

SCVS NEWS

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STEWARTRY COUNCIL
OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE



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Are you a volunteer or in employment working for an organisation who offer services or recreational activities with children or young people?

This training is essential for you and your organisation.

Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003 (PoCSA) and Child Protection FREE Training

PoCSA

This section of the training will cover the background to the Act
What does the Act require organisations to do and creating Safe Places
(Policies and procedures) Code of good practice, Code of conduct, Child
protection policy statement, Child protection procedure, grievance procedure,
disciplinary procedure.

Child Protection

The D&G Child Protection Committee Introduction Course has the
following learning outcomes for participants:-

To have increased knowledge of the nature and incidence of child
abuse;

To improve skills in recognising when a child may be in need of
protection;

To understand the principle of placing the welfare of the child at
the centre of all decision-making; and

To Understand when and how to report incidents of child abuse and why
people don't.

Dates of Events

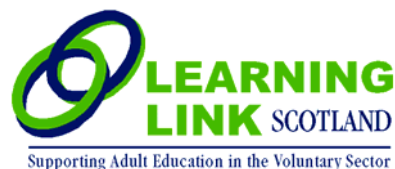
Thursday 20th April, **Annan** – Victoria Lesser Hall 6-9pm Child Protection

Friday 21st April, **Dumfries** – Station Hotel 10.30 - 4pm PoCSA & Child
Protection

Thursday 4th May, **Castle Douglas** – Douglas Arms Hotel 6 -9pm Child
Protection

Friday 5th May – **Stranraer**, Millennium Centre 10.30 - 4pm PoCSA & Child
Protection

Workshop: Improving our Services to Carers



Thursday 11 May 2006, 10.00-15.30

The Conference Suite, Community Centre, Castle Douglas

Every year two million people become carers, and they form a significant section of society. As service providers in the field of education and training, are we unknowingly failing to provide an inclusive service for this group?

This workshop is for staff from organisations whose service users may include carers and who wish to improve the service offered, and also from organisations wishing to attract more carers as service users. The workshop will also cover issues related to supporting service users who *become* carers while engaged in educational provision. This workshop will help delegates to:

- Have a greater understanding of the issues facing carers
- Share ideas and identify good practice in working with carers
- Consider how we might improve access for carers to our services

The workshop will be led by an experienced member of staff from VOCAL (www.vocal.org.uk), the lead body in supporting carers in Edinburgh. After the workshop a pack of materials is prepared and sent to those who attended.

A place on the workshop costs £15 for staff from organisations which are Learning Link Scotland members - £20 for subscribers and £25 for non-members.

To book a place on this course you can either

- request a booking form from Learning Link Scotland (tel. 0131 553 7992) and then complete the form and post or fax it to us (fax. 0131 553 3870) *or*
- go to our website (www.learninglinkscotland.org.uk), complete the booking form in the "What's On" section and post or fax it to us at Learning Link Scotland, Suite 6, 2 Commercial Street, Edinburgh EH6 6JA

For more information on this workshop please contact Alasdair Ferguson, phone number 0131 553 7992, e-mail: aferguson@learninglinkscotland.org.uk



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TRAINING AND NETWORK EVENTS

VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK LUNCH

Wednesday 26th April

1pm – 3.30

St Ninians Castle Douglas

How do we effectively represent and communicate with our communities?
What can we do to improve our engagement techniques?

SCVS are holding a network event to discuss community engagement and how we can use the community engagement tool kit to improve this. Information on Community Engagement standards. If you are interested in this methodology and would like to take part in the discussions please come along to the Network lunch. Please contact the office and let us know if you are going to attend.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK EVENT

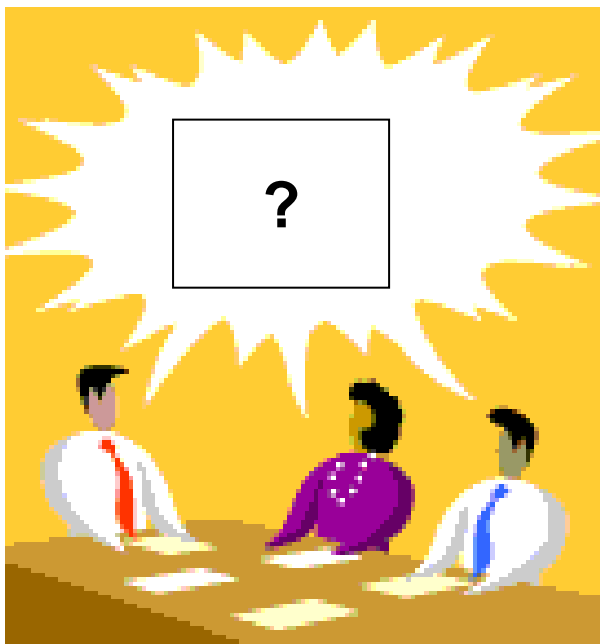
Wednesday 24th May

4pm – 7pm

St Ninians Castle Douglas

What do you know about community Planning?
How can you influence decisions about local services?

This event is the second of three voluntary sector network events and the theme will be community planning. We will be looking at the community planning tool kit as well as discussing how you can become involved in community planning. Please contact the office and let us know if you wish to attend this event.



VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK LUNCH

Tuesday 27th June

11.30 – 3.30

St Ninians Castle Douglas

The third event will be around voluntary sector community health organisations.

How can we link in, communicate and influence health partnerships. If you would like to take part in discussions surrounding health come along to the Network lunch. Please contact the SCVS office and let them know you will be attending

Can you spare a few hours a week to help a person with learning disabilities enjoy the same social opportunities that you do?

Enable Scotland needs volunteers in Dumfries and Galloway to join ENABLElink.

ENABLElink supports adults with learning disabilities form natural friendships through doing things they enjoy in their community.

We need people, of all ages, who can spend time with someone with learning disabilities doing things that interest you both. This could be going to the pictures, keeping fit or just going out for coffee and a chat.

Volunteers will receive training and ongoing support as well as some out of pocket expenses. For more information about ENABLElink contact:

MargaretMunro Tel: 07725675178

Email Margaret.munro@enable.org.uk



Community Consultation Dumfries & Galloway Alcohol & Drug Action Team 3 year Strategy

Issues relating to alcohol and drugs affect many people across the communities of Dumfries and Galloway. For some this can be quite general, but for others the experience is very personal. Because of this many people have views about the subject. The local Alcohol and Drug Action Team is developing a new strategy for alcohol and drug services in the area for 2006 - 2009. As part of this process we are keen to learn what the views of the wider community are. A community consultation questionnaire has been prepared in consultation with the Scottish Drugs Forum and others. If you would like to participate in this consultation you can download the document from the ADAT website www.dgcommunity.net/ADAT or contact the SCVS office and we will send one out.

Don't get into the **Red** Learn Full Cost Recovery!

**17th May St Ninian's Memorial Hall
Castle Douglas
2.00 - 5.00pm**

Coffee and registration 1.30 – 2.00

Securing funding for – or 'recovering' – all your costs, including the direct costs of projects and all your overheads.

SCVS is pleased to welcome **Sue Bennett Community Accounts Officer** from our sister CVS in Roxburghshire, Scottish Borders to take this training session.

Under Full Cost Recovery, organisations and their funders ensure that the price of contracts and grants reflects the full costs of delivery, including the legitimate portion of overhead costs.

This training will give you the information, skills and materials you need to improve your financial case and budgeting skills.

The cost including CD Rom material/handouts, tea, coffee and laughs will be £30 for members (A bargain) and £50 for non members of SCVS.

To register a place please contact Anne Corson at SCVS 01557 331346 or contact her at annecorson@stewartrycvs.org.uk

News from the National Strategic Funding Review

One of the early priorities identified was to commission research on the implementation of full cost recovery pricing principles in funding relationships between the voluntary sector and the public sector.

The principle of full cost recovery is not a new concept; it is a widely accepted accountancy principle particularly in the public sector. For example, the Fees and Charges Guide published by HM Treasury defines full cost as – “the total cost of all the resources used in supplying a service, including the direct costs of producing the output, a full proportional share of overhead costs and any selling and distribution expenses. Both cash costs and notional (non-cash) costs should be included, including depreciation, inflation and finance charges.”

The research is being supported by a Research Advisory Group, which has representatives from the voluntary sector as well as local and central government, and findings are expected in April 2006.

More info see www.scvo.org.uk

NEW INFORMATION HELPLINE at SCVO Tel: 0800 169 0022



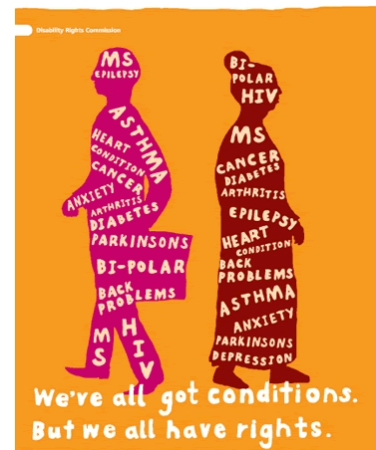
POOR HEALTH? GET HELP.

