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News

Help with Heating Costs - Fuel Subsidy Scheme

We are a referring partner for Home Heating Advice Scotland and so continue to provide this subsidy which covers any form of heating i.e. electricity, gas, oil, LPG/calor gas, coal whether you pay by pre-payment meters, by monthly direct debits or by quarterly bills etc.

HOW TO APPLY

You will need to supply us with the following information:

Your name, address, date of birth, NI number, phone number, email address, proof of means tested benefits as well as the number of child dependents, adult dependents and number of adults over 75yrs in your household.

You will need to supply a recent energy bill or paid invoice which shows your name, address and customer reference number.

If your home is difficult to heat and has an energy performance certificate rating E or F please let us know as well.

If you are in fuel debt, please submit any evidence of the debt.

Applications and the information documents required above need to be in the same name of the householder/utility account holder.

We then submit the application to Home Heating Advice Scotland on your behalf who will assess the level of subsidy they will pay direct to your fuel supplier who will credit the payment to your fuel/utility company account and/or send you an email with pre-payment meter vouchers.

Please submit your application by email with all the information required to info@thehubdg.org.uk For more info phone **01387 269161**

Competition time - Dyslexia Scotland time to get creative and learn some skills in the process. Dyslexia Scotland is holding a competition for dyslexic young people aged 16 or under to design the cover of their Autumn members' magazine. They have organised free online workshops to help aspiring designers think about how to come up with an idea. Full details here: <https://bit.ly/3xd2IYF>

Flood Forecast the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Met Office have created a new Scottish Flood Forecast, which will give communities an indication of where flooding is likely to occur in Scotland up to 3 days in advance. The Scottish Flood Forecast shows a 3-day forecast at a national level, using maps and the colours yellow, amber, and red to show whether flooding is likely to happen, also giving information on likely impacts and on what to do next. The maps use the area of concern concept to provide information on the geographical extent of risks. SEPA is asking members of the public for their feedback on the new Scottish Flood Forecast. It will be available on SEPA's website www.sepa.org.uk/scottishfloodforecast and will initially be released as a test version to the public until Autumn 2022. This is so that SEPA can gather feedback and make any improvements before fully launching the service to the public formally later this year.

Social Security Advocacy Service is now available, and is provided by VoiceAbility, independently of Scottish Government and Social Security Scotland. VoiceAbility is a charity and has been delivering independent advocacy services for 40 years. The service is available free of charge to: • anyone with a disability who may need extra support to understand and communicate when accessing and applying for Social Security Scotland benefits; • parents or carers with a disability who need support to access benefits for a child; and • parents or carers who are accessing benefits for a child with a disability, if the child wants to be

involved in the process and needs support. An advocacy worker won't provide advice, but can help clients to: • be heard and understood; • know, understand and secure their rights under the Scottish social security system; • ask questions and get information; • express their rights, views, wishes and what they want to achieve, and represent their own interests; • be fully involved and make informed decisions; and • safeguard their rights by representing their circumstances if they are unable to. Clients can be referred to the service by completing the appropriate referral form at <https://www.voiceability.org/make-a-referral> . Or, clients can access this support themselves by going to <https://www.voiceability.org/make-a-referral/myself-step-two?relationship=myself&reason=social-security-scotland> , or by contacting VoiceAbility directly for free on 0300 303 1660.

Spotlight on Outcomes Approach Evaluation should be about what matters – that is the difference you are making – and how you make it. That's why Evaluation Support Scotland promotes an outcomes approach in doing self-evaluation. They have many resources to help you set and measure outcomes, and in the next few months will put the spotlight on our Outcomes Approach to evaluation by signposting to old and new resources that explain: • Why outcomes matter and how they are achieved • How to measure outcomes within your control • What to do if you seem to have 'outcomes everywhere!' (from personal, organisational, and strategic outcomes).

[Explore ESS's Outcomes Approach page here](#)

Events

Saturday 25 June an Armed Forces Day parade will take place in Dumfries town centre on Saturday 25 June, starting at 11.40 from the entrance to the Loreburne Centre on the High Street, marching to the Plainstones. The event is expected to end by 12.30pm. The Parade will be led by a band, comprising local musicians, followed by retired and serving armed forces personnel and local cadet units. As well as Armed Forces Day, the parade will mark the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War.

