



the hub - your community action centre

Date: 10th January 2022

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 Dual Testing Site, Ryan Centre, Stranraer COVID testing is now available in one place for both symptomatic and asymptomatic members of the community in Stranraer. **The** testing site at The Ryan Centre in Stranraer is offering walk through PCR testing in addition to LFD testing and collection. The site is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 9am – 5pm from Monday 10th January 2022. No booking required

Events

New Gentle Movement / Strength & Balance / Let's Motivate Ideal for anyone who might have become deconditioned during lockdown. They have;

- 1 x Gentle Movement class at Castle Douglas
- 1 x Let's Motivate class at Castle Douglas
- 1 x Strength & Balance at Annan
- 2 x Gentle Movement classes at Dumfries.

They charge for some classes as the instructors are paid, whereas some are free because they are delivered by volunteers. However, **ALL classes are free** to anyone who **signs up** to the Move More programme (if they have been affected by cancer – including loved ones who might be affected). **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** – via email Active.Communities@dumgal.gov.uk or if no access to computers call 07921038688.

Third Sector Employability Forum - Tuesday January 18 The Third Sector Employability Forum for organisations across Dumfries and Galloway. Open to new members to join. To book go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/third-sector-employability-forum-tickets-205572973297>

Social Enterprise Dumfries and Galloway Forum - Wednesday January 19 First meeting of Social Enterprise Dumfries and Galloway Forum in 2022. Open to any social enterprise across the region. To book go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-enterprise-dumfries-and-galloway-forum-tickets-229294665517>

Surveys and Consultations

Dumfries & Galloway LGBT Plus - End of Year Survey - January 2022 They need your help! As part of their post Covid recovery planning they are looking for your feedback. This will help them to direct services over the coming year. They have a brief survey of fifteen questions, which generally ask whether you do or do not engage with them, what you think of the service, and if you have any suggestions for the future of the service. It is open to both members and non-members wishing to comment. Please can you spare **only 3-5 minutes** of your time to complete the survey. If you have engaged in any of their events and activities in the past, Pride events, any other local LGBT+/queer events, or just want to support them and give us your opinion on a local service that really wants to hear from you and tell them what you think. If you do want to support us by donating your time to complete their survey, then please follow this link – <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/T8YYWHZ> **The survey will close on 25th February at 5pm.**

Funding

Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund now open the new Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund is now open for applications across the south of Scotland. Grassroots community groups, social enterprises, and third sector organisations in Dumfries and Galloway and The Scottish Borders will be able to benefit. The Fund aims to support adult community-based initiatives to help address the impact of distress and mental ill health caused by social isolation and loneliness, as well as addressing the mental health inequalities exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. For more information go to <https://www.tsdg.org.uk/cmhwf/> **The Fund will close to applications on Wednesday January 12.**

Regional Arts Fund - Monday January 17: The purpose of this fund is to increase the number of high quality arts projects for public and economic benefit of Dumfries and Galloway. **Deadline for applications** Please email your completed application form and any supporting information to grantapplications@dumgal.gov.uk by no later than 8am on Monday 17 January 2022. For more information go to <https://www.dgunlimited.com/dumfries-and-galloway-regional-arts-fund.html>

No One Left Behind Funding Grant Applications are Open The Dumfries and Galloway Local Employability Partnership is seeking project proposals from community groups, charities, social enterprises, public sector bodies and private employability providers who can provide employability support for people aged 25+ across the region. Applications are invited for projects of £5,000 or more covering the 3 month period from January to March 2022. Grant applications will be assessed against the extent to which the proposal: • aligns to key NOLB objectives • evidences need and tackles inequalities • targets people most in need of support • demonstrates partnership working • adds value to existing services and resources. **Applications will be accepted until 18th January 2022, subject to remaining funding.** For more information, email DGEmployability@dumgal.gov.uk

Creating opportunities for women in agriculture More women and girls living and working in Scottish agriculture will be able to apply for funding for courses to help develop their skills. Eligible courses include support to get tractor and trailer driving certificates or help to train sheepdogs. The Practical Training Fund, which was launched earlier this year and is administered by Lantra Scotland, has already supported more than 400 women and girls to undertake courses to develop their skillset or change careers. From today, women and girls over the age of 13 can apply for up to £500, or more on a case by case basis, for the cost of a practical or technical training course through the fund, with the first batch of successful applicants being notified by the end of January 2022. For more information go to <https://www.scotland.lantra.co.uk/women-agriculture-practical-training-fund>

Bank of Scotland Foundation's 'Invest' programme funds registered charities and will re-open for applications on Monday 28th February, with a deadline of Thursday 10th March. To be eligible to apply, charities must have an annual income of £100k-£1million and have at least 3 years of annual returns registered with OSCR. Eligible charities can apply for £20-40k per year for 2-5 years. With such a short application window, you may wish to familiarise yourself with the fund and application process in advance of the opening date. For more information go to <https://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes>