Health causing problems at work?

Boss unsympathetic?

Colleagues giving you a hard time?

Too embarrassed to talk about it?



If you have a long term health condition which is having an impact on your life, in or out of work, you may be entitled to help from your employer. Around 10 million people in Britain have a long term health condition that entitles them to protection under the Disability discrimination Act. Most don't think of themselves as disabled but if you have arthritis, diabetes, cancer or a heart or mental health condition that affects your work, the Act is on your side. Most employers are willing to help but if yours isn't the law says they must. We can help you be clear about just what help you need, and are entitled to, and if necessary help you get it.

JUST GIVE US A CALL

To find out more visit www.usingyourrights.org.uk or call the Disability Rights Commission's Helpline on 08457 622 633 (textphone 08457 622 644).

ARE YOU A DISABLED PERSON?

- Want to make your voice heard?
- Want to change societies view of you?
- Want to make a difference?

WHY NOT JOIN US?

THE STEWARTRY COALITION OF DISABLED PEOPLE

Membership is free and including monthly meetings, discussions and debates, a regular newsletter to keep you up to date and campaigning and training opportunities.

Contact SCVS for further details

FUNDING NEWS.....

Comic Relief

The next deadline for Comic Relief is **5 May**. Comic Relief has 6 grant programmes for voluntary and community group. The standard grants are split into applications for less than £5,000 and applications for more than £5,000. Overall Comic Relief's vision is to create a world free from poverty and social injustice. Their grant-making aims are to:

- ◦ Reach people in great need
- ◦ Meet people's needs and ambitions, and promote their rights
- ◦ Help people to live with dignity and free from fear
- ◦ Tackle some of the root causes of poverty and injustice
- ◦ Bring about lasting improvements in the lives of poor and disadvantaged people.

For more information about Comic Relief visit www.comicrelief.com or call 020 7820 5555.

The Tudor Trust is launching its new guidelines on 1 April. It will still be a generalist trust, funding widely across the social welfare field. They are introducing a new two-stage application process. **more information go to** www.tudortrust.org.uk

The Foyle Foundation is an independent grant-making trust that distributes grants to UK charities whose core work is in the areas of Learning, the Arts and Health. **more information go to** www.foylefoundation.org.uk or Tel 0207 430 9119

The HBOS Foundation has earmarked £20 million over the next 5 years to support community projects and charities in the following areas – money advice and financial literacy, developing and improving communities for projects that support social inclusion or lifelong learning
more information go to www.hbosplc.com or tel 0845 673 2005

A GUIDE TO SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS ... available from SCVS

[BECOMING RECOGNISED AS A CHARITY](#)

Stewartry CVS have put together a briefing paper for groups on new information around becoming a charity. Please contact us on 01557 331346 or email info@stewartrycvs.org.uk to be sent a copy

Inland Revenue Charities Section now no longer deal with applications to become a charity. This function has been taken over by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). As we have reported before in our newsletter, the categories of activity under which an organisation can apply to be a charity have been considerably broadened by the recent new charities legislation. Organisations will still have to demonstrate public benefit. We understand that OSCR will not be able to accept applications for charitable status until at least the 25th April this month.

Please note: Our new briefing replaces information on becoming a charity currently on our website which we hope to update as soon as possible.

Medieval Ball

Friday 5th May
7pm-midnight
Easterbrook
Hall, Dumfries

A fund raising event to help organisations involved with the [Holywood Trust](#)
The maximum number for the night is 300 - 30 tables with 10 people at each.

Why not book a whole table and bring your friends?
If you are part of a company, why not consider it as a bonus for your staff, or promotion with clients.

- **Carvery**
- **Ceilidh led by Two Left Feet**, singer **Emily Smith** and 'entertainment to thrill' on a medieval theme.
- **Silent Auction**. A number of local individuals and companies have already donated items. (We would be grateful of any item you could donate).
- **Dress is optional** – it is up to you whether you pick up on the theme or not.

The price of a Ticket is £30 per person and are available from the Holywood Trust office at Mount St. Michael, Craigs Road, Dumfries. Tel: 01387 269176, e-mail: funds@holywood-trust.org.uk or fax 01387 269175.

Are You Planning or Organising an event?
The Council have updated the Events Toolkit. For your new copy contact Joanne Colquhoun on 01557 330291

Advertise Your Event
Please get in touch with us at SCVS if you'd like to include publicity in our newsletter as part of your advertising strategy.
01557 331346

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