

Newsletter March 2021

Local news and services

Protecting the environment at the Young People's Befriending Project

The Young People's Befriending Project's Kaitlyn Fennell here proudly shows the 9 bags of rubbish that she collected with her Befriender from the area around Tesco and Lidl. Kaitlyn is a young person with a real passion to protect the environment and so was keen to use one of her sessions with her Befriender Jenny to make a difference in a very real way. Well done, Kaitlyn!



Developing the Young Workforce Orkney

The latest issue of the DYW Orkney Employer's Newsletter has been published and a copy is available to view [here](#). In this issue, you can learn about a campaign which aims to celebrate the achievements and resilience of young people; find out how DYW Orkney are supporting the development of STEM skills in primary pupils and find out more about apprenticeships, including the latest university to offer Graduate Apprenticeships remotely.

Also in the News

New Scottish Recovery Network Website



Full of free resources, ideas and insights, the new Scottish Recovery Network website has been created to help groups, organisations, communities and services develop recovery focused mental health support powered by lived experience. Click [here](#) to take a look.

Social Security Scotland Newsletter

The latest newsletter from Social Security Scotland can be viewed [here](#). The issue contains information on Child Disability Payment Pilot areas, feedback on the new SSS service and lots more. Click [here](#) to read.

Scottish Older People's Assembly Manifesto 2021

The Scottish Older People's Assembly (SOPA) recently published its manifesto 2021. It includes six recommendations they believe should be priorities for the next Scottish Government. Click [here](#) to view the full document.

If you would like to find out more about the Older People's Champion campaign they are running together with Age Scotland or the University of Strathclyde STILL Going Project which aims to find out what helps people aged 50 and over across Scotland stay active, healthy and independent for longer in later life, click [here](#).

Funding & Finance



The Child Poverty Fund

Children and young people growing up in poverty are more vulnerable than their peers to a wide range of negative outcomes. As part of the work to reduce child poverty in Orkney, NHS Orkney working in partnership with Voluntary Action Orkney (VAO) invite submissions of small project proposals from local third sector organisations working with families with children in poverty.

We aim to grant three awards of up to £1000 to organisations for projects/activities that aim to reduce the impact poverty has on children in Orkney.

The closing date has been extended to 5 April. Click [here](#) to find out more and apply.

For a wealth of funding opportunities, please see our latest Training and Funding update [here](#).

Job Opportunities



Economic Recovery Programme Manager

ASPIRE Orkney are looking for an Economic Recovery Programme Manager. The post will provide full time, funded support to drive forward cross sector initiatives that will help Orkney's economic recovery.

The post will be managed by ASPIRE Orkney, a business-led group and will be business-directed. The salary / contract value for the post is £45k per annum, which is coming from a fund of £250k that OIC have provided to drive forward community wide recovery activity.

The Programme Manager will have a strong, initial focus on connection and consultation with all sectors and it is important that the successful candidate understands business in Orkney.

You can find out more about Aspire Orkney and download an application pack and form at www.aspireorkney.com/recruitment, or contact Fiona Smith on 07855 498814 or by email at fiona@niteodevelopment.co.uk for questions about recruitment.

Get in touch with Glen McLellan (Chair, Economic Recovery Steering Group) on 07718 389454 or by email at glen.mclellan@nov.com for an informal conversation about the role or to talk about ASPIRE Orkney.

The closing date for applications is 6 April.

Education and training



ALLIANCE: Getting it right for every child approach

13 April 10.00-12.00

Join the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) GIRFEC team for an interactive online training event on the 'Getting it Right For Every Child' approach.

The purpose of this workshop is to enable a broad range of practitioners from the third sector to deliver information workshops for children and young people or parents and carers to inform them about GIRFEC and what it means for them; to bring GIRFEC to life, to make it real for them.

Parents and carers are welcomed to the training as well, as these sessions also aim to explain the approach to them and their rights.

To register your place and indicate any accessibility needs, please email integration@alliance-scotland.org.uk

Find out more [here](#).

Policy Hub Scotland: “Dementia – the One Stop Guide”

This on-demand learning course is presented by Professor June Andrews, one of the UK’s leading clinicians on Dementia care. Her video classes provide you with a greater understanding of dementia, as well as offering ideas and thoughts on how to treat and care for someone diagnosed with the condition.

June guides course learners through 5 video classes as well as a range of activities and case studies which bring the issues alive. In total, the course provides over 4 hours Continuous Professional Development and a personalised certificate of completion.

In addition, course learners can speak with June directly via a series of scheduled webchats, enabling them to discuss any issues, queries or questions they may have as they progress through the course.

Find out more [here](#).

More information on Policy Hub Scotland learning courses can be found [here](#).

Policy Hub Scotland: "Adults with Incapacity"

Former Public Guardian for Scotland, Sandra McDonald, presents her online learning course on all things Adults with Incapacity – taking you from policy to practice; offering you the legal concepts without the legal jargon.

This online learning course provides over 9 hours of CPD, including 22 on-demand video classes and related activities, case studies and responses. You can click and play as many of Sandra's video classes as you like, whenever you like, in whichever order you like. Providing you with a comprehensive understanding of AWI legislation and the confidence of how to use it effectively in practice.

Find out more [here](#).

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Dates for your diary

Low-carbon community transport webinar 1 April



Community Energy Scotland (CES) are hosting a webinar on low-carbon community transport on Thursday 1 April 2-4pm.

CES will be joined by a panel of transport experts, and local community groups to share expertise experience on community transport. This will

include talks and Q&A on the technologies and funding available for electric transport for community use and benefit.

They invite anyone from a community group who has an interest in low-carbon transport for communities to attend. This includes staff, volunteers and community members.

The panel will include Electric Vehicle Association Scotland and Home Energy Scotland. A range of topics will be discussed from electric vehicles, charging infrastructure, and shared transport options such as car clubs, with case studies from Orkney and beyond.

If you are interested in attending, please contact [Sarah Pamerter](#) to sign up.

Learn how to tell your story to make a difference

14 April, 2.00-3.30



Macmillan Cancer Support would like to invite you to an online session for people affected by cancer to come together and to feel confident in the value of talking about their own cancer experience. You will have an opportunity to share your own experience, reflect on what mattered to you and to think about using your experience to influence change.

This event is for people who have or had cancer and their family, friends, carers and those left behind.

This will be delivered online, using Microsoft teams. Don't worry if you haven't used this before, we will offer a practice session before the event and help you to join on the day.

Click [here](#) to book your place. For more information, please contact [Ben Mudge](#).

National Awareness Events in April

Month Long

[Bowel Cancer Awareness](#)

[Stress Awareness](#)

[National Pet Month](#)

Weeks

[11-17 April - Parkinson's Awareness Week](#)

[19-25 April - MS Awareness Week](#)

[26 April-2 May - European Immunization Week](#)

Days

[2 April - World Autism Awareness Day](#)

[7 April - World Health Day](#)

[23-25 April - Scotland's Virtual Kiltwalk](#)

If you would like to promote your organisation, an activity or project or have an interesting story to share, please contact Cecily.cromby@vaorkney.org.uk