



the hub - your community action centre

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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.

News

New scheme to promote fair working hours Businesses urged to make Living Hours pledge. A new accreditation scheme that encourages businesses to provide secure contracts, flexible hours and payment of the real Living Wage is to launch. The Scottish Living Hours Accreditation Scheme recognises that in addition to payment of the real Living Wage, the number and frequency of work hours are critical to tackling in-work poverty. It builds on the existing Living Wage accreditation scheme and businesses looking for certification must meet the following standards: payment of the real Living Wage providing a contract reflecting accurate hours worked and a guaranteed minimum of 16 hours a week (unless the worker requests otherwise) ensuring at least 4 weeks' notice of shifts and guaranteed payment if shifts are cancelled within this period. The scheme will be supported by £380,000 of funding and is to be administered by the Poverty Alliance. They will begin reaching out to prospective employers on 1 August to start the accreditation process. For more information

[New scheme to promote fair working hours - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Increased funding to tackle fuel poverty and climate change

A programme to tackle fuel poverty and improve energy efficiency will receive an extra £9 million of funding this year to support a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and help fuel poor households save money on their heating bills. The Scottish Government's Area Based Scheme (ABS) programme will provide over £64 million in 2021/22 – up from £55 million the year before – to enable every local authority in Scotland to deliver energy efficiency measures to fuel poor households and communities. The work forms part of a £1.6 billion investment over the next five years to transform the heat and energy efficiency of buildings. The Scottish Government's draft Heat in Buildings strategy sets out a vision for more than one million homes to be using low and zero emissions heating systems by 2030. For more information

[Increased funding to tackle fuel poverty and climate change - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

FREE School Meals for all Primary 4 Children It was announced in June that the Scottish Government and local authority partners reached agreement to introduce universal free school lunches for primary 4 and 5 children and targeted support during school holidays for all eligible primary and secondary children and young people. (Read more [Free school meals - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)) In Dumfries and Galloway, this will mean that **ALL Primary 4 children** will be eligible for FREE school meals during term time from the return to school in August and that Primary 5 children will be eligible from the start of January 2022. Further information regarding the targeted support during school holidays for all eligible primary and secondary children and young people will follow in due course.

School Clothing Grant Awards for School Clothing Grants in Dumfries and Galloway are £134 for Primary aged children, and £150 for Secondary aged children. School Clothing Grants are not awarded to Nursery aged children. [Click here for School Clothing Grants](#)

Free support launched for social enterprises in Dumfries and Galloway

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway has launched a new free support service for social enterprises across the region. The project has received £86,800 from South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE) and will help start-ups and existing social enterprises develop their business. A team of five specialists can offer one-to-one support or an independent perspective on a social enterprise's vision or structure, with a dedicated section on the new website www.tsdg.org.uk/. That funding allowed the programme to have a range of impacts to support the sector during the pandemic, including over 30 new guidance resources available on the TSDG website at www.tsdg.org.uk/social-enterprise/. To contact the Social Enterprise team email sedg@tsdg.org.uk or call [0300 303 8558](tel:03003038558). For more on South of Scotland Enterprise, click [Here](#).

Contract Opportunity - Dock Park, Dumfries

Applications are being sought from businesses and organisations who would be interested in the provision of summer activities for all age groups and abilities at the Dock Park, Dumfries operating daily from the 30th of July until 31st August between the hours of 10.00am and 5.00pm. Applicants should provide details of the type and variety of activities proposed along with a detailed list of charges which will apply. Successful applicants will be required to provide copies of their insurances, risk assessments, safe systems of work, traders licence, etc. Applicants should contact Community Assets preferably by email on CommunityAssets-Nithsdale@dumgal.gov.uk Tel: 01387 271100 Ext. 62378

Events

Gatehouse of Fleet Community Centre Gala Week Open Day As part of this year's Gatehouse Gala Week celebrations, the Community Centre is holding an Open Day with a pop-up cafe, free activities for children, stalls, live music, and more on Thursday August 5 from 12pm to 2 30pm. Come along and join them. No booking required.

Dumfries Get Together Dumfries Get Together Sponsored by National Lottery Awards for All and magic little grant Dumfries Get Together is a diverse and welcoming Ladies social group. Are you new in town? Fed up of spending too many nights at home in front of the TV? Or perhaps you've been here for a while but want to widen your social circle? Are you interested in exploring Dumfries and its surrounding area? Keen on meeting new people with a variety of backgrounds and interests? Do you want to enjoy activities, events, discover places to go out and make acquaintances & friendships? Get involved. Join us and make some new friends. Interested? Then come and join us! Activities range from dinner, weekends away, walks, bingo, quiz nights and lunch and coffee get together, to theatre trips and dance classes. Dumfries Get Together has a walk on a Monday evening at 6.30pm, meeting at Dock Park Car Park. The group is open to women over the age of 16. They also have a range of activities that are displayed on their website: www.meetup.com/dumfriesgettogether

Training

CTC Get 15% off your next booking July special offer CTC are running a special offer for the rest of July 15% for all courses. Use code: JULY21 for 15% off your next booking. For more information [Training Courses | CTC \(caretrain.co.uk\)](http://www.caretrain.co.uk)

Surveys and Consultations

Scottish Fire Service Consultation on Options for Responding to Automatic Fire Alarms As part of our public consultation on reducing unwanted fire alarm signals, they would like to hear your views on the three proposals to change the way they respond to workplace automatic fire alarms - known as AFAs. Each year they attend more than 28,000 false alarms from workplace AFAs. Reducing the number of needless blue light journeys also helps them to reduce road risk, improve public and firefighter safety and reduce our impact on the environment. Please take five minutes to complete the short questionnaire

Funding

The UK Community Renewal Fund The UK government is providing an additional £220 million funding through the UK Community Renewal Fund to help local areas prepare for the launch of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in 2022. This Fund aims to support people and communities most in need across the UK to pilot programmes and new approaches and will invest in skills, community and place, local business, and supporting people into employment. For more information and to apply

[UK Community Renewal Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Levelling Up Fund The £4.8 billion Levelling Up Fund will invest in infrastructure that improves everyday life across the UK, including regenerating town centres and high streets, upgrading local transport, and investing in cultural and heritage assets. For more information and to apply [Levelling Up Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Community Ownership Fund The UK government has launched a new £150 million Community Ownership Fund to help ensure that communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland can support and continue benefiting from the local facilities, community assets and amenities most important to them. For more information and to apply [Community Ownership Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Terrific Twos Entitlement, Have you discovered the big benefits of Early Learning and Childcare? High quality Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) offers a fun, friendly and safe environment that can help little minds and bodies grow. A new environment with new faces and new experiences can be just what your child needs to help them learn and become more confident. Eligible 2 year olds and all 3 and 4 year olds may apply to have up to 1140 hours of funded Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) a year. 1140 hours is roughly the same amount of time as primary school hours when the hours are taken over term time. You do not have to pay for funded Early Learning and Childcare, but you may wish to purchase additional hours at providers that offer this service. ELC makes a big difference to children and boosts what they learn at home. For more information on how to apply [Early learning and childcare \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](#)

Co-Op Grant funding for Community Fridge Applications now re-open for the Co-op Community Fridge fund! This opportunity includes £4,000 funding to help cover project costs, along with full support, guidance and resources from Hubbub to help successfully establish your fridge. Once set up, groups will be part of the 250 member strong [Community Fridge Network](#) which helps redistribute surplus food from businesses and households within the community, saving it from going to waste and bringing people together. Anyone and everyone can share and gift from a Community Fridge. If you want to take part in this exciting opportunity, feed your community and help the environment, they'd love to hear from you! They'll be welcoming applications until 9am 16th August. To access information on which groups can apply, the application criteria and next steps see our guidance [here](#), or email all us at communityfridge@hubbub.org.uk if you'd like to find out more.

Kilgallioch Community Fund will support community-led charitable activities that support the rural regeneration and sustainability of communities in Wigtownshire and South Carrick. Approximately £475,000 is available for distribution each year. Closing dates in the fund year 2021 to 2022 are:
Monday 18th October 2021 (decisions by the third week in December)
Monday 7th February 2022 (decisions by the first week in April 2022)
Monday 20th June 2022 (decisions by the third week in April 2022)

If you would like more information on the Fund or to discuss an application informally, you can contact the Fund by emailing info@kilgallioch.co.uk or phoning 01557 814927.

