



the hub - your community action centre

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News

CALLING ALL D & G NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS WITH STRONG LOCAL COMMUNITY LINKS

**A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE RENOVATED PREMISES
ON A BUSY THOROUGHFARE IN DUMFRIES TOWN CENTRE
WITH NEARBY PARKING.**

**CURRENTLY USED AS A CO-WORKING RESOURCE BASE
WITH FLEXIBLE DESK SPACE ACCOMMODATION,
MEETING ROOMS AND PRIVATE OFFICES.**

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TOTAL FLOOR SPACE: 243 sq.m

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Equipment for You website by D&G Council and NHS D&G Equipment for You has been commissioned by Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership (D&G Council and NHS D&G). It is a self-help website that, offers free impartial advice about equipment that can help make daily living easier, maximising independence. People can use it themselves [or with the support of their carers/families] to access a list of equipment, specific to their needs, that they may wish to buy. It complements, but does not replace, the existing free equipment loan services. It can be accessed via this link:
equipmentforyou.livingmadeeasy.org.uk

Dumfries and Galloway Council Strategic Housing Buybacks are working with registered social landlords to purchase ex-local authority and registered social landlord homes through the open market. This is to reduce the number of people living in temporary accommodation – supporting families into permanent affordable accommodation. There are record numbers of households in temporary accommodation and new build developments cannot always keep pace with the demand for affordable housing. The buyback scheme will help to increase the supply of housing available to meet waiting list demand. See how we can work together to buy ex-local authority and registered social landlord homes:
<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/27063/Property-Acquisition-Buy-Back>

Dockhead/St Michaels Bridge Road Junction Improvements Dumfries and Galloway Council (the council) is seeking to introduce significant active travel improvements to the Dockhead / St Michael's Bridge Road Junction as part of the Dumfries South Development Framework (DSDF). The project seeks to enhance the junction to balance the needs of all users and improve safety, particularly for pedestrians, cyclists, and wheelers (wheelchairs, prams etc.). The junction consists of the intersection between St Michaels Bridge Road (north and south), Dockhead, and the vehicular access to Dock Park car park – with National Cycle Network Route 7 (NCNR 7) passing through Dock Park and along the Whitesands. The vision for Dockhead Junction is to improve road safety and make it as easy as possible for people to move about the town without the need for motorised transport. This will contribute to an improvement in health and wellbeing and a reduction in car use and carbon emissions in line with our Councils Active Travel Strategy (ATS2). Our ambition is to be a successful region with a growing economy, based on fairness, opportunity and quality public services, where all citizens prosper. To develop this project, the council will seek funding from the Scottish Government through Sustrans Scotland's Places for Everyone (Pfe) Programme. **Have Your Say** A community engagement event will be held in 109 High Street, Dumfries, DG1 2QT on 5 March from 15:00 – 19:00. All are welcome, so please feel free to share the invite more widely. A survey is available online which closes on 24 March and can be viewed here:
<https://tinyurl.com/DockheadJunctionOnlineSurvey>

OSCR Improvements to the online annual return process They have recently made some improvements to the online annual return process. The updated online annual return applies to all charities who have a financial year end date of 30 November 2023 or later. The improvements aim to make it easier for

you to complete your online annual return fully and accurately. The three main updates are: ● New information boxes will provide you with support and guidance while completing your online annual return. ● They have added some questions to help us gather more relevant information about charities in Scotland. In the future, they plan to publish more of this information on the Scottish Charity Register. ● They will send you an email with feedback from your online annual return. This will be sent to the principal contact and will contain specific guidance for your charity. For more information go to [OSCR | Improvements to the online annual return process](#)

Help with Heating Scheme 2023-24

Please note the Scottish Government is ending the subsidy scheme on 16th February 2024. This means the hub is unable to process any NEW referrals to our Help with Heating Scheme from Monday 5th Feb 2024.