The Sport Facilities Fund supports capital projects that create or improve places where people take part in sport and physical activity. The fund aims to support projects that provide opportunities for people to get involved and participate in sport and physical activity, with priority given to those that demonstrate a commitment to equality & inclusion, people development and collaboration & impact. Awards of up to £100,000 are available for sports facility projects within club & communities, school & education or performance sport

environments. Any non-profit distributing, constituted organisations whose membership is open to all sections of society are eligible to apply before the deadline of 1st April 2022. For more information go to <https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sport-facilities-fund/>

The Pump House Trust funds a wide range of charitable activity but trustees are particularly interested in supporting those charities or projects connected with community development, environmental, women's and youth issues, which promote social inclusion at all levels. In 2020 they funded under the headings citizenship and community development, arts, conservation, health, human rights, relief of poverty, religion and sport. In recent years, grants awarded have been between £1,000 and £5,000. Applications should be made in writing via the trust administrators, Turcan Connell, Princes Exchange, 1 Earl Grey Street Edinburgh, EH3 9EE, and can be made at any time.

The Baillie Gifford Community Awards fund is aimed at supporting grassroots community organisations across Scotland who have an annual income of under £250,000. The fund can support core costs as well as project costs and will award grants of up to £5,000. Applications must be for at least 25% of total costs, therefore please do not apply if your total cost exceeds £20,000. Applications should fit at least one of the fund's priorities: • People affected by homelessness, substance abuse, domestic abuse or loneliness • Food / financial / digital security • Veterans • Young people • Women • Care experienced young people • The environment • Improvements to IT equipment • Education • The elderly • Health and disability • Grassroots sports • Children and families. Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions take approximately 10 weeks. For more information go to <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/baillie-gifford-community-awards>

Armed Forces Covenant Trust - Afghanistan Veterans' Fund - Monday January 17: The Afghanistan Veterans' Fund aims to increase capacity in services and initiatives that offer supportive comradeship, engagement and wellbeing efforts for those in the Armed Forces community impacted by events in Afghanistan, and the wider veterans community. For more information go to <https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/afghanistan-veterans-fund/>

The National Lottery Community Fund in Scotland is working in partnership with Dumfries and Galloway Council's Poverty and Inequalities Team to extend its reach and better target poverty and associated disadvantage in Dumfries & Galloway. They are keen to talk to any constituted groups working to tackle inequality across the region and have a number of funding programmes aligned with this agenda:

Awards for All This is The Fund's small grant programme for awards of up to £10,000 to be spent over up to 12 months and is often a first step for groups which haven't had Lottery funding before. There are three programme outcomes: Tackling issues early so people can reach their full potential, Bringing People Together within and across communities, and Improving the places and spaces that matter to people. Full programme guidance can be found here: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-scotland>.

Young Start This programme is targeted at groups working with young people between the ages of 8 and 24. It is the only current programme which supports employability projects and also has outcomes for young people having improved health and wellbeing, and being more connected to the community they live in. The maximum award is £100,000 and this can be spread over 1, 2 or 3 years. Full programme guidance here: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/young-start>.

Community Led This programme is about local communities coming together to improve the quality of life in their area and getting involved in activities which will improve health and wellbeing and the social life of a community. Projects should be inclusive of everyone living locally and driven by the aspirations of local people. The maximum award is £150,000. The Fund would usually expect this to

be spread over three years to achieve continuity, but funds can be spread over 1 or 2 years as well. Programme guidance here:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/grants-for-community-led-activity#section-1>

Improving Lives This is currently The Fund's largest grant offer with awards of up to £200,000, again for between 1-3 years. There are five outcomes for this programme with three closely linked to poverty: Supporting Children young people and families currently experiencing challenging circumstances, Tackling loss, isolation or loneliness, and Supporting people experiencing financial hardship. Programme guidance here:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/grants-for-improving-lives#section-1>

The Fund's Funding Officers for Dumfries & Galloway are Kirsty Wilson (covering Nithsdale and Annandale & Eskdale) and Neal Bennison (covering Wigtonshire and Stewartry). They would very much welcome you getting in contact with them to discuss and funding you require and have advised not to worry if you don't see an immediate fit with any of the programmes above. Please note Kirsty works Monday to Wednesday and Neal is full-time. Kirsty Wilson, Funding Officer South Scotland Team. Please note my working days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. M: 07790 813383 Kirsty.Wilson@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk
Neal Bennison, Funding Officer, South Scotland Team M: 07976322674
Neal.Bennison@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Jobs

