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THIRD SECTOR NEWS
<p>SHETLAND COMMUNITY FACILITIES NETWORK MEETING – MONDAY 14 MARCH, 7PM – 9PM ON ZOOM</p> <p>The aim of the Network is to provide a regular platform for voluntary groups and organisations who manage a community facility to network, learn, collaborate and share information to improve the management of the facilities for the community. If you would like to attend then please click on the link below to register:</p> <p>Shetland Community Facilities Network - Launch Event, Mon 14 Mar 2022 at 19:00 Eventbrite</p>
<p><u>CENSUS DAY - 20TH MARCH</u></p> <p>LET'S MAKE SURE OUR ISLAND VOICES ARE HEARD AND COUNTED IN THE NEXT CENSUS</p> <p>This is the official count of everyone in Scotland and we all need to fill it in. By answering questions about you, your household, and the place where you live, you provide the information needed to help influence important services in your community, from health and social care, to transport and education, and much more. Please look out for your letter in the post and refer to Scotland's Census website for more information.</p>

SHETLAND PRIDE – MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING CAMPAIGN

Funded by the Scottish Government, Shetland Pride's LGBTQ+ Mental Health & Wellbeing Campaign kicks off with 12,500 leaflets scheduled to be delivered to every home and business on Shetland starting on 28th February.

Their overall aim is to support, help and improve the mental health and wellbeing of all LGBTQ+ folk on Shetland and to make mental health a community concern. In addition, the first Shetland Pride Event is taking place on 2nd July this year to allow the LGBTQ+ community and the families of LGBTQ+ folk on Shetland and beyond to celebrate Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

They have also produced a six-minute movie entitled "The Cookie – Acceptance is Everything" that subtly illustrates and addresses the many issues LGBTQ+ people face. The movie was produced totally on Shetland by 'Crazy' Chris Harris and with huge thanks to the Brenna Players and can be viewed at:

www.shetlandpride.uk/cookie.mp4

www.shetlandpride.uk/support

Shetland Pride was formed in May 2021 and is a registered charity SC051271. Shetland Pride also welcomes all donations and sponsorship enquiries to:

support@shetlandpride.uk

FREE HAND SANITISER FOR COMMUNITY RUN FACILITIES



If your community facility would like to receive some free hand sanitiser – please contact reception@vas.org to arrange collection.

VACANCY: [CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICE \(CFS\) PRACTITIONER - CLAN CANCER SUPPORT](#) (21 HOURS PW, SHETLAND)

Closing Date extended to 7 March 2022

CLAN Cancer Support is looking to recruit a permanent CFS Practitioner, working 21 hours per week, based at our Clan Shetland Wellbeing Centre.

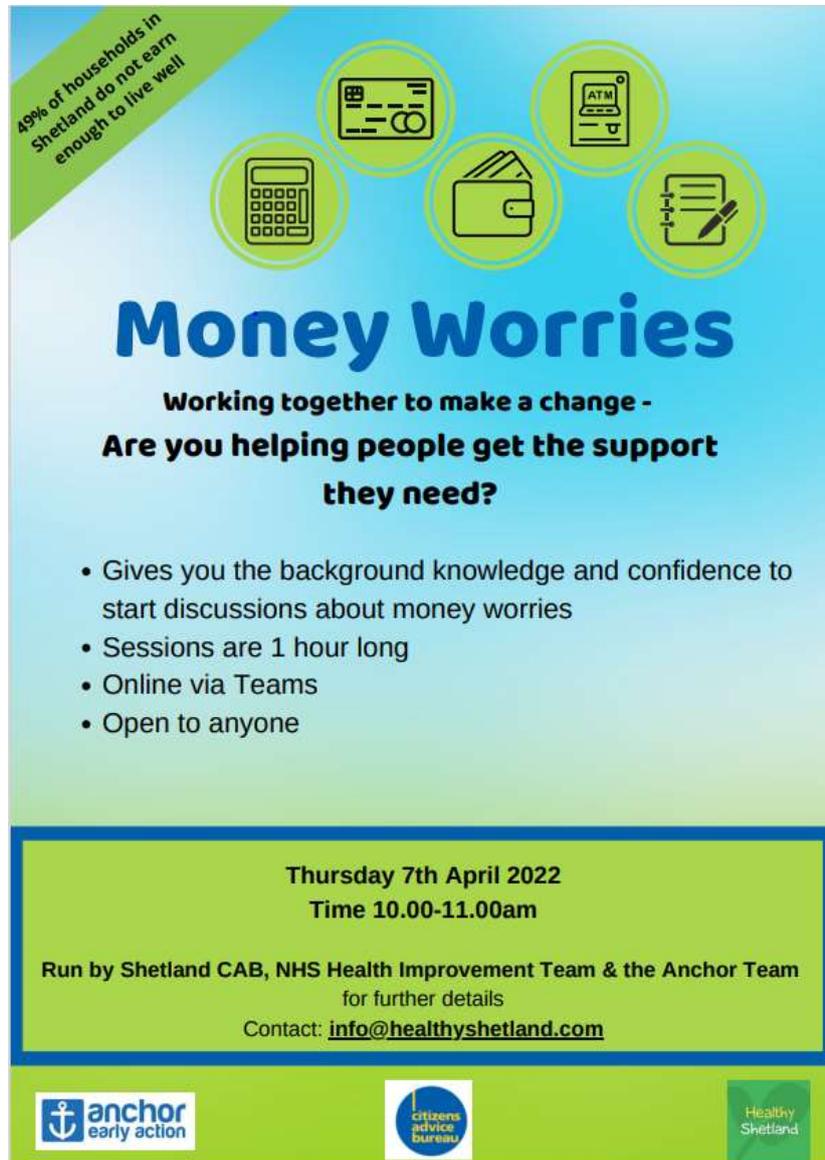
The Children & Family Service (CFS) Practitioner will develop and promote the Children and Family Service throughout the Shetland Islands. A key part of the role is the ability to establish professional networks in Health, Education, Social Work and the Third Sector which will enable the service to develop.

