



the hub - your community action centre

Date: 12th July 2021

Welcome to our weekly e-bulletin.

We are open to the public on an appointments basis so please contact us before coming to the hub.

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- Community Defibrillators Project

News

Do you have any Primary or Secondary School Clothing that you family no longer needs? To support parents with the on-going costs of School Uniforms and Stationery supplies, our Council and partners have restarted the School Uniform Project. Across the region, anyone can make donations of school uniforms and stationery for families in need. This could be donations of uniforms which your family no longer requires or from those buying an extra item of uniform or stationery to donate. **You can drop off donations here at the hub between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.** Families will be able to go to the following locations to browse through donated goods to see if there is anything that would be suitable for them and whatever they wish to take, they can take home for free. • The 3rs Horse Rescue Charity Shop, King Street, Castle Douglas • Summerhill Community Centre, Dumfries • Action for Children, Kelloholm • Newstart Recycle, Annan • Re-Loved Clothing Stranraer. Families who are unable to collect in person can order their Free Uniform and Stationery Items for home delivery at <https://supportdg.dumgal.gov.uk/FreeSchoolUniform>

Training

FREE eLearn course – Adult Support and Protection Level 1 Raising Awareness of Adult Support and Protection in Dumfries & Galloway is a new eLearn course which is free to all providers and agencies across Dumfries & Galloway. The course, developed in partnership with Care Training Consortium (CTC) aims to provide an overview of Adult Support and Protection (ASP) and how to identify and report concerns about an adult at risk of harm. For more information and to sign up go to https://caretrain.co.uk/training-courses#Course_517

Surveys and Consultations

Consultation - South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy The consultation on the draft of the first ever South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy is underway. The draft strategy and public consultation can be accessed until Monday 16 August at <https://sosrep.dumgal.gov.uk/>. The draft strategy has been created following extensive and far reaching engagement earlier this year, which saw close to 1,000 individuals, businesses, communities and organisations – covering a diverse range of interests – put forward their views of the opportunities and challenges facing the South of Scotland. The input from that engagement has helped the Regional Economic Partnership (REP) to shape the draft strategy – a vital document for the future prosperity of our region and communities. It has helped set out a 10-year vision, built around six essential themes that the REP believe will help create a greener, fairer and flourishing South of Scotland. Participating in this consultation and sharing your views is a

fantastic opportunity to ensure our region fulfils its potential and attracts people to live, work, visit, learn and invest in the South of Scotland.

What matters to you? The Scottish Government wants to hear about your priorities for Scotland. Share your views about the issues you feel they should focus on between 2021 and 2026. For more information and to take part go to <https://engage.parliament.scot/group/10027>

Building a voluntary sector research community If the pandemic has taught us anything, it is the importance of having accurate and up to date data and evidence to support decision making. For that reason, SCVO has decided to partner with a range of stakeholders to build a Scotland-focused voluntary sector research community called the Scottish Third Sector Tracker. SCVO is looking for 800 representatives from voluntary sector organisations based across Scotland who are willing to share their experiences, views, and concerns, as the sector emerges from the pandemic. The information gathered from members of the Scottish Third Sector Tracker will inform and direct the way SCVO, and many other organisations including the Scottish Government, provide support to voluntary sector organisations in the coming years. To express your interest in joining the Scottish Third Sector Tracker please email DJS at STSTracker@djsresearch.com or go to https://scvo.scot/p/44022/2021/06/10/building-a-voluntary-sector-research-community#_ftn1

Funding

Are you staying on at school in post-compulsory education? If yes then you may be able to apply for an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). EMA is based on your household income. The income thresholds to qualify for an EMA is £24,421 (subject to change) for households with one dependent child and £26,884 (subject to change) for households with more than one dependent child. You must meet all other eligibility criteria detailed in the Guidance document and Application form. Guidance and information on how to apply can be found at www.dumgal.gov.uk/ema If you think you may qualify you can apply now.

Nithsdale Poverty and Inequalities Grant Applications OPEN Community groups across Nithsdale you may be interested in funding agreed at the recent Nithsdale Area Committee meeting on 30 June 2021 where Members agreed to open for Applications to the Area Committee Poverty and Inequalities Budget. You can find the Nithsdale Priorities, Eligibility and Criteria [HERE](#) and the Application Form [HERE](#) **Deadline for submission is mid-day on 6 August 2021.** For support or to discuss further, please contact your local [Ward Officer](#) For full details on funding available from Area Committees across the region visit: [Funding from Area Committees \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/funding)

2021-22 Grant Programme Dumfries and Galloway Health Board Endowment Fund will be running their annual grant program in support of Dumfries and Galloway third sector and community organisations. This program is open to organisations whose core activity is in support of the health and wellbeing of the community and the service offered complements the local NHS services. They are particularly interested in receiving partnership applications where several third sector or community groups are working together in support of the local community health and wellbeing. There are two grants streams that will run simultaneously:

- Large grant program to support funding over £5,000
- Small grant program to support projects up to and including £5,000

For further information please contact Nick Mitchell, Endowment Operational manager by emailing nick.mitchell@nhs.scot or telephone 01387 244673 Grants applications and completion guidelines can be downloaded from their website: www.dghbef.org or email dg.endowments@nhs.scot **Closing date for applications is 12pm 20th August 2021**

Clyde Dumfries and Galloway wind farm makes around £160,000 per year available for community and charitable projects. The community fund can support

projects which: • enhance quality of life for local residents • contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities • promote community spirit and encourage community activity. Projects in the following community council areas can apply: • Carronbridge • Durisdeer • Johnstone • Kirkconnel and Kelloholm • Kirkmichael • Kirkpatrick Juxta • Moffat and District • Closeburn • Royal Burgh of Sanquhar and District • Thornhill • Wamphray • Wanlockhead. For more about the fund go to <https://wwwFOUNDATIONSscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/clyde-dg>,

Volunteering Support Fund 2021-24 Impact Funding Partners is delighted to announce that it will be managing the Volunteering Support Fund on behalf of the Scottish Government. The Scottish Government has made £3.3 million available to support small to medium third sector organisations recruit volunteers who experience disadvantage or barriers to volunteering. During the funding period applicants should aim to recruit a minimum of 36 volunteers with 13 who experience disadvantage or would traditionally experience barriers to volunteering. **Eligibility Criteria** To be eligible applicants must be: A third sector organisation (voluntary organisation or community group) whose Board of Trustees or Management Committee are predominantly volunteers. Organisations do not need to be registered charities, although their constitution/set of rules should make clear that funds will only be spent on purposes established in the constitution, and not distributed amongst members. A third sector organisation working in Scotland with an annual income of under £250,000 (excluding any one off capital costs). **Timescales** The fund opens for applications on Friday 9th July at 12 noon. **The fund closes for applications on Friday 27th August at 5pm** Decisions are expected to be made by Friday the 29th of October and successful applicants will be informed the following week. For more information go to <https://www.impactfundingpartners.com/open-applications/volunteering-support-fund-2021-24>

BBC Children in Need They give grants for: Children and young people aged 18 years and under experiencing disadvantage through: • Illness, distress, abuse or neglect. • Any kind of disability. • Behavioural or psychological difficulties. • Living in poverty or situations of deprivation. The work they fund make differences in children's lives that help prevent or overcome the effects of the disadvantages they face. Funded organisations achieve these differences by either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments. For more information go to <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/covid-19-funding-streams/>

Places Called Home IKEA Limited and The National Lottery Community Fund have come together to support thriving, resilient and sustainable communities across the UK. Places Called Home explores the idea that communities can become as important to us as our homes. It aims to inspire and help people get more involved in their local community as a positive, homely place to be and meet other people. They can fund equipment or materials to improve your community's shared spaces and run activities that focus on sustainable living. **Area** UK-wide **Suitable for** Small local voluntary or community organisations and groups **Funding size** £1,000 to £5,000 **Total available** £1.5 million **Application deadline 5pm on the 14th July or once they receive 1,500 applications - whichever comes first.** For more information go to <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/places-called-home>

