



the hub - your community action centre

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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, stationery supplies and lunch boxes, the 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 4pm Monday to Friday.**

You can receive free school uniforms at the following locations:

Stranraer - Re-Loved Clothing, Castle Street, Stranraer and Community Re-Use shop, Stranraer

Newton Stewart - Newton Stewart Community Initiative

Dalbeattie - Dalbeattie Community Initiative, High Street, Dalbeattie

Dumfries - Summerhill Community Centre, Ballochmyle Terrace, Dumfries

Kelloholm - Action for Children, Kelloholm

Annan - Newstart Recycle, Annan

For more information contact Wendy Jesson on 07880 942909 or email

Wendy.Jesson@dumgal.gov.uk

Community Active Travel Support Service Sustrans Scotland have just launched a new programme, the Community Active Travel Support Service. This service is specifically for organisations working in SIMD 1-2 datazone areas, or with people who experience inequality, for example; young people, disabled people, people of colour, LGBT+ etc. Research shows that people from marginalised communities are less likely to use active travel to get around their local areas, so they want to make sure that the organisations representing them have all the advice and support they need to get more people walking, wheeling and cycling. As part of the service they provide a small amount of staff time as well as advice and access to training opportunities tailored to your organisation's needs - for example; governance, project planning, running events, accessing funding, marketing, social media, or more practical skills like first aid, walk/ride leader training or bike repair training. [You can find more information about the service here.](#)

New round of 'Working Together for Change' programme running from **September 2022 - March 2023** This programme will be a mixture of in-person and online sessions and is being offered free to participants as it is fully funded by the Scottish Government. There are 30 places available and are asking anyone who is interested in being a participant on this year's programme to submit an application form. The closing date for completed applications is Monday, 29th August 2022. The 'Working Together for Change' programme is designed for adults who use social care, family carers, providers and people who work in social care and health services. If you or anyone you know would be interested in finding out more or applying for a place, please email june.d@in-controlscotland.org.uk

Home for 10: Scotland's Homelessness Conference 2022 marks ten years since the removal of the priority need test in Scotland. It was the result of progressive legislation passed by the Scottish Parliament in 2003 meaning local authorities would have a duty to provide every person who was not 'intentionally' homeless a home by 2012. It was more than a legal change. It was a huge culture change which accepted that all of us – not some of us – are in urgent and priority need for housing when experiencing homelessness. But the 2012 target

did not end homelessness in Scotland. And for two main reasons. Efforts to prevent homelessness have not been wide scale enough or not early enough. And because not all areas have been able to guarantee housing supply and turnover in the places that people want to live. [More here](#).

Beyond Diagnosis - Bipolar Scotland Bipolar Scotland have just launched a new peer-led service 'Beyond Diagnosis' for adults in Scotland who have been recently diagnosed with bipolar. Beyond Diagnosis offers adults in Scotland that are newly diagnosed with bipolar the unique experience of engaging with Peer Workers and Peer Volunteers who can support you for up to six months. Diagnosis affects everyone differently.

[More information about this service can be found here](#).

Help with Heating Costs - Fuel Subsidy Scheme

We are a referring partner for Home Heating Advice Scotland and provide financial assistance for any form of heating i.e. electricity, gas, oil, LPG/calor gas, coal and whether you pay by pre-payment meters, by monthly direct debits, by quarterly bills or by supplier invoices.

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 your means tested benefits
- Number of child dependents, adult dependents and number of adults over 75yrs in your household.
- Supply a recent energy bill or paid invoice which shows your name, address and customer reference number.
- If your home has an energy performance certificate rating E, F or G
- If you are in fuel debt evidence of the debt.

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

Financial awards are paid 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 codes to use when purchasing top-ups..

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

Events

LOREBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL Meeting: Tues 16th Aug 2022 at 7:00pm in Municipal Chambers, Buccleuch Street, Dumfries

CASUAL VACANCY ELECTION - RESULTS Appointment of elected community councillors following the Casual Vacancy Election: ADAMS, Artemis 59 Newall Terrace, Dumfries, DG1 1LN (09B2/257); DOWSON, John 54 Bank Street, Dumfries, DG1 2PA (09A2/28); GARNSWORTHY, Susan 1 Catherine Street, Dumfries, DG1 1JA (09B2/5); JONES, Simon Allen Hughes 158 St Michael Street, Dumfries, DG1 2PR (09A2/811); KORMYLO, Peter David 42 Castle Street, Dumfries, DG1 1EH (09A2/332); MCGOWAN, Lorna J Linnhall, 1B Lovers Walk, Dumfries, DG1 1LR (09B2/127)

Part 1 COMMUNITY FORUM including:

- Police report
- Questions to Councillors
- open Forum for Loreburn area residents

Part 2 MAIN TOPIC the role of Loreburn Community Council a look at what the Community Council should be doing between now and the next election in 2023

Part 3 REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS (mostly for noting only)

- Ladyfield - Update
- DPAG (SCIO) Update
- Gulls - Actions to combat nuisance
- Minutes of last meeting
- appointment of Treasurer
- Finance Report
- Planning & licensing
- Correspondence
- Any other competent business.

Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 6 September 2022**. Contact email:

Loreburn.community@gmail.com

Lighting A Spark: Sharing Inspiring Stories about Land Use across

Scotland Webinars - are an opportunity for people living in rural areas across

Scotland to come together and share inspiring stories about land use, land use change and delivering benefits to local people as well as national priorities. No experience or prior knowledge of rural issues is necessary. They are also looking for the 'less heard voices' in the communities to come along and share their views. The overall purpose of the programme is to support and strengthen community inclusion in decision making about how local land is used, food production, nature and climate change. **Dates: 25 & 30 August 2022**
Where: Online (zoom) 6.30pm – 8.30pm For more information go to <https://www.socialenterprise.academy/scot/rlops-light-a-spark-webinars>

OPEN DAY Kate's Kitchen Annan in conjunction with Annan History Town Summer Festival are hosting an open day on **Sat 13th August 10am to 3pm**. Go along and visit their garden, see their Arts and Crafts and enjoy refreshments at low cost. Their Charity Shop will also be open to bag a bargain. For more information contact Kate's Kitchen on 01461 206444

Closer to home: a place-based approach to preventing homelessness - Tues 23rd Aug 2022. All homelessness starts in a community, so a place-based approach to preventing it happening is part of a wider shift towards employing assets that already exist in communities to improve wellbeing, address poverty and prevent homelessness. The learning experience will connect the causes and drivers of homelessness with the local knowledge and services that can provide an early warning approach using a simple two-point technique. It is designed for professionals working with people at risk or those who come into regular contact with members of the public. After completing the learning experience participants will: • understand the evidence on what drives and causes homelessness and what reduces the risk • why a place-based response to prevention is important, and what the limitations are • gain an understanding and takeaway examples of the specific interventions that can prevent homelessness • explore methods to identify community assets that can help protect people's homes • know when to ASK about housing and ACT on what they are told to prevent homelessness • become familiar with the local landscape that can prevent homelessness closer to home. For more information go to <https://homelessnetwork.scot/event/closer-to-home-a-place-based-approach-to-preventing-homelessness/>

Third Sector in Parliament Conference 2022 - 9th Sept 2022. The Participation and Communities Team will be hosting a one day conference in the Scottish Parliament for Third Sector Partners on Friday 9th September 2022. The day will be an opportunity to celebrate the contribution that voluntary organisations have made to the work of Parliament and to explore how we work together in the future to ensure community voices remain a key part of parliamentary scrutiny. In order to ensure they have as broad a range of organisations as possible represented they will initially be restricting booking to one person per organisation.
For more information contact pact@parliament.scot.

Training

Intergenerational one-day training on Tuesday 13th Sept 2022 10:00am - 4:00pm at Queen of the South, Palmerston Park Dumfries. The course is perfect for individuals and organisations looking to develop intergenerational projects within their community and takes you through core principles of intergenerational work, planning projects, ice-breakers and activities, and monitoring and evaluating social impact. For those of you who are new to intergenerational learning and want to find out more about it, they are also hosting an online Q & A session on November 24th at 10am. Click [here](#) to book a place.

Surveys and Consultations

Alcohol Everywhere Survey Scottish Families Alcohol Action Group have designed this survey to get a better idea of how widely spread alcohol messages are in our homes, communities, online spaces and other parts of everyday life. Findings will be shared to help raise awareness and create positive actions that

will reduce alcohol harm in Scotland. We are asking you to set aside a day and time to make a note of where alcohol is present in your day. You may choose a full day or maybe a few hours whilst doing what you would normally be doing. You might take note of adverts, discarded litter, branded merchandise or talk of alcohol via memes or discussions on social media. You can use this survey to submit a note of what you discovered and where alcohol is seen during this time. [Find out more here.](#)

Scotland's Third Sector Governance Forum is currently conducting a review of [The Scottish Governance Code for the Third Sector](#) and is seeking the views of those who have and have not used it in their organisation. **The survey will close on Friday 5th Aug so please submit your responses by then.** To take part go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUdo-IEH6OqAkDw1S5Cij5OGjHfHVPbJ30FtH1tKJxymTpag/viewform>

Publications and reports

Public Engagement in health and social care service design and change Healthcare Improvement Scotland survey has found that less than a quarter of respondents were aware they could be involved in the design and delivery of new health and social care services. More than 900 people took part, with just 11% asked to give feedback on service design in the last three years. Of these who were asked, 45% said their experience was either very positive or positive, 34% said it was neither positive nor negative and 19% said that their experience was negative. [There's more findings and recommendation here.](#)

Funding

SCOTMID Coop are calling on Scottish charities and community groups to apply for their Community Connect funding. **Applications will close at 5pm on 11th August 2022.** The funding is made possible through sales of single-use carrier bags in Scotmid stores. Money from each bag sale contributes to a pot which is then distributed through the Community Connect award scheme, with Scotmid Members voting on how the funding is distributed. For more information go to <https://scotmid.coop/how-does-community-connect-work-for-community-groups/>

The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Open Fund aims to encourage people to change their behaviours to walk or cycle as part of their everyday short journeys. The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Open Fund aims to encourage people to change their everyday travel behaviours. Grants are available to encourage people to use buses and community car clubs for longer journeys; walking and cycling for short journeys, and home-working to replace daily commutes. The Open Fund is available to support public, third and community sector organisations. The fund aims to help cut Scotland's carbon emissions and improve our air quality. It will also help reverse the trend towards sedentary lifestyles and will tackle health inequalities. Grants available are between £5000 and £50,000 and need to be match funded. For more information go to <https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/open-fund>

The Children, Young People, Families and Adult Learning Third Sector Fund This fund is being made available by Scottish Government to provide core funding to organisations that improve outcomes for children, young people, families and adult learners through the following policy priorities: • Child Poverty • Mental and Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing • Equalities and Wellbeing • Family Support • The Promise • UNCRC. The funding also has a particular focus on activities which are associated with prevention and early intervention. The Fund will run from April 2023 to March 2025, with up to £16m available per annum. There will be one round of applications, with funding decisions made in December 2022 subject to the Spending Review, for funding that will begin in April 2023. For more information go to <https://www.corra.scot/grants/the-children-young-people-families-and-adult-learning-third-sector-fund/>

SCVO Community, Capacity and Resilience Fund The fund is provided by Scottish Government and managed by SCVO. The main objective of the fund is to

provide up to 2 years funding to community-based voluntary organisations enabling them to:

- Pilot small innovative and creative projects, increasing capacity to deliver core services tackling poverty and social inequality.
- Use the funding to scale up pilot projects to attract more risk-averse grant funding to sustain the work going forward.

Encouraging applications for up to £8,000 per annum for 2 years, the deadline for applications is 26th August 2022. For more information go to https://funding.scot/news/2022/07/12/scvo-community-capacity-and-resilience-fund?utm_source=fundingscotland&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=alert

Scops Arts Trust The goal of Scops Arts Trust is to help people to understand, participate in and enjoy the arts, particularly the performing arts. We are keen to find projects which widen access and have a lasting cultural impact on the community. In 2022, they are especially interested in supporting performing arts projects aimed at adults and projects which will benefit all ages across the generations, not only children. They are also keen to hear from organisations planning smaller regional festivals in areas where there is little arts provision, due to socio-economic circumstances or geographically remote locations. For more information go to <https://www.scopsartstrust.org.uk/>

Encouraging and Supporting Grassroots Activity Fund Applications are now open for the Encouraging and Supporting Grassroots Activity Fund, the newest strand of our [partnership grants programme](#) with the Scottish Government and Age Scotland. The fund is aimed at smaller, grassroots organisations and groups looking to provide community-led support for people affected by dementia. A total of £145,921 of funding is available for this strand and within this, applicants can apply for awards of £5,000 to £20,000 over a 12-month period. Applications should demonstrate that proposed funded activities will:

- Address gaps in support for people with lived experience of dementia in a local area
- Enable the ordinary by removing barriers for people with lived experience to get together and take part in groups and activities
- Trial new approaches and activities that will empower people with lived experience of dementia
- Support intergenerational activity – this could mean working with young carers of people living with dementia or generally including young people within the community

The fund criteria and application process have been co-produced by About Dementia staff and a lived experience panel of people living with dementia and unpaid carers. These individuals have played a crucial role in the fund design and they will be continually involved in the assessment and decision-making process as the fund progresses. For more information go to <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/what-we-do/dementia/about-dementia/encouraging-and-supporting-grassroots-activity-fund/>