Adult Disability Payments This summer, the process of transferring the awards of adults in Scotland currently receiving Disability Living Allowance from the DWP will begin. Some clients will have their Disability Living Allowance replaced by Adult Disability Payment, which will be administered by Social Security Scotland. A series of free online events will give stakeholders the information they need about the case transfer process, including an overview, timeline, client journey, and how clients will be kept updated. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions during the events. The events are designed for stakeholders who provide support to people living with a disability, long-term health condition, or terminal illness, who are currently receiving Disability Living Allowance. Content specifically relates to the transfer process from Disability Living Allowance to Adult Disability Payment for people who were born after 8 April 1948 and who; • report a change of circumstance to their disability or health condition; • are in receipt of an award of Disability Living Allowance that is due to end or be renewed after the launch of Adult Disability Payment; or • have asked to have their award moved to Adult Disability Payment. To book your place go to <https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/news-events/events/adult-disability-payment-case-transfers>

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway are heading out across the region to a venue near you. Go along to their roadshows and tell them how you have been? What you have been up to? How they can help? You'll have the chance to join a conversation on challenges facing the third sector, and also find out how you can access the next round of the Communities Mental and Health and Wellbeing Fund. They also want to find out from you how your organisation is supporting your local community. Throughout the day, their team can provide help and support, funding and volunteering advice, or just answer your questions. So just drop in, or book a slot, come to a workshop, have a cup of tea. Let's get together and

start the conversation. To book a specific time slot to speak to our staff, call 0300 303 8558 or email info@tsdg.org.uk. For more information go to <https://www.tsdg.org.uk/support-and-services/roadshows-training/>

Outdoor Theatre at The Crichton After wowing us with some amazing performances in 2021, Illyria Theatre return to The Crichton this summer for three fantastic new outdoor theatre productions. A perfect day out for all theatre lovers and, equally, a brilliant way to keep the kids occupied over the summer holidays. Tickets on sale NOW for more information and to book go to <https://www.crichton.co.uk/whats-on/>

Training

Community Action through Participation and Engagement Network (CAPE) is planning **FREE** training over the summer! Dates will be **20th, 21st and 27th of July 2022 from 10am to 4pm at Dumfries Baptist Church.** Participants need to attend all 3 days.

This training is for people with a remit or interest in engaging with communities to find out local views and ideas.

What is Participatory Appraisal?

- A method of conducting action research
- A toolkit of community development approaches and methods that can be used to
- engage and support local people to find out about what people feel about their
- communities
- To identify potential solutions to address community needs and aspirations

Free training for participants who can:

- Attend 3 full days of training and carry out an observed PA activity in the community.
- Become an active member of CAPE which involves attending CAPE meetings and participating in at least one piece of PA activity for CAPE each year
- Become registered with the Community Learning and Development Standards Council of Scotland.

Request a registration form by emailing info@capenetwork.org.uk

Care Training Consultancy Emergency First Aid Training Do you or staff have upcoming first aid certificates due for updating? **Course Summary**

This First Aid course is essential for everyone in workplaces, home volunteering as you may need to call upon these skills anytime. This course will give you the confidence to act in a potentially life-threatening situation. You will also have the opportunity to take part in practical activities. Certificates for this course last for three years. For more information go to <https://caretrain.co.uk/training-courses>

Launch of the Information For Wellbeing course IFW is a flexible resource that can be used for self-directed learning and also for facilitated group learning in local services. Developed by the Scottish Library and Information Council, the ALLIANCE and the Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre, the course is now live and freely available for all third sector staff. Information for Wellbeing is a blended learning course featuring seven e-learning modules. Find out more at [Information for Wellbeing course](#)

Surveys and Consultations

CONSULTATION: Draft Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulation Appraisal (HRA) record Dumfries and Galloway Council as Lead Local Authority for the Solway Local Plan District, as identified under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009, hereby advise that information regarding the update of the Dumfries and Galloway Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) will be available for review from Friday 17 June 2022. The plan is being updated as required in the Solway Local Flood Risk Management Plan 2016 and will establish a robust,

evidence-based and long-term sustainable approach for managing the risk of coastal flooding and erosion along each part of the Dumfries and Galloway coast. A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and a Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) record have also been prepared to examine the potential for significant environmental effects from implementing the Plan and to propose mitigation measures. Draft versions of the SMP, SEA and HRA record are now being put to consultation. **The consultation will open on Friday 17 June 2022 and will close on Friday 16 September 2022.** To view the draft documents go to <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/> Any comments on the draft plan can be submitted via email to smps@dumgal.gov.uk or in writing to: Dumfries and Galloway Council, Flood Risk Management Team, Cargen Tower, Garroch Business Centre, Cargenbridge, Dumfries, DG2 8PN. A printed copy of the documents will be available to view at the following Council buildings: Council Headquarters in Dumfries, Daar Road Offices in Kirkcudbright, Town Hall in Annan and the Ashwood House in Stranraer. **For further information please contact the Flood Risk Management Team at smps@dumgal.gov.uk or call 030 33 33 3000**

