

Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

February 2020

Welcome

Welcome to the February 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

Bud for Gala Days and Volunteer Opportunities



To communities organising Gala Days and similar – you may have read about Bud in our [December newsletter](#) Bud is an exciting and interactive touring exhibition space educating about the importance of remembrance and the heritage of the poppy.

Poppy Scotland are keen to know of any local gala days, fun days and festivals happening this year as they are looking to get Bud out to communities. Please let them know if you would like them to attend your community event.

In addition they have interesting **volunteering opportunities**:

The Bud Heritage Volunteer role gives you the opportunity to work on Bud with school children of all ages, and to support the Bud Learning and Outreach Officers taking elements of Lady Haig's Poppy Factory and Poppyscotland's archive collection on the road.

The Bud Veteran Volunteer role gives you the opportunity to attend events, local or national, to talk about your experiences of being a veteran in the forces, and to support the Bud Learning and Outreach Officers taking elements of Lady Haig's Poppy Factory and Poppyscotland's archive collection on the road.

For more information visit www.poppybud.org.uk

Or contact Sandra Comrie 0141 473 6221 / 07808 261076 S.Comrie@poppyscotland.org.uk

Independent Care Review: Council statement

Stirling Council acknowledges the publication of the Independent Care Review Scotland

Stirling Council statement: "All children have the right to be loved and listened to and that is the core message from this review.

"Stirling Council fully backs this message and it is reflected in the work of our own Children's Services.

"So many of the recommendations of the report are already enshrined in the key priorities of Stirling's Children's Services Plan and we are working every day to ensure that every child is looked after in a loving, nurturing environment."

The full review and its findings are available on the [Independent Care Review website](#).





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.

Eleven 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 three 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>

Consultations

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill: A consultation

In a statement to the Scottish Parliament in June, the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, announced that the Scottish Government would consult on a draft Bill to reform the process by which trans people gain legal recognition of their lived gender through a Gender Recognition Certificate – a right they have had for 15 years.

To comply with international human rights law, Scotland must have a system for obtaining legal gender recognition. The current system is viewed by many applicants, or would-be applicants, as demeaning, lengthy, and stressful.

This consultation seeks respondents' views on the provisions of the draft Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill which amends the way in which a trans person can obtain that Certificate (a "GRC"). The draft Bill does not make provision to change the rights and responsibilities arising as a result of gender recognition nor to change existing arrangements under the Equality Act 2010.

More information is available at <https://consult.gov.scot/family-law/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill/>

The consultation closes on Tuesday 17 March 2020.



Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006 – Statutory Guidance

Parents know their children best and children do better when parents are involved and engaged with their learning. In 2006 the Scottish Parliament passed the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act. This important law sets out how schools and councils must work to support parents to be involved in the life and work of schools and in their children's learning.

Over the past year, the Scottish Government has been working with a number of people to update, strengthen and make the guidance clearer. The Scottish Government is now asking for your views and feedback on a fresh guidance document.

Here you can find the [draft guidance and an online questionnaire](#) to gather your views.

For more information on the public consultation and how you can be involved in this, please contact: Parental.Involvement@gov.scot

The consultation closes on Thursday 30 April 2020.



Early Learning and Childcare - Statutory Guidance

This consultation sets out updated Statutory Guidance to education authorities to support them in exercising their functions in relation to the delivery of early learning and childcare from 1 August 2020.

For more information about the Statutory Guidance, please visit

<https://consult.gov.scot/children-and-families/early-learning-and-childcare-statutory-guidance/>

The consultation closes on Wednesday 4 March 2020.



Switched on Towns and Cities 2019-20 Engagement Survey – Stirling

This survey is being carried out by Energy Saving Trust to gather information on people's knowledge and experience of electric vehicles and associated charging technology, and their attitudes towards these technologies. This information will help inform feasibility studies that Transport Scotland has funded Energy Saving Trust to deliver for a number of Scottish local authorities. Your information is valuable and will help ensure the data informing these reports' final conclusions is accurate and comprehensive.



Please use this link to access the survey <https://response.questback.com/energysavingtrust/lsd2xfpmrj>

The survey will close on Saturday 14 March 2020.

Funding

Henry Smith Charity: Improving Lives Grants

Grants for small and medium sized organisations in the UK to support projects and the running costs of organisations.

The Improving Lives grant programme provides grants to charitable organisations that help people when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or are simply not available. The Henry Smith charity supports established organisations delivering services directly to beneficiaries. They are looking for services which can demonstrate a track record of success, and evidence the effectiveness of the work. This is the largest grants programme which the Henry Smith charity runs, through which the majority of its funds are distributed.

For more information click [here](#).



Launch of Child Poverty Fund

The Scottish Episcopal Church is launching a fund which will help to target child poverty in Scotland. Grants of up to £5,000 will be awarded for a pilot period of one year for congregational programmes specifically focussed on the alleviation of the effects of child poverty.

The initiative follows discussion on child poverty at General Synod 2018. The church recognises that child poverty is a wide-ranging and complex issue and encourages its congregations to work with other partners whether ecumenically, with other faiths or with secular groups/agencies.

Application forms for the Child Poverty Fund are available from [the Scottish Episcopal Church website](#) or from General Synod Office. Guidelines for organisations interested in applying to the fund can be found [here on the SEC website](#).

For further information contact Miriam Weibye, Church Relations Officer, at churchrelations@scotland.anglican.org or 0131 225 6357.



The Scottish Episcopal Church

Bank of Scotland Foundation



REACH Grants Programme

The Reach programme is suitable for charities who can demonstrate they address disadvantage or social exclusion. Organisations with an income less than £1 million per annum will be able to apply for grants of between £1,000 and £20,000 over one year to support vulnerable people.

The Programme opened on **Monday 10 February** and the first deadline is **Thursday 2 April 2020**.

For more information click [here](#).



Baillie Gifford Awards

Foundation Scotland would like to draw attention to three opportunities that are available from its Baillie Gifford awards programmes.

Multi-year Grants

This is an annual programme that offers grants of between £2,000 and £5,000 per year up to a maximum of three years. The fund can support 100% of the project costs if the total cost does not exceed £15,000. The programme will accept applications that exceed £15,000 over three years, so long as the grant request is for at least ¼ of the total project costs. In these cases, the maximum project cost can be for no more than £60,000 over three years.

Priority will be given to projects that can demonstrate a fit with one of the following themes.

- Reducing isolation in Scotland's communities – this includes all forms of isolation whether due to health, disability, rurality, or projects which aim to tackle barriers to inclusion. This list is not exhaustive.
- Supporting financial inclusion – this can include food poverty-related projects and those that seek to maximise the income of families that may be struggling due to the impact of Universal Credit, disability, in work poverty and so on.
- Overcoming homelessness – this includes any work to tackle homelessness in our communities.
- Improving employability and enterprise, particularly in young people

The deadline for applications is **4pm on Friday 10 April 2020**.

Baillie Gifford Community Awards

This programme runs 4 times a year and offers grants of up to £2,000 (towards a maximum project cost of £8,000). Applicant organisations should have an annual income of less than £250,000. Priority goes to projects in the following areas: Children and families, Elderly, Education, Environment, Health, Physically disabled, Homelessness, Women and Grass Roots Sports.

The deadlines for this programme in 2020 are **2 March, 25 May, 24 August and 2 November**.

Free Room Hire

Thanks to a donation from Baillie Gifford, Foundation Scotland is delighted to be able to offer small charities and community groups the opportunity to use its meeting rooms in Edinburgh at no cost.

Meeting rooms can be booked either for a full day or two half days. Meetings taking place during office hours will get priority. Unfortunately, Foundation Scotland are unable to accommodate evening and weekend bookings.

For more information on these opportunities please see the Baillie Gifford webpage:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/baillie-gifford/>



Training

The Conservation Volunteers—Scotland

Training

Spring is just around the corner and over the next few months TCV will be using the hopefully more clement conditions to run a number of community engagement events in Falkirk, North Ayrshire and West Lothian, with details posted soon on social media.



TCV Scotland training events coming up:

- Introduction to Fundraising, Stirling, 5 March
- Lantra Brushcutters & Trimmers, Stirling, 26 & 27 March
- Introduction to Mammal Monitoring, Cumbernauld, 4 April
- Introduction to Invertebrates, Stirling, 7 May
- Phase One Habitat Survey and Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Workshop, Stirling, 23 & 24 May

For further details, including course costs, and to book on any of the above, visit **TCVs** page on [Eventbrite](#)

For course queries please contact [Tricia Burden](#) or 01786 479697. We can also arrange tailored training for groups, so if you have any specific learning needs please contact Tricia.

The Essential Trustee – What you need to know? What you need to do? **8th May 2020**



This free workshop, run by Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise, will explore the general duties and responsibilities of a charity trustee under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

The workshop is suitable for new trustees, those wishing to become trustees and long standing trustees who wish to find out more about their duties and responsibilities in terms of the governance of charities. Good governance is about more than ticking boxes and ensuring you have the right policies and procedures in place. It's also about culture, behaviour and leadership. It's about how trustees make decisions, how well they understand their organisation and why it exists. If you have good governance in place your organisation will grow and flourish. This workshop aims to get you started in this process.

To book a place please click [here](#).

Developing a Volunteer Culture—12 March 2020



Developing an effective volunteer culture can have real benefits for your organisation.

This brand new course is the only training currently available in the UK that offers you the chance to focus on developing an effective volunteer culture within your organisation.

Volunteer Scotland are running this one day course on Thursday 12 March, 10am until 4.15pm, at Volunteer Scotland's offices in Stirling. The cost for the 1 day course including lunch is:

- Organisations with an income of £100,000 or less per annum: £45 per person.
- Organisations with incomes between £100,000 and £500,000: £65 per person.
- Organisations with incomes over £500,000: £105 per person.
- Individuals not connected to an organisation cost: £45 per person

To book a place go to <https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/training-courses/volunteer-practice-training/developing-a-volunteer-culture/>

Evaluation Support Scotland (ESS) -



Outcomes everywhere but which are mine?