The Santander Foundation They created the Santander Foundation to help disadvantaged people in the UK. Throughout the years, they have supported a number of non-profit organisations to deliver charitable initiatives across the country. To date, they have awarded over £21 million to more than 11,600 charitable causes. They are now proud to launch their new strategy for 2021 to 2024, helping people to become digitally and financially empowered. The closing date for applications is 13 August 2021. For more information go to <https://www.santandersustainability.co.uk/the-santander-foundation>

Jobs

Business Community Development Manager Salary £37,000 + benefits

The Crichton Trust seeks a Business Community Development Manager (BCDM) to assist them through an exciting period of unprecedented growth and development. If you are energised by a vision for The Crichton to become a world-renowned place for inspiring people, catalysing connection and collaboration, and as a driver of innovation, they want to hear from you. This is a rare opportunity to use your extensive business and community management expertise to make a lasting impact on an innovative, ambitious charity and social enterprise which self generates income from a diverse hospitality, venue and property business. **How to apply:** To apply for this position, please provide your CV and covering letter describing your suitability for the role. Applicants should also download and complete the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form from The Trust's website vacancies page and return it with their application by email to admin@crichton.co.uk **no later than 16 July 2021**. It is intended that Interviews will take place on 26 July 2021. Enquiries: Informal enquiries can be directed to Craig Renton, Chief Operating Officer of The Crichton Trust. Initial contact can be made by emailing craig.renton@crichton.co.uk (Please put Business Community Development Manager in the title of your email). Alternatively, please contact The Crichton Trust on 01387 247544 or email: admin@crichton.co.uk You can also find out more about them by visiting their website at www.crichton.co.uk

Turning Point Scotland Administrator – Dumfries Full time

Salary £18,278 - £19,662 Main duties and responsibilities

- Operates within Turning Point Scotland policies and procedures.
- Assist with on-the-job training.
- Oversees elements of administration support.
- Participates in in-service meetings and produces notes/minutes.
- Produce reports from more complex data.
- Responsible for carrying out specific tasks to deadline (without prompt).
- Drafting simple letters/emails etc based on information provided.
- Responsible for petty cash and submitting returns.
- Processing financial transactions on Pegasus Finance System.
- Administration and processing of service user finance.
- Processing of HR and Payroll information.

Should you have any queries, please call their freephone recruitment line on 0808 164 3100 For more information go to

<https://turningpointscotland.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-2/xf-8216358be4b0/candidate/so/pm/4/pl/1/opp/1790-DG-21-04-Administrator-Dumfries/en-GB>

VACANCY FOR A DATA OFFICER (BOGSIDE AND BRANDYWELL HEALTH FORUM)

This is an exciting opportunity for an ambitious data analyst to analyse the positive health benefits associated with SPRING Social Prescribing which is led by Bogside and Brandywell Heath Forum in partnership with a range of delivery partners in Scotland and Northern Ireland. **LOCATION:** Negotiable Northern Ireland or Scotland dependent on successful candidate, with some travel across NI and Scotland **HOURS:** 35 hours per week – fixed contract until 30th June 2023 **SALARY:** £26,317 per annum **What is Social Prescribing?** Social prescribing is a way to link medical care to (typically) non-clinical, locally delivered support services. Their Project The SPRING Social Prescribing Project delivers the largest coordinated project of its kind, across Scotland and Northern Ireland, to synthesise learning from across two regions. Over 4,600 people will co-create a social prescription and engage in at least one of the many interventions delivered by their network of experienced community-led health improvement organisations. This position will require either a relevant third level qualification in IT plus one years' experience in an IT support or data analysis role or five years' experience in a relevant IT support or data analysis role. A full application pack can be requested by contacting Nora Mc Gowan:

nora@bbhealthforum.org **Closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday 23 July 2021.**

Volunteering Opportunities

the hub – your community action centre is a local charity based in Dumfries that develops and delivers a range of social inclusion projects. We are an Investing in Volunteers accredited organisation and our volunteers are much valued team members.

Current Volunteering Opportunities!

Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme Assistant

- Interested in helping people on low incomes find a home to rent in Dumfries and Galloway?
- Enjoy carrying out online research and finding out information?
- Have good communication skills?
- Experienced at using Microsoft packages and Windows 10?
- Can you spare a few hours on a regular basis?

If so then we have an interesting volunteering opportunity with our Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme that assists people in housing need find a home in the private rented sector. For more information contact **Karen on 01387 269191/07434 366128** email rdgs@thehubdg.org.uk

Getting Connected Project Assistant

- Experienced at completing a range of online application forms?
- Experienced at updating 'e' forms and 'e' journals?
- Experienced at creating and updating CV's?
- Friendly, patient and approachable?
- Experienced at using computers and Windows 10?
- Can you spare a few hours on a regular basis?

If so then we have an interesting volunteering opportunity with our Getting Connected

Project that assists people without internet enabled devices complete online forms/applications. For more information contact **Dawn on 01387 269161/07434 366120** email info@thehubdg.org.uk

SPRING Social Prescribing Project Assistant

- Interested in supporting people to take up activities in their local community?
- Interested in supporting people to make positive health choices?
- Can you provide regular contact and a non-judgmental listening ear?
- Are you a friendly, approachable person?
- Are you able to motivate people to improve their health and wellbeing?
- Do you have great people skills and a non-judgemental approach?
- Can you spare a few hours on a regular basis?

If so then we have an interesting volunteering opportunity with our SPRING Social Prescribing Project that supports people self-manage long term health conditions. For more information contact **Dawn on 01387 269161/07434 366125** email SPRING@thehubdg.org.uk

Telephone Befriender

- Interested in helping older people who may be feeling isolated or lonely?
- Enjoy chatting to people over the phone?
- Have good communication skills?
- Have knowledge and understanding of older peoples issues?
- Like finding out what local sources of support and assistance are available?
- Can you spare a few hours on a regular basis?

For more information contact **Karen on 01387 269191** email info@thehubdg.org.uk

Our Projects

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Getting Connected Project - we provide one-to-one supported appointments to assist people:

- Complete a range of application forms
- carry out online job searches and apply for jobs online
- update Universal Credit e-journals
- create or update CV's

We also offer additional **FREE Basic Computer Skills learning sessions**. These short sessions cover all the things you need to know to use computers in your day to day life. The sessions are friendly and informal allowing you to learn at your own pace. We also offer **Free Money Matters sessions** to assist you manage your household income using your new IT skills. We offer an iPad and free internet dongle loan scheme for those without internet enabled devices.

Contact: 01387 269161 or email info@thehubdg.org.uk

Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme

- Do you need a deposit to rent a private rented sector tenancy in Dumfries and Galloway?
- Are you on a low wage or receive means tested benefits and live in Dumfries and Galloway?

Then the Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme may be able to assist you!

Contact: 01387 269161 or email rdgs@thehubdg.org.uk

Winter Warmth for Older People Project– please contact us for a registration form. Closing date to register is 1st Sept 2021. We provide free briquettes and kindling for older people in D & G who rely on open fires/multi-fuel stoves as their main source of heating.

To be eligible for the service people need to be:

- over 60 years of age
- not in paid work and have no other household member in paid work
- in receipt of a means-tested benefit or have extenuating circumstances e.g. long term health conditions.

Contact: 01387 269161 or email info@thehubdg.org.uk

SPRING Social Prescribing Project can help to address social, emotional and practical needs by supporting and connecting people to sources of support and opportunities available in their local community. People who experience social isolation, low mood, mild depression, long term conditions, pain management or physical inactivity may benefit from this social prescribing so if you or someone you know would like to be referred to us please contact **01387 269161** or email spring@thehubdg.org.uk

Want to put an item in our e-bulletin?

If you have items you would like included in our e-bulletin please email these to info@thehubdg.org.uk.

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the hub – your community action centre provides affordable, accessible co-working space and development support for non-profit distributing groups and organisations.

**Meeting/training rooms and hot desking facilities are also available. We develop and deliver a range of projects and services that assist people and local communities.
Working together - making a difference!**

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