Events

Dumfries & Galloway Citizens Advices Service are excited to announce we are going to be running a new 8 week programme for young people aged 15 – 25 in partnership with the Dumfries Carers Centre. This project is targeted specifically as young adult carers within this age bracket, the workshops will run on a Wednesday evening from 5pm – 7pm at The Carers Centre in Dumfries. I would be grateful if you could share this among your colleagues and any young people you are aware of that are young carers and encourage them to sign up. The sessions are all free and there will be free snacks and juice provided. Young people can sign up via the link below, they don't need to attend every session if there is just a specific topic they are interested in that is okay to sign up to what they think would meet their needs.

<https://forms.office.com/e/YvKq1Xxsa6> If there are any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with Cara Hyles (She/Her), Youth Engagement Worker, D&G Citizens Advice Service, 81-85 Irish Street, Dumfries, DG1 2PQ Tel: 0300 303 4321 Extension: 6111 Email: Cara.Hyles@dagcas.org Web: www.dagcas.org

Dyslexia Scotland 2 events in March in Dumfries for teachers and parents

Both are taking place at the University of West of Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway College (2nd floor), Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4FD.

4 – 5pm Dyslexia and the classroom – an event for teachers and educators
[Find out more and book free tickets](#)

6.30 – 8.00pm Dyslexia Masterclass for parents – for parents/carers of children with dyslexia

[Find out more and book free tickets](#) Please note that this email is not checked regularly. For queries about either of the events please email lana@dyslexiascotland.org.uk

Dumfries and Galloway College Scottish Apprenticeship Week runs from 4th – 8th March and highlights the great opportunities that both individuals and businesses can benefit from by hiring an apprentice in Dumfries and Galloway. For apprentices, it is an exciting way to start a new career path, safe in the knowledge you are in good hands learning from the best and unlocking your potential. For organisations, it provides the opportunity to tailor your workforce to the needs of your business. If you are thinking of becoming an apprentice, [find out more about the events](#) they are holding throughout Scottish Apprenticeship Week, which could help you gain employment on the day. If you are a business and you would like to promote your vacancies at one of their events, [fill out your details](#) and their team will get in touch. [Find out how taking on an apprentice will help you](#) grow your business, achieve your goals and make sure your staff are developing the skills you need both now and in the future. For more information go to [Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2024 | Dumfries and Galloway College \(dumgal.ac.uk\)](#)

Training

Skills Network Scotland Free Online Courses in Scotland 2023 Free online learning courses allow you to learn at a time and place that suits you best, not to mention the money you have saved by accessing the funding in the first place! To be eligible for funding you • Must be aged 16+ as of 31 August 2023 • Must have lived in the UK, EU or EEA for 3+ years • Must not be in full-time education • Must not be currently enrolled on any equivalent courses • Must not have completed the same course previously. For more information go to [Free Online Courses in Scotland 2023 | The Skills Network](#)

Dumfries and Galloway College are pleased to offer some new fully funded remote courses. [Exercise Studies](#) [Understanding Nutrition and Health Certificate in Information, Advice & Guidance](#) to enrol on a course please follow the link on each course page or contact openlearning@dumgal.ac.uk.

Care Training Consultancy Elevate your skills and knowledge with their upcoming training sessions designed to empower you in delivering exceptional care and support. Do not miss this opportunity to enhance your expertise! Browse their courses here [Care Training Courses | Scotland | CTC](#) For more information contact Tel: [01387 214 248](tel:01387214248) Email: info@caretrain.co.uk

Funding

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COASTAL BENEFIT FUND Following Dumfries and Galloway Council's Communities Committee meeting on Tuesday 6 February, Members have agreed to open for Round 5 of the Coastal Benefit Fund, which will see over £628k of funding available to support projects and initiatives in our Coastal Communities. **There are three funding streams available.**

1. SMALL Community-led projects for third sector organisations - for projects seeking up to £10k. There is a total of £125,000 available in this stream You can apply for up to 100% from the Small Fund, however, match funding is encouraged and the Scoring Framework is weighted to reflect this.

2. LARGE Community-led projects for third sector organisations - for projects seeking up to £80k. There is a total of £300,000 available in this stream Where you have secured/applied for match funding, you can apply for up to 80% from the Large Fund. Where you are able to evidence that you have been unsuccessful in securing match funding, you can apply for up to 100% from the Large Fund. You will be required to provide additional information to contribute to a Social Value Assessment if seeking over 80%.

3. Community Supported Public Sector Projects for Public Sector organisations - for projects seeking up to £80k. There is a total of £203,774 available in this stream. Where you have secured/applied for match funding, you can apply for up to 80% from the Public Sector Fund. Where you are able to evidence that you have been unsuccessful in securing match funding, you can apply for up to 100% from the Large Fund. You will be required to provide additional information to contribute to a Social Value Assessment if seeking over 80%. REQUEST AN APPLICATION FORM - [Expression of Interest form CLICK HERE](#) Should you have any queries, please contact your local [Ward Officer](#) in the first instance or email CoastalBenefitFund@dumgal.gov.uk For more information visit www.dumgal.gov.uk/coastalfund where you can download the full [Guidance and Criteria](#) and complete an [Expression of Interest form](#) to request an application pack. **The deadline for applications is mid-day on 8th March 2024 to ensure decisions can be taken by Members of Communities Committee in April**

Dumfries and Galloway Council Region wide Community Fund is opening for applications on **29th January 2024**. There is over £100,000 available this round, open to constituted groups in Dumfries and Galloway for applications between £500 and £5,000. The deadline for applications is **12 noon Monday 22nd April 2024**. This fund is aimed at supporting; • Skills Development • Community • Environment • Culture & Heritage • Community Led Tourism • Affordable Housing • Community Transport • Digital Connectivity • Poverty & Inequalities • Working Towards Net Zero (climate) • Cost of living. Full

information and how to apply is available at <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/20249/Dumfries-and-Galloway-Regionwide-Community-Fund>

Nithsdale Tackling Poverty and Inequalities Small Grants Small grant programme to support the following Nithsdale Area priorities: • Digital Connectivity • Food Insecurity • Fuel Poverty • Warm Hubs. Constituted Groups, operating in Nithsdale, can apply for up to £1,500 towards projects, which support one or more of the priorities. Match funding will be required, as you cannot request 100% from Council sources of funding. **Applications will be assessed on a first-come first-served basis and the fund will close when the budget is fully allocated.** TO APPLY – Complete the [Application Form \(Word doc download\)](#) and return it to GrantApplications@dumgal.gov.uk Please ensure you include a copy of relevant supporting documents to ensure your application can be assessed on a first-come first-served basis.

[Small Grants – Priorities, Eligibility and Criteria \(Word Doc download\)](#)

Funding for Rural Community and Education Projects (UK) Small Homeless charities can apply for capital grants of up to £5,000 for Charities supporting rural development, in particular, the education of young people and the relief of poverty within rural areas can apply for funding through the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust. The focuses of the funding is on providing financial support to larger initiatives, which would have a significant impact on rural communities. Grants available are for £1,000 and upwards. Larger grants are used to support organisations that have a significant impact on rural communities at a national level. Projects supported in the past have ranged from City farms, Federations of Young Farmers Clubs and farming Community Networks. The next closing date for applications is the 24th May 2024. [Learn More](#)

Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Increase Employment Opportunities for Disadvantaged Adults (UK) Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to support projects that equip people (18 or older in order) from disadvantaged groups with the critical life skills necessary to gain employment. Priority will be given to projects that target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups facing major hurdles to employment, especially; women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers. The funding is being made available through the Thomas Wall Trust. and the deadline for stage 1 applications is the 29th April 2024. Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application. [Learn More](#)

Tesco Charity Trust - Community Champions Community Champions are one of the links between the store and the community it serves. With expert knowledge of programmes such as our Food Collections and Community Grants scheme, Community Champions help people to understand how to benefit from them. They assist with filling in grant application forms, or give contact information about our charity partners and share other useful tools. Community Champions also manage a small community donation budget that can be used for financial support for community groups or events. They are also the point of contact for charities and community groups wishing to visit the store for awareness days or to fundraise. [More here.](#)

Historic Environment Scotland - Partnership Fund Partnership Fund is open to applications from third-sector organisations delivering strategic outcomes with national impact for Scotland's historic environment or the Scottish historic environment sector. You must have a track-record of making a significant contribution to HES Grants Priorities and address a clear and demonstrable need or opportunity for Scotland's historic environment sector which is not being met by other organisations. [More here.](#)

The National Lottery Community Fund (Scotland) - Scottish Land Fund The fund will help communities take ownership of the land and buildings that matter to them, as well as practical support to develop their aspirations into

viable projects. It supports communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership and management of land and land assets. The Scottish Land Fund is open to organisations in both urban and rural Scotland, which are community-led, community-controlled, and defined by a geographic area.

[More here.](#)

Pebble Trust The Trust provides grant funding for projects which support the vision of a more sustainable and equal society, where constraints on fossil fuels lead to a more localised economy with stronger, more resilient, communities, and where human activities take account of climate change and the wider environment. Your project should seek to address the climate emergency and ways of living that are consistent with the resource limits of the planet. They are particularly interested in:

- Applications from grassroots organisations challenging current unsustainable practice
- Applicants attentive to equality, equity and fairness
- Small to medium size projects where Pebble Trust funding forms a major part of project costs
- Projects where their funding will make a real difference to making the project happen

[More here.](#)

Scottish Government's pilot Fund to Leave is open for applications

Women experiencing domestic abuse in Scotland in designated pilot program areas can receive up to £1,000 to pay for the essentials they need when leaving a relationship with an abusive partner. It is hoped that this fund will provide women and children with more choices. These choices may include but are not limited to increasing safety within the home, moving home, seeking legal aid, providing for children experiencing domestic abuse and remaining safely within the home.

[Find out more](#)

Corra Foundation The Way Forward for Families funding programme opens following a review and re-design of the [Partnership Drugs Initiative](#). This fund is delivered in partnership with Corra Foundation and Scottish Government. It will continue to focus on improving the lives and outcomes for children, young people and families in Scotland who are affected by drugs and alcohol. Applications are invited from partnerships for funding of up to £250,000 over three years. Organisations interested in applying to the fund should contact them, by emailing WFFP@corra.scot, or phoning – to arrange an initial discussion about your project. They expect demand for the fund to be high and they expect to only make a small number of grants through this fund. They would encourage organisations to consider the criteria carefully, and get in touch to arrange a welcome chat as early as convenient.

- Grants of up to £250,000 over a three-year period, are available, for partnerships who are currently delivering work which directly supports children, young people and families affected by drugs and alcohol.
- Funding can be used for a range of project costs – e.g. staff costs, activity costs, volunteer costs, costs which support participation and engagement, research and evaluation. They are unable to accept applications for capital development – they can fund equipment costs where these are not the predominate focus of the project, but cannot fund building or restoration works, or large/fixed equipment costs. For more information go to [The Way Forward for Families Partnership - Corra Foundation](#)

Scottish Children's Lottery they have two funds available to applying charities: Small Fund – maximum award of £5,000 and Medium Fund – maximum award of £10,000. To be eligible to apply for a Scottish Children's Lottery Trust grant, applying organisations should meet the following criteria:

- The organisation applying should be a registered charity in Scotland with a charity bank account. It should also return annual accounts.
- The money is for a project delivered in Scotland.
- The charities accounts are up to date.
- Work with the most vulnerable children, young people and families at a demonstrably high risk of being negatively impacted by poverty.
- Demonstrate involvement of individuals and communities that understand and have experience of the issues that poverty presents.
- Work outside, or supplementary to, statutory responsibilities.
- Clearly demonstrate positive impacts and can deliver end of grant analysis reports.
- They ask for charities to have a level of match funding in place to

support their project or activity. **Closing date Friday the 15th of March 2024 at 11.59pm.** For more information go to [Apply for funding | \(scottishchildrenslotterytrust.com\)](https://www.scottishchildrenslotterytrust.com)

Jobs

KPT DEVELOPMENT TRUST PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER PENPONT, NITHSDALE, DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY £25-27,000 pa, depending on experience, Permanent, Full-Time (Part-Time / Job Sharing will be considered). The KPT Development Trust (KPTDT) is a charitable company, established in 2018 to work with local people, community councils, the regional council and others, to tackle: • jobs, disadvantage and conditions of life generally; • the provision of local services and infrastructure; • the protection, improvement and promotion of the local environment; and • the advancement of the local, cultural heritage; across the rural communities of Keir, Penpont and Tynron. The Trust keeps local residents aware of all of these developments, and more, through a weekly bulletin that is emailed to local households, posted on Facebook and circulated as hard copies to local community sharing boxes. This is a rare opportunity to work in a beautiful part of rural Dumfriesshire, Scotland, helping to develop and sustain local communities. The right person will be a sociable, self-starter who will help the Trust to maintain, manage and promote its many achievements to date as well as developing new projects in tandem with directors, volunteers and other members of the local community. For more information and a job description / person specification, please contact Iain Wilson at ibwilson1@outlook.com. **Applicants should submit a CV with covering letter to the same address by 5pm on Friday 23 February.** Interviews for shortlisted candidates in Penpont, Dumfries & Galloway on Monday 4 March

Youth Development Worker (Annandale & Eskdale) Band 9: (£36,285 - £38,952 per year) or Band 8: (£32,907 - £35,289 per year)* Based either in Dumfries but covering Annandale & Eskdale Area 36 hours per week & Permanent Contract **Closing date: Tuesday 3rd March** Link to Apply: <https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/dumfries-galloway-council/jobs/youth-development-worker-368326>

D&G HandyVan (SCIO)- Handyperson Part Time, Permanent dependent on future funding, Location: Dumfries and Galloway, Salary: £18496, Hours: 28 Due to expansion, they are seeking a Handyperson who must be competent and able to undertake a variety of small jobs and repairs in and around their client's homes. Excellent customer care skills are essential in dealing with a varied client group. This rewarding vacancy includes travel across the whole Dumfries and Galloway region. Applications are welcome from individuals in any location across Dumfries and Galloway. Their base is negotiable. Full driving licence is essential and this post is subject to a PVG check. For a full job description, person specification and application form, please contact 0800 069 9173 or email rachel@dghandyvan.org.uk How to apply: rachel@dghandyvan.org.uk **Closing Date: 15th March 2024**

Volunteering

Introducing Volunteer Buzz All things volunteering in Dumfries and Galloway The first issue of [Volunteer Buzz](#), the brand new information source on volunteering matters, put together by Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway, is now available to view and download at the link. Our aim is simple: to bring volunteering information to Volunteer Involving Organisations in Dumfries and Galloway. In issue one, they have compiled engaging stories, some top tips and volunteering information that they hope you will find interesting, informative, and inspiring. Please share the link or a copy to anyone you think might also be interested, such as your own staff, volunteers, and trustees. Please also feel free to reach out to them at volunteering@tsdg.org.uk with your thoughts, contributions, or suggestions for future content. Your voice is essential in shaping the narrative of Volunteer Buzz. For more information contact Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway Phone: 0300 303 8558 Address: Monreith House,

Hub Projects

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

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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