- To deliver therapeutic support to children, young people and their families when they have been affected by cancer.
- To provide advice and support to other agencies.
- To develop social and therapeutic groups for children and young people according to identified need.

The post holder will be managed and supported by the Children and Families team based in Aberdeen and will also be an active member of the Clan Shetland team.

DO YOU SUPPORT PEOPLE WHO HAVE MONEY WORRIES?

Shetland CAB, NHS Health Improvement Team and the Anchor Project are hosting a 1-hour session to give you the background knowledge and confidence to start discussions about money worries.



49% of households in Shetland do not earn enough to live well

Money Worries

**Working together to make a change -
Are you helping people get the support they need?**

- Gives you the background knowledge and confidence to start discussions about money worries
- Sessions are 1 hour long
- Online via Teams
- Open to anyone

**Thursday 7th April 2022
Time 10.00-11.00am**

Run by Shetland CAB, NHS Health Improvement Team & the Anchor Team
for further details
Contact: info@healthyshetland.com



EASYFUNDRAISING -VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE RECEIVING A SHARE OF £1.8M IN DONATIONS.

Thousands of good causes across the UK are able to update their facilities, buy new equipment, and improve their services, thanks to fundraising website easyfundraising and their low-maintenance approach to fundraising.

Through the easyfundraising platform, 6,000 online retailers including Sainsbury's, eBay, Amazon, M&S, Just Eat and Argos will donate to third sector organisations for free. To take advantage of this free income stream for your organisation, find out more here: <http://efraising.org/9dyLZhoWMf>

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY ENGAGEMENT

The Scottish Government is committed to develop a refreshed strategy in partnership with stakeholders, including statutory organisations, third sector and those with lived experience. We are especially keen to engage with all stakeholders on how we best tackle the social determinants and health inequalities which impact most on mental health & wellbeing.

To attend a workshop please email: Lesley.McDowall@gov.scot



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY

MARCH WORKSHOPS

We are inviting stakeholders to attend workshops to help us shape our future Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The first of the Scottish Government events are being held on 7 and 9 March from 14:00 to 15:30.

These will be virtual events hosted on Teams and the numbers in attendance will be limited to approx. 20 individuals for each session.

If you would like to attend one of these workshops, please send an email with your name, organisation, contact details and preferred date to Lesley.McDowall@gov.scot

These initial workshops will focus on the scope of the strategy and the outcomes we want to achieve.

There will be further opportunities to participate in engagement events and contribute to the strategy content throughout the process. We are committed to publishing the strategy by the end of 2022.

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS

There are a range of ways stakeholders can participate and contribute to the strategy development.

- ❖ Organisations, groups and networks may choose to hold their own workshop/engagement events.
- ❖ Stakeholders may choose to attend one of the facilitated workshops hosted by Scottish Government.
- ❖ Those with lived experience may wish to arrange a meeting for only those with lived experience and this could be supported by Scottish Government to ensure a meaningful two way engagement process
- ❖ Those with lived experience may wish to participate in stakeholder led engagement events or they may choose to attend one of the workshops hosted by Scottish Government.

Where stakeholders choose to hold their own engagement events, guidance and background information will be provided to help maintain a consistent approach across all engagement sessions. Please get in touch with us to discuss.

JOIN SHETLAND WOMEN'S AID ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 22



NO SMOKING DAY RESOURCE PACK NOW AVAILABLE

This year, No Smoking Day is on **Wednesday 9 March**. The theme is Quit Your Way, the aim being to celebrate the achievements of those who have successfully quit smoking, and to encourage current smokers to consider quitting for the benefit of their mental and physical health.

ASH Scotland have produced a social media resource pack to help raise awareness of the day. The pack contains ready made No Smoking Day assets for social media that can be used by you, or your organisation, on the day (sized for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). You can download the pack along with other resources at www.ashscotland.org.uk/nosmokingday.

SMALL GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

If your organisation would like help to improve people's health and wellbeing by addressing smoking, you can apply for a small grant of £500 and access to a package of support and resources at www.ashscotland.org.uk/smallgrants.

JOIN THE EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE WORKERS AS THEY PRESENT THEIR RESEARCH FINDINGS.



NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR

[TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORTS: GUIDANCE AND GOOD PRACTICE](#)

Is your charity currently closing off accounts and preparing the trustees annual report? If you are new to this process, OSCR have guidance that explains what a trustees' annual report is, what the law says it must contain and how you can use it to benefit your charity.

OSCR'S KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

OSCR have published [Sharing knowledge for better charity regulation](#), a Knowledge Management Strategy for the Scottish Charity Regulator. The document sets out their framework for knowledge management within OSCR and the key components that underpin the approach that OSCR will taking to making the most of what we know.

RESOURCES

CHANNEL 4'S TOOL CLUB

Channel 4's DIY Team is offering its expertise to community projects across the UK. From a garden makeover to an upgrade of a room. Wherever the project is based, the team would like to provide their skills and knowledge to improve your community spaces and encourage you to get in touch.

ANTI BULLYING ALLIANCE – FREE CPD TRAINING FOR PEOPLE WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The following online training courses are available:

[What is bullying?](#)

[Bullying and the Law](#)

[Bullying and SEN/disability](#)

[10 principles to reduce bullying](#)

[Preventing bullying](#)

[Responding to bullying](#)

[Cyberbullying \(Online bullying\)](#)

[Young Carers and Bullying](#)

[Looked After Children and Bullying](#)

[Mental Health and Bullying](#)

[Sexual Bullying](#)

[Bullying and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller young people](#)

VOLUNTEERHUB ARTICLE: 33 BEST PRACTICES FOR VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS

MENTAL HEALTH AT WORK

A wide range of resources and toolkits from “Juggling work and parenting: support for managers and staff” to “Coping in an uncertain world” and much more.

FREE PLANNING SUPPORT FROM PLANNING AID SCOTLAND

Are you looking for help with planning issues or taking forward community-led plans? If so, [Planning Aid Scotland](#) (PAS) is offering a free and impartial advice service to community organisations. PAS can work with you to facilitate community action plans and local place plans.

IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND BEAUTIFUL SCOTLAND INITIATIVES

[Keep Scotland Beautiful](#) is offering community groups various support and opportunities to improve and enhance their local environment. If your group works with others to improve areas across your village, town or city, then check out its [Beautiful Scotland](#). If you're involved in activities like a community allotment, a friends of park group, or have adopted a derelict piece of land to turn into green space, then check out [It's Your Neighbourhood](#).

Registration for both initiatives are open until end of April. Groups can also get access to free support, resources and networking opportunities throughout the year under the three pillars of horticulture/gardening achievement, environmental responsibility and community participation.

[TACKLING POVERTY FOR GOOD MENTAL HEALTH](#)

A new partnership between The Poverty Alliance and Mental Health Foundation to carry out an ambitious research and policy programme to address poverty as a fundamental driver of mental ill-health. Mental health problems are not evenly distributed across the whole population. Poverty, inequality, and discrimination place some people at a much higher risk, and this research will look at the source and impact of poverty stigma on mental health.

[FUNDRAISING QUICK GUIDE VIDEOS](#)

Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector (GCVS) have produced a series helpful videos covering a range of fundraising topics:

- [Creating your case for support](#)
- [Applying for Grants](#)
- [Developing your Fundraising Plan](#)

COMMISSIONING & PROCUREMENT RESOURCES – BIG IDEAS FOR RENEWAL

The [Independent Review of Adult Social Care 2021](#) made recommendations for the reform of commissioning and procurement of social care, including the move away from price based, time and task procurement and competition towards more collaborative commissioning involving support providers and supported people and more of a focus on outcomes. CCPS Commissioning and Procurement Programme have developed some practical resources and guides for commissioning and procurement of social care that can be accessed [here](#).

ABILITYNET: FREE IT SUPPORT TO OLDER PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OF ANY AGE

AbilityNet's ITCanHelp volunteers provide free IT support to older people and people with disabilities of any age. Volunteers can support people located anywhere in the UK. They are all disclosure-checked and can help with all sorts of IT (information technology) challenges, from setting up new equipment, fixing technical issues, showing you how to

stay connected to family and use online services. You can request our support by:

- Calling our helpline on 0800 048 7642 (freephone and minicom) during UK office hours
- Sending an [email](#).
- Using the [Request our help form](#)

REPORT: [20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOODS IN RURAL & ISLAND SCOTLAND](#)

A report from the practitioner roundtable – January 2022 Organised by Scottish Rural Action, the Scottish Rural & Islands Transport Community and SURF - Scotland's Regeneration Forum, the roundtable brought together practitioners (Appendix 1) from different rural and island geographies to discuss the application of 20 Minute Neighbourhoods (20 MNs) in place planning. Practitioners agreed that, used at the grassroots, the 20 MN method can be a useful conversation tool to support community-led place planning, enabling rural and island communities to explore what 'living well locally' means to them.

SPRING EDITION OF SHETLAND CARERS NEWSLETