

Saltire Celebrations



Well done to Sean McFedries, pictured here receiving his 500 hour Saltire Award.

Sean took a break from mixing cement at the CLAN garden, where Karen Scott and Dave Sneesby made the surprise presentation.

Diploma Award



At a recent celebration with Board Members and Colleagues, Volunteer Counsellor, Zelda Bradley was presented with her Diploma in Couple Counselling by Helen Moss, Service Manager, Relationships Scotland Orkney.

ACE support for community groups

Community groups in Scotland are invited to apply for support as part of Achieving Community Empowerment's (ACE) rolling programme which is funded by the Big Lottery Fund in Scotland. It is a programme of support for community groups and we will provide 10 days of support for 10 groups per year. The support will focus on the following areas:

- Helping groups to identify what they're good at and where they need to improve/become more effective
- Helping groups to develop a plan of action in order to make their required changes
- Supporting groups to put their plan into action
- Sitting down with groups at the end of the year to review progress and identify what needs to be done next
- Networking at the end of the year to share learning and experiences

For more information contact aileen@scdc.org.uk or alison@scdc.org.uk or phone **0141 248 1924**.



Need space for your next meeting?

Our central location and competitive rates make VAO an ideal venue
contact us for rates...

Dates for your Diaries

March 7th Fairtrade Promotional Event at The Hub, King Street Halls, Kirkwall, 2.30 – 6.30pm. (come along and sample produce such as tea, coffee, soft drinks & homebakes)

March 7th Outcomes Training Day at Kirkwall Community Centre, Room 3, 9.30am – 4.30pm.

March 18th OSCR online drop in session at VAO 11.00 – 3.00pm

March 27th Secretary Training at VAO 7.00 – 9.00pm

Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Business Gateway

Improving your online marketing and web presence will ensure you reach as many people as possible that might be interested in your product or service. HIE and BG are working together to help overcome IT issues. For more information on choosing a computer to ecommerce, register free at <http://www.digitalhiguide.co.uk> or for one to one advice, contact hidigital@hient.co.uk to book an appointment with an advisor.

Intergenerational Course - Training the Trainer

- Are you involved and enthusiastic about Intergenerational work?
- Do you deliver training as part of your role?
- Would you be interested in promoting Intergenerational Practice by becoming an IP Trainer?

Places on this free 1 day course are now available to book at: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training-the-trainers-course-tbc-25-04-2013>

For more information contact Fraser Devine at VAO.

Community Profiling

Extra places are now available at this already well subscribed free seminar which uses community development methods to tackle social determinants of health. For more information contact Peter Taylor on 0141 586 7588 or e-mail cdas@pdtaylor.com

Scottish Charity Awards

Does your organisation deserve national recognition for the impact it has made?

The 7th Annual Scottish Charity Awards, celebrating excellence, talent and innovation in the Third Sector is now open for entries: <http://community-toolkit.org.uk/The-Third-Sector/Scottish-Charity-Awards-2013.htm>

Time Defined Funding

A reminder to all Community Hall Associations that applications for CDF support have to be in by the 31st August. For more information, speak to Edwina or Meghan at VAO or Gavin Campbell on 886666 at the Councils Business Gateway Service.

Senscot

Are promoting the vision of a Community Bank owned by the Third Sector. This new Scottish institution would provide investment tailored to our needs and keep our own money circulating. To take part in the feasibility study visit: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/73C6LRN>

Volunteer Development Scotland

The results of the Scottish Charities Survey 2012 has been published. To view the document: <http://community-toolkit.org.uk/Volunteering/Scottish-Charities-Survey-2012.htm>