Gardening Assistant - Potters Garden, Full Time, Temporary, Location: Potters Garden. Stair Park, London Road, Stranraer, Salary: £10.00 per hour, Hours: 25 per week. • To work collaboratively with the Transition Project Worker to deliver basic gardening training to individuals of all ages with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)/Neurodiversity/Learning Disabilities. • To supervise and develop good gardening and social skills with students. • To work with and support the Transition Project Worker to develop needs of students. To collaborate with the Transition Project Worker the day-to-day training of individuals with ASD/Neurodiversity/Learning Disabilities in basic horticulture skills. • Improve the gardening skills of students within Potters Garden's environment. • Any well-being problems are identified early and report to Centre Manager. • Liaise with all staff and appropriate outside agencies if needed. • Promoting the importance of well-being and mental health awareness. • Supervising and directing small groups of students/volunteers. Please email denys@pottersgarden.org.uk or phone 01776-700977 for more information. **Closing Date: 2022-01-14**
How to apply: denys@pottersgarden.org.uk

Employability Officer (Community Transport PSP) Organisation: Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway, Full time, Fixed Term for 1 year, with the possibility of extending this dependant on funding. Location: This post is available for blended office (preferably Dumfries)/home working. Salary: £25,070 Hours: 35. The Employability Officer will be responsible for developing, implementing and managing an employability pathway programme. They will also work with colleagues to develop a sustainable funding model for the project. Community Transport Public Social Partnership For the last 4 years, the Dumfries and Galloway (D&G) Community Transport Public Social Partnership has been working to develop and design transport services to maximise the benefits to the community and develop the capacity of the community transport sector. A Public Social Partnership (PSP), supported by the Scottish Government, is a strategic partnering arrangement that involves the third sector more deeply in the commissioning and design process. The model builds on the opportunity to pilot innovative services and ensure effectiveness. It ensures that wider social benefits are factored into service delivery. The PSP was established because the understanding that the ability to continue to deliver community, demand responsive, health and social transport for the communities of Dumfries and Galloway faced significant challenges. [Job description](#) [Job application pack \(direct download\)](#) [Job application form \(direct download\)](#)

Closing Date: 2022-01-21. For more information go to <https://www.tsdg.org.uk/jobs/employability-officer-community-transport-bsp/>

Independent Living Support - Outreach Housing Support Worker

Full Time, Permanent dependent on future funding, Location: Dumfries
Salary: Starting at £10.50 an hour, Hours: 35 per week. Independent Living Support is a local charity supporting people from "simply surviving to actively thriving". We are looking to recruit a highly motivated member of our Outreach Housing Support Team. Based in Dumfries over 35 hours a week (Monday – Friday 9.00 to 5.00 with some flexibility), the applicant must have their own transport, be subject to PVG Scheme Membership conditions and have two years' experience of supporting vulnerable people within housing, mental health, financial advice, mentoring, or a similar environment. The post holder will support people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness to achieve and maintain own tenancy, apply for benefits, and signpost to other agencies for help. An SVQ3 or equivalent would be advantageous. Salary £10.50 an hour during probationary period. For an application pack please write to ILS 8 George St Meuse, Dumfries. DG1 1HH or email directly on enquiries@ils-dumfries.co.uk

Closing Date: 2022-01-28. How to apply: enquiries@ils-dumfries.co.uk

Turning Point Scotland - Support Practitioners Full Time, Permanent, Location: Lockerbie, Dumfries, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbright, Newton Stewart and Stranraer, Salary: £10.12 - £10.65 per hour, Hours: Variety of hours are available. Full Time - 37 Hours. Turning Point Scotland is a national social care charity providing services to adults with addictions, learning disabilities, mental health issues, those caught in the criminal justice system and those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Turning Point Scotland Dumfries and Galloway Service Turning Point Scotland is a social care provider offering a wide range of personalised support for adults and young people with disabilities and lifelong conditions. Their services support people to live a fulfilling life and actively participate in their community. Please note that these posts may involve supporting service users on holiday. These posts will include sleepovers, waking nights, weekends and unsocial hours. No experience required, full training is given. **Closing Date: 2022-03-18** How to apply: <https://www.turningpointscotland.com/work-with-us/>

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!

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 **Sharon at**

volunteering@thehubdg.org.uk or phone 07434 366130/01387 269161

Reception/Office Support Assistant

- Experience of dealing with the public in person and on the phone?
- Friendly, patient and approachable?
- Experienced at using computers and Windows 10?

- Organised with good attention to detail?
- Can you spare a few hours on a regular basis?

If so we have volunteering sessions available on Mon and Weds each week.

For more information contact **Sharon at volunteering@thehubdg.org.uk or phone 07434 366130/01387 269161**

Volunteers receive out of pocket travel expenses, a full induction and have an allocated member of staff to provide ongoing support and coaching.

We have implemented Covid-19 safety measures including PPE, floor and desk standing screens, hand sanitiser units. We operate an appointments system with intercom door entry to manage footfall to ensure social distancing for the safety of our staff, volunteers and the Public.

Hub 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. 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

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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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