[How to apply | Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company](#)

Barclays 100x100 Programme: local support for UK communities

As part of [Barclays' COVID-19 Community Aid Package](#), they launched the 100x100 UK COVID-19 Community Relief Fund – or 100x100 Programme – to get support right into the heart of local communities across the UK to reach those that need it. As the impact of the pandemic continues to be felt, Barclays will be making a further 50 donations of £100,000 each to UK charities working to support vulnerable people and communities impacted by COVID-19, and to alleviate the associated social and economic hardship caused by the crisis. UK charities, with an annual income of at least £1m, are invited to apply to receive a donation of £100,000 to meet the needs of our communities as they emerge from the pandemic, including: help for people experiencing physical and mental health issues; financial assistance for people facing financial hardship; support for ethnically diverse communities disproportionately impacted by the crisis; and enhancing digital accessibility. **Applications are now open and will close at 6pm (UK time) on Friday 6 August, 2021.**

Jobs

the hub – your community action centre PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORKER (SPRING Social Prescribing Project)

28 hours per week £23,666 (FTE to be pro rata) Flexible working hours/days Mon to Friday Based at the hub with some outreach community based activity and the possibility of occasional home working. the hub – your community action centre is looking for an experienced project development worker to take forward the development and delivery of our SPRING Social Prescribing Project. • You will develop and deliver the SPRING Social Prescribing Project which aims to improve the physical and emotional wellbeing of people who are referred to the project. • You will proactively engage with organisations/agencies to make referrals to the project to ensure funders targets and outcomes are met. • You will identify community organisations that provide activities and opportunities that people referred to the project will benefit from. • You will support, and manage volunteers who assist people referred to the project. • You will use monitoring and evaluation systems and produce reports as required. • You will have admin support in your role. If you believe you have the skills, experience and motivation to drive this project forward then we look forward to hearing from you.

Application deadline 5pm Mon 16th Aug 2021 Interviews will be on Mon 30th Aug 2021 To request an application pack contact 01387 269161 or email info@thehubdg.org.uk For an informal chat about the post please contact Karen on 07434 366128

the hub – your community action centre PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORKER (Getting Connected Project)

21 hours per week £23,666 (FTE to be pro rata) Flexible working hours/days Mon to Friday Based at the hub with occasional outreach community based activity the hub – your community action centre is looking for an experienced project development worker to take forward the development and delivery of our Getting Connected Project. • You will develop and deliver the Getting Connected Project which provides 1 to 1 support to people who need to use internet enabled devices in their day to day lives to complete a range of online applications and related electronic documents. • You will deliver our bitesize short basic computer skills and money matters financial inclusion sessions which the project offers as a progression route for people assisted with 1 to 1 support. • You will proactively engage with organisations/agencies to make referrals to the project to ensure targets and outcomes are met. • You will support and manage volunteers who assist people referred to the project. • You will use monitoring and evaluation systems and produce reports as required. If you believe you have the skills,

knowledge, experience and drive to be effective in this role then we look forward to hearing from you. **Application deadline 5pm Mon 16th August Interviews will be held Tues 31st August** To request an application pack contact 01387 269161 or email info@thehubdg.org.uk For an informal chat about the post please contact Karen on 07434 366128

the hub – your community action centre VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR

7 hours pw £22,000 per annum (to be pro rata) Flexible working hours/days Mon to Friday Based at the hub with occasional home working the hub – your community action centre is looking for an experienced volunteer coordinator for our volunteer involving organisation. • You will ensure recruitment of the required number of volunteers with the competencies and aptitude needed to support delivery of the hub activities. • You will co-ordinate volunteering activity to support delivery of the hub projects and services. • You will provide volunteer training and inductions. • You will provide regular support and supervision for volunteers. • You will ensure volunteering best practice is implemented and maintained. • You will act as Signatory for PVG Scheme registrations and Scheme membership updates where required for the hub volunteers and staff. • You will maintain and update quantitative and qualitative monitoring and evaluation systems and produce reports as required. If you believe you have the skills, knowledge, experience and drive to be effective in this role then we look forward to hearing from you. **Application deadline 5pm Mon 16th Aug 2021 Interviews on Mon 30th/Tues 31st Aug 2021** To request an application pack contact 01387 269161 or email info@thehubdg.org.uk For an informal chat about the post please contact Karen on 07434 366128

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

Some of our projects and services remain temporarily suspended until later in the year as follows:

- Free public access use of our computers/internet
- hire of our meeting/training rooms

Community Defibrillators Project

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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