Rural Community Engagement Fund Support in Mind Scotland has been funded by the Scottish Government to work with them to improve the mental wellbeing of people in rural communities as we all recover from the pandemic. This fund is part of a larger community engagement project, working directly with people in local communities to raise awareness, identify need and work collectively to develop creative local solutions to address local needs. This Grants Scheme is designed to fund creative local ideas that develop as communities work together to protect and support the people most excluded as we recover from Covid. **PURPOSE OF THE FUND** Local groups and organisations across Scotland's Rural* Communities are now able to apply for micro grants of up to £2,500 to support and promote mental health recovery following the pandemic in Scotland's rural communities through community engagement and support approaches. For more information go to <https://www.supportinmindscotland.org.uk/News/rural-community-engagement-fund>

Community Learning and Development Device Fund 2022 - The fund is provided by the Scottish Government and managed by SCVO. The objective of the fund is to provide capital funding to CLD organisations across Scotland to purchase digital devices that can be used by learners to support their learning.

Organisations can apply for up to £15,000 from the fund for the purchase of digital devices. Organisations must retain ownership of the devices and be responsible for set-up, ongoing management and security of devices.

Organisation Eligibility This fund is for community-based voluntary organisations. Organisations must be based in Scotland and delivering community learning and development services in Scotland. For more information go to <https://grantmanager.force.com/fundingprograms/s/funding-programme/a113z00000VExTfAAL/community-learning-and-development-device-fund-2022>

LGBT+ Futures: Equity Fund - Sunday October 30: Grants will be available for organisational running costs, projects and organisational / leadership development and can range from £100 - £25,000. For more information go to <https://www.consortium.lgbt/EquityFund/>

Jobs

Lockerbie Old School Community Hub Communications Assistant, Based in Lockerbie Town Centre, 20 Hours a week, 12 month initial contract but will be extended with additional funding until at least 2025 and possibly extended to 35 hours from 2023. £12,600 pro rata (£21,840 full time equiv). £12 an hour They are looking for someone with experience in creating and managing social media content, running community events and working with the public. You will need brilliant attention to detail, have great ideas and customer service skills, be forward thinking and have great administrative skills. The job is employed and is initially for 12 months but will be extended subject to securing additional funding. You will have good knowledge of Microsoft Office, social media platforms and media apps like Canva. You will be able to work independently, with initiative, and have good verbal and written communication skills, experience in marketing would be beneficial. For informal enquiries please call Jen, Project Development Manager on 07471 741771. There is no closing date for the role, we reserve the right to interview suitable candidates as they apply so the job could close at any time without prior notice. To apply for the position please email projectmanager@lockerbieoldschool.org

Massive Outpouring of Love (MOOL) - Volunteer Co-ordinator

Part Time, Freelance, Location: Remote + some on-site, Salary: £10 per hour
Hours: 7 hours per week for up to 50 weeks per year. MOOL is a small but dynamic registered charity which supports refugees both abroad and within Dumfries & Galloway. They need a volunteer co-ordinator who will assist in recruiting volunteers, providing induction and arranging appropriate support and training. You would also be responsible for maintaining good records on our volunteer database and helping make our volunteers feel valued. Our volunteers work across a range of activities including sorting and packing donations at our depot, befriending refugees locally, setting up houses for incoming families and working with schools. Please apply by sending your CV to david@mool.scot by Thursday August 11. For more information, please contact them via david@mool.scot or phone 0750 4859038 before Monday July 25. To view the Job Specification, click [HERE](#). Closing Date: 2022-08-11 How to apply: david@mool.scot

Crichton Foundation - Vacancy for Administrative Assistant they are currently recruiting for a part-time Administrative Assistant (12 hours per week over two days initially) to work at our office in Dumfries. Starting salary: £18,583 (pro rata). Appointment is subject to a six-month probationary period, following successful completion of which an increase in salary may be considered. We are looking for a reliable, organised and self-motivated person to undertake administrative duties. As an Administrative Assistant, you will play a key role in the smooth routine operation of the charity. You will be a conscientious and trustworthy team player with fantastic attention to detail and great communication skills, who thrives on working in a varied environment. The successful candidate will: • Have excellent IT skills • Have exemplary communication skills • Provide a professional and customer focused service

• Manage their time effectively • Maintain confidentiality • Have high standards of literacy and numeracy. To apply for this post please submit your CV with a covering letter, detailing how you meet the criteria in the person specification and job description, to mail@crichtonfoundation.com addressed to Mrs P Stokes.

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Thursday 11th August 2022.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 30th August. For more information go to [Vacancy - Crichton Foundation](#)

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.

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 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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