Organisations with different projects can often find themselves with **dozens of different outcomes**. This can mean consistent evaluation and reporting at the organisational level is really hard. Other outcome challenges that people in the sector face include fitting **personal** service user outcomes to project outcomes or – at the other end – fitting organisational outcomes to local or national **strategic** outcomes.

If these challenges sound familiar these events could be for you! Book your place on one or both of the following:

Outcomes everywhere but which are mine? Monday 2nd March at 10am.

This webinar will talk through some ways to make sense of your different outcomes and how to map different levels of outcomes to each other. We'll talk about how to stay focused on showing meaningful contribution rather than having to prove attribution.

Booking details are available [here](#)

Inspiring Impact event - Tuesday 17 March 2019, 10am - 12.30pm, Glasgow

ESS will deliver a brief input with tips to help address the challenges of mapping outcomes from personal to organisational to strategic outcomes. ESS will facilitate activities to help you apply tips to your own organisation and share and learn from your peers in the sector. ESS direct you to resources to follow up later. Book [here](#)

Community Justice Scotland: National Event



Community Justice Scotland are excited to announce their third national event on Tuesday 10 March 2020, 9.30am – 4pm, at Alloa Town Hall.

This event will shine the spotlight on some of the local community justice projects that are transforming lives and communities across the country and kick-start the conversation about what we can do to make Scotland a better place for all of us.

The workshops will showcase community justice in action within local areas and will demonstrate the impact this is having on people's lives, creating much-needed opportunity to share practice ideas and a sense of how progress is being made towards meeting the national community justice outcomes in Scotland.

Times are changing in Scotland. Community Justice Scotland invite you to join the discussion about what they are doing, what they could be doing and what Scotland needs to do better.

You can register for the event [here](#).

Dunblane Potato Day

A reminder that a good afternoon out can be had at Dunblane's 14th Potato Day which will be taking place on Saturday 7 March from 1.00-3.00pm in the Braeport Centre, Dunblane.

Around 27 varieties of potatoes will be on sale; there will also be a stall from Mo Lawn with onion sets, seeds and garden tools on sale. John Marshall, Potato Expert, will be on hand to give advice and encouragement

Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon provided by Tilly Tearooms.



Cyber Scotland

We live in one of the most open digital societies in the world making us vulnerable to ever evolving cyber-attacks. Following 'Safer Internet Day' and 'Cyber Scotland Week' in February discussing digital security both in businesses, charities and in the public sector, see below for a number of resources available to individuals and groups to help them stay safe online.

Get Safe Online

For both individuals and business giving free expert advice on everything from smart phones to shopping online.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

ThinkKnow

Specifically for young people and parents, this site provides age appropriate information and advice.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Cyber Aware

Support and advice from Police Scotland.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/keep-secure-online/>

UK Safer Internet Centre

Advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command)

Report activity on child protection and online abuse.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>



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Saturday, 25 April 2020
Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling

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You will be welcomed with a sparkling drinks reception, followed by a delicious two-course lunch and entertainment. We promise a fun-filled, fizzy, fundraising afternoon. We'll have lots of amazing prizes up for grabs in our raffle and auction, and will be sure to have you on the dance floor!

01786 641 841 or daniel@townbreakstirling.org

Tickets £35 per person | 12:00 –17:00



Community Partnership

Supporting Communities in Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park



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Third sector organisations are naturally adaptive, enterprising and resilient. As our operating environment continues to change, third sector leaders have to keep their skills fresh and their motivation high in order to take advantage of new and exciting opportunities.

Join us for a programme that gives you the opportunity to explore your experience and understanding of great leadership, relate your knowledge to known theories and research and practice some new approaches within a learning group of supportive peers. The learning will help you to develop new tools and new ways of thinking and, should you wish to do so, you can take the opportunity to obtain an ILM accredited Award in Leadership at SCQF Level 9.

WHO IS IT FOR?

This programme is suitable for current and aspiring leaders in the third and voluntary sector and community-based organisations.

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Location: Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
Carrochan, Carrochan Road,
Balloch G83 8EG

Dates: 9 & 10 March 2020

13 & 14 April 2020

11 & 12 May 2020

Time: 9.30am – 4pm

Cost: £300

(There is no fee for participants who work as volunteers in community groups – for example development trusts and community councils)

DURING THIS PROGRAMME YOU WILL:



TAKE YOUR LEADERSHIP TO THE NEXT LEVEL



EXPLORE SOME NEW TOOLS AND APPROACHES



FIND OUT HOW TO USE COACHING APPROACH TO BEST EFFECT IN YOUR ORGANISATION



REFLECT ON HOW YOUR LEADERSHIP STYLE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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