-programme>



Funding

CFSLA Lottery Small grants up to £500

CFSLA is the local payroll lottery for local authority staff in Stirling, Clackmannanshire and Falkirk and they are there to support charities, community groups and staff fundraising activity.

The profits from the payroll lottery are distributed to local community groups and charities based in and providing community activities in the 3 local authority areas and will fund items of equipment and materials which support their activities.

Currently they would welcome more applications coming in from Stirling Council area.

To find out more and to apply visit <http://www.cfslalottery.org.uk/>

Youth Scotland Rural Action Fund

The Youth Scotland Rural Action Fund, supported by the Robertson Trust and The Gannochy Trust, aims to enhance and develop community based youth work in Scotland's rural communities.

It will make small awards, from £100 up to £750, to enable youth groups provide more and/or better opportunities for young people.

The next deadline is **Friday 6 March 2020**. Full details are available at:

<https://www.youthscotland.org.uk/programmes/youth-scotland-rural-action-fund/>



Plunge In! The Coasts and Waters Community Fund

Scottish Natural Heritage has launched a new fund to celebrate the Year of Coasts and Waters. **Plunge In! The Coasts and Waters Community Fund** creates new opportunities for communities to connect with their coasts, seas and freshwaters.



The fund offers grants between £2,000 – £10,000 for a wide range of imaginative projects which engage people with Scotland's coasts and waters. Examples of projects they could fund include:

- Helping communities adapt to climate change
- Sharing and preserving cultural traditions
- Expand and improve community recording of the natural environment and/or wildlife

This is a competitive fund for projects starting from April 2020 and running until December 2020. The deadline for applications is **Friday 28 February 2020**.

Details are available at:

<https://www.nature.scot/ycw2020-plunge-coasts-and-waters-community-fund-information-applicants>

McEwan's McNificent Seven Fund

McEwan's and the Daily Record have joined forces to find community groups across Scotland who deserve recognition and extra funding for their efforts. Recognising that community groups across Scotland are the backbone of society and provide friendship & humour, help & support and much more, McEwan's are wanting nominations for groups that would benefit from a cash boost of up to £1000 in their McEwan's McNificent Seven campaign.



The fund is open from January to July with one group being awarded up to £1000 each month for a project that develops and benefits their community. The closing date for applications is **Friday 14 February 2020**.

To apply or nominate a group you feel deserves funding visit www.mcewans.co.uk/mcnificent7

Consultations

Scottish Forestry Corporate Plan

Scottish Forestry is a new executive agency developing its first Corporate Plan which will inform about the role, strategic direction and priorities of the agency.

The consultation will target those with an interest in the regulation, management and growth of forests and woodlands across Scotland, and seeks views on the content of the draft plan.

The consultation closes on Wednesday 5 February 2020. To access the consultation visit:

<https://consult.gov.scot/environment-forestry/scottish-forestry-corporate-plan/>



Planning Performance and Fees

Scottish Government is consulting on Planning Performance and Fees. The consultation paper proposes a new approach to how the performance of planning authorities is measured, the role of the planning improvement co-ordinator and a new structure for the planning fee regime along with the introduction of additional services which authorities can charge for and the ability to waive or reduce planning fees in certain circumstances.

The consultation closes on Friday 14 February 2020. You can read the consultation paper and access the consultation here: <https://consult.gov.scot/planning-architecture/planning-performance-and-fees/>



School Holiday Dates

Stirling Council has launched a consultation on the changing of school holiday dates. The council is considering changing the existing provision of seven weeks' holiday in the summer and one in October to six weeks in the summer and two in October. No change will be made to school schedules before 2022/23.

The consultation is open to all pupils, parents, parent councils and school based staff. It will close on **Tuesday 21 February 2020.**

To access the consultation, please visit <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/council-democracy/consultations/>



Communities Call for Climate Action

A group of organisations working across Scotland are seeking to raise awareness and drive action towards solving the climate emergency.

To help strengthen Scotland's community sector's role in pushing for major change needed to stop climate catastrophe, read their Climate Statement and sign their Pledge at <https://www.climateaction.scot/>



See Me

Time to Talk day 2020 will take place on **Thursday 6 February** and See Me would like to get as many people as possible involved in talking about mental health. In previous years, Time to Talk days have been a huge success. Too many people with mental health problems are still made to feel isolated, worthless and ashamed. Conversations have the power to change lives wherever they take place.

See Me have various resources to get the conversation started, and other ideas and resources for tackling stigma and helping people to talk about mental health.

<https://www.seemescotland.org/movement-for-change/campaigns/time-to-talk/time-to-talk-day-2020/>



Holiday Fun Clubs

Keeping children entertained and fed during school holidays can be a challenge and can have a big impact on family budgets. We know that for some families in particular, being able to use free Holiday Fun Clubs can help to take away some of these pressures. The Council seeks to resource the Fun Clubs with partners. You may be aware that we opened a Flexible Framework in June 2019 to support this delivery. We want to extend our work with partner organisations to provide free Holiday Clubs across the Stirling Council area over the school holidays.



Are you a Third Sector organisation or community group that could support this project? If you are this may be an interesting opportunity for you.

We plan to re-open the Framework to new organisations in early February and held an Information Session Wednesday January 29th 2020. If you missed this event and would like further information about this opportunity, please use the link below or contact:

Claire Barron, Strategic Commissioning, procurement@stirling.gov.uk (01786 233881)

Link: <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/community-leisure/holiday-fun-clubs/>



Inner Forth Landscape

Inner Forth Landscape Initiative (IFLI) worked with communities, local authorities and agencies in Stirling, Falkirk and Clackmannanshire to coordinate action to conserve the important heritage assets within the landscape around the Inner Forth, and make the area a better place to live, work, visit and invest in, by helping to promote its natural and cultural heritage, and sustainable transport options. To see some of the IFLI projects visit <https://www.innerforthlandscape.co.uk/projects/project-explorer>



Inner Forth Futures has now been formed to take forward the legacy of the Inner Forth Landscape Initiative. The three existing local authorities have now been joined by Fife Council and together with partners Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Environment Scotland, RSPB Scotland, Sustrans and Central Scotland Green Network they make up Inner Forth Futures.

If you would like to explore the wildlife and history of the unique landscape of the Inner Forth, **Wanderings and Windings** are nine heritage trails around Stirling, Falkirk, Fife and Clackmannanshire offering day-long walks and cycles. They use existing paths and tracks to help you find some hidden gems in the area, including nature hotspots, historic buildings, riverside views, cultural landmarks and simply places to escape from the bustle. Find out more at <https://www.innerforthlandscape.co.uk/about/wanderings-windings>

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**Dunblane
Allotment
Group
14th Annual**

Potato Day

SATURDAY 7th March 2020

**1.00PM – 3.00PM, BRAEPORT CENTRE,
BRAEPORT, DUNBLANE**

Around 27 varieties of seed potatoes including extra Charlotte, 20p per tuber, nets £3.40 each (approx.25 tubers). Small quantities available.

Veg seeds, onions, garlic, garden equipment on sale from Mo Lawn.
More info on Dunblane facebook page

Expert advice will be available from John Marshall

Admission £1.00

Refreshments provided by:
Tilly Tearooms

Sponsored by:
Julian Schad Tree Surgeon, Braco,
Graham's, The Family Dairy,
Bridge of Allan,
Bennett's The Butcher, Dunblane