Forest and Land Scotland Communities Strategy Scotland's largest land manager, Forest and Land Scotland, is developing a new Communities Strategy setting out the principles and strategic priorities for its work with communities. This will lead to a future action plan. Forest and Land Scotland would like your input to the Strategy to ensure the strategy has a robust structure to guide the development of the action plan, to increase the contribution of the national forests and land to building vibrant, sustainable, wealthier and resilient communities. The consultation is open for 12 weeks and will close on 23 August 2022. [Click here to find out more and to complete the consultation.](#)

Health and Social Care Strategy for Older People The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has shone a spotlight on older people, who were amongst the worst affected by the virus in society. In fact, 73.3% or almost three quarters of those currently on the COVID-19 highest risk list are 55 years of age or over. As we rebuild and remobilise the NHS in Scotland, we have a significant opportunity to ensure that older people are placed at the centre of that recovery and focus on a preventative, joined up approach to healthy ageing in older people. This strategy will build on the work which has already been undertaken across Scotland to deliver integrated, person centred health and social care for older people, address gaps, and develop any new priorities from emerging areas of work from, for example, the impact of COVID-19. This consultation forms part of the engagement to develop the new health and social care strategy for older people. Closes 27th June. [More info here.](#)

Third Sector Governance Code consultation Scotland's Third Sector Governance Forum is currently reviewing this code. If you're a committee member or a trustee, or you work or volunteer in the sector they would like to hear your views. This will help inform recommended improvements for a refreshed Governance Code for the third sector in Scotland. [Find out more here.](#)

The National Lottery Community Fund (Scotland) is calling on you to 'help shape their future funding in Scotland'. They are reviewing their grant making & would like to hear from groups, including those who have not previously applied for National Lottery funding. There is a blog, written by the Scotland Chair, **Kate Still**, which sets out exactly how you can get involved <https://t.co/TGGiw5PQJa> and, the link to the online engagement questionnaire is: <https://bigblogscotland.org.uk/2022/06/20/help-us-shape-our-future-funding-in-scotland/> Please do take the opportunity to help shape the future funding provision by completing this engagement, and do share the link and information across your wider networks.

Publications and reports

Exploring Scotland's 20-minute neighbourhoods report published though 2021 the ALLIANCE's Health and Social Care Academy programme, in

partnership with Disability Equality Scotland and Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland, ran a series of events on 'Exploring Scotland's 20-minute neighbourhoods'. Our new report shares key findings from the series, which explored the benefits and challenges of a 20-minute neighbourhood through the lens of inclusivity, diversity, and accessibility. The report makes several recommendations to those involved in planning, and concludes that 20-minute neighbourhoods have the potential to be transformational for everyone in society. To achieve this, people must be at the heart of planning, design, and delivery. [You can read the report here.](#)

The Scottish Parliament have passed the good food nation bill after a stage 3 debate The Bill enshrines in law the Scottish Government's commitment to Scotland being a Good Food Nation, where people from every walk of life take pride and pleasure in, and benefit from, the food they produce, buy, cook, serve, and eat each day. The world-leading approach will create links between policy at the national and local levels, with Government, local authorities and health boards all creating good food nation plans. Those plans will set out clear outcomes, indicators and policies across a range of areas relating to food including the environment, health and the economy. A Food Commission will also be established for scrutinising and making recommendations in relation to the good food nation plans and progress reports; conducting research; and providing advice to Scottish Ministers and relevant authorities in carrying out their duties under the Bill. For more information go to https://www.ruralnetwork.scot/news-and-events/news/good-food-nation-bill-passed?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Rural%20Network%20News%20%20Farm%20payment%20dates%20to%20be%20brought%20forward&utm_content=Rural%20Network%20News%20%20Farm%20payment%20dates%20to%20be%20brought%20forward+CID_dd67dbd8dfbd98e3bb356afa26346c7e&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Scottish%20Parliament%20have%20passed%20the%20Good%20Food%20Nation%20bill%20after%20a%20Stage%203%20debate

Launch of Scotland's Volunteering Action Plan the plan aims to create an environment where everyone can volunteer, more often, and throughout their lives, with a specific focus on tackling inequality within volunteering, so that those who would traditionally experience barriers to volunteering can benefit and contribute. For more information go to <https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/strategy-plan/2022/06/scotlands-volunteering-action-plan/documents/scotlands-volunteering-action-plan/scotlands-volunteering-action-plan/govscot%3Adocument/scotlands-volunteering-action-plan.pdf>

Funding

Investing in Communities Fund - Scottish Government This multi-year fund covers the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2026. The fund supports our most disadvantaged or fragile communities to tackle poverty in all its forms on their own terms. The fund also helps to meet our targets as set out in the [child poverty delivery plan](#) and to underpin the [Place Principle](#) by encouraging more joined up collaborative approaches to services and assets to achieve better outcomes for people and communities. The application process will be delivered through a web-based online funding portal. The deadline to submit your application is 2pm on Tuesday 28 June 2022. [More info here.](#)

The7stars foundation the foundation support organisations who help enable young people to have the best start in life. Projects must be aligned to values of; Potential, Opportunity, Fairness & Impact. Their priority areas are; - those challenged by abuse - addiction - those who are young carers - those who find themselves in transition - those without a place to call home. Deadline: 31st July 2022. [More info here.](#)

The National Lottery Community Fund - (Scotland) - Improving Lives Funding for people experiencing challenges in their lives to help them overcome

this and become more resilient. They want to fund activity which means people: are better able to identify solutions that enable them to take control over their lives and build resilience; are able to shape the projects and services they use to better meet their needs; and have more access to support and opportunities to improve their lives. Most organisations are eligible to apply. The funders are keen to see applications from smaller organisations that they haven't funded before. [Find out more here.](#)

CashBack for Communities supports the Scottish Government's Vision For Justice, helping to build a just, safe and resilient Scotland. The fund focuses on young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system and the communities most affected by crime. CashBack Phase 6 will deliver a range of trauma-informed and person-centred services and activities for young people between the ages of 10-25 that:

- Support young people most at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour offending or reoffending towards or into positive destinations
- Provide person-centred support for young people, parents and families impacted by Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma
- Support young people to improve their health, mental health and wellbeing
- Support people, families and communities most affected by crime.

For more information go to <https://cashbackforcommunities.org/phase6/>

MSE Charity - Friday July 22: The MSE Charity gives grants to UK not for profit organisations that deliver activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money. – For more information go to <https://www.msecharity.com/>

VocTech Seed Fund - Wednesday July 13: The grant fund supports the development of new ideas that use digital tools and approaches to transform how people gain skills for work. For more information go [to https://ufi.co.uk/grant-funding/voctech-seed/](https://ufi.co.uk/grant-funding/voctech-seed/)

Jobs

DUMFRIESSHIRE & STEWARTRY WOMEN'S AID Vacancies

The following opportunities have arisen to become be part of their team.

OUTREACH WORKER will provide housing support, informal counselling and information to victims of domestic abuse. HOURS: 35 Per Week excluding meal breaks SALARY: £21,699 per annum. On call payment will be paid quarterly in addition. This is a permanent position

CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSONS' WORKER will provide support to help children and young persons to cope with domestic abuse circumstances and live their lives free from fear and anxiety. HOURS: 35 Per Week excluding meal breaks SALARY: £22,397 per annum FIXED TERM CONTRACT: Scottish Government funded until September 2025.

CRISIS WORKER will provide crisis intervention by supplying information, support and assistance to women and their children (if any) who are experiencing domestic abuse. HOURS: 35 Per Week excluding meal breaks SALARY: £19,744 per annum FIXED TERM CONTRACT: Scottish Government funded until September 2025. On call payment will be paid quarterly in addition

If you would like further information, contact Julie Chisholm on 07436 139847 or email julie@dumfrieswomensaid.org.uk for application. These posts are restricted to female applicants only, under Schedule 9, part 1 of the Equalities Act 2010.

Social Work Services in Dumfries and Galloway They are Recruiting Casual Appropriate Adult £10.48 per hour. This is a time of significant change for the Social Work Service in Dumfries and Galloway, with real opportunities to contribute to service delivery and development. They are looking for enthusiastic individuals to join them in delivering an Appropriate Adult Service in Dumfries and Galloway, working on a casual basis. Relevant work experience in social work/social care/health care or related field is desirable. A social work/social care/health qualification would be an advantage. For more information go to <https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/dumfries-galloway-council/jobs/casual-appropriate-adult-279163>

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!

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.

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

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 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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