

Voluntary Action Orkney Supporting the Orkney Community

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The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Voluntary Action Orkney has arranged for The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) to come to Orkney on April 2nd 2014 and they will be holding 2 public meetings at the St Magnus Centre, Kirkwall. The afternoon session will be from 3pm to 5pm and the evening session will be from 7pm to 9pm.

Do come along with your questions, hear their information on changing your structure, trading and various structures, when to do it and when not, and the relationship between the parent body and the trading subsidiary, and importantly the roles and responsibilities of charity trustees when managing their charity.

For more information and to book a slot at either session, please contact Meghan McEwen, Edwina Lloyd or Fraser Devine at VAO.

We are here to help and if you have questions you would like put to the regulator on your behalf, we are happy to do that too



WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT
THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
MAKE SCOTLAND PROUD

Saltire Awards

Well done everyone in Kirkwall Grammar School's S4 Youth Achievement class for completing their memories projects.

They're pictured here with their Saltire Certificates, and members of the Orkney Seafarers group who provided the memories.

Sunday Mail Young Scot Awards

Big congratulations to young people at the Connect Project for being selected for the finals of the Sunday Mail Young Scot Awards in Glasgow.

Young people were nominated for their exceptional contribution towards the growing intergenerational befriending project. The young people are one of three finalists within the Heritage Category and have been credited with helping to preserve some of Scotland's most valuable history - the memories of and lives of its older generation.

The project was set up with VAO's Adult befriending service and has become extremely popular with young people now visiting three sheltered housing schemes throughout the county.

Three young people from the project will travel to Glasgow to join the other 36 finalist at a Gala Dinner at the Crown Plaza followed by a glittering Award Ceremony at the Clyde Auditorium where winners of each category will be announced.



Small Grants Scheme Applications invited



Voluntary groups are invited to apply for the Talisman/Sinopec Small Grants Scheme for grants of up to £500. Information leaflets and Application forms are available from our offices or by visiting www.vaorkney.org.uk

Closing date for applications is 16th April 2014.

Queen's Baton Relay Stewarding

The Queen's Baton relay will be visiting Orkney on the 10 & 11 July 2014.

Early discussions with the team from Glasgow 2014 indicate that the route the Baton could take in Orkney will include a number of Orkney's parishes. However, details of the actual route will be released by Glasgow 2014 on 17 March 2014.

Due to the Baton Relay being a bigger event than the Olympic Torch Relay, there will be a greater number of volunteer stewards needed during the relay.

There are no specific requirements needed to be a steward, and any training needed will be provided prior to the relay.

With the proposal for the Baton to travel through Orkney's communities we hope that people from all across Orkney will help to make it an even greater spectacle.

If you would like to volunteer on the days the Baton is here in Orkney or know of someone else who would be interested, please contact Janette Bews at: janette.bews@orkney.gov.uk or phone 01856 873535 ext 2415.

Social Enterprise Network

The next meeting of the Orkney Social Enterprise Network is shaping up to be very interesting. Hazel Aim from OCTO (Orkney Community Transport Organization) is coming along to answer questions about their business model, experience with tendering and any other burning questions from participants.

The session will take place on the 16th of April and coffee and muffins will be provided.

Planning Aid Scotland

Are offering community groups assistance to develop community assets by helping them develop knowledge of the planning system.

They can allocate a volunteer planner to help the group along the journey.

For more information contact Mark Armstrong on 0131 220 9730 or Mark@planningaidscotland.org.uk

Sustainable Sport for Communities Fund

Legacy 2014: Sustainable Sport for Communities Fund is a £1m fund which will help communities to be able to realise their ambitions of owning and running their own sports facilities.

The initial package of support available will focus on clubs and organisations delivering sport and physical activity in their community who wish to:

- take on ownership and operation of existing local facilities
- build and operate new facilities
- make better use of current facilities through capital improvements

Full details of the Fund are available at:

www.legacy2014.co.uk/bepart-of-it/funding

Writing better reports

Do you have a mass of data you don't know what to do with.

This article, by Charities Evaluation Services' Head of Consultancy Sally Cupitt, gives top tips for making the most of your findings. For more information and to download the article visit: <http://tinyurl.com/gga4lq5>

ADS card

If you are a third sector organisation employee or volunteer, and your organisation is registered to use the ADS scheme and issued with an organisation card, then they can access discounted fares at the time of booking travel for volunteers and staff on organisation business.

Scottish Crofting Federation dates available:

- April 26th – Woodland Management at Happy Valley
- May 3rd – Poly tunnel management and propagation at St Colms
- September 20th and 21st – Entry Level Crofting weekend course St Magnus Centre Kirkwall

For more information or to book a space, contact enquiries@vaorkney.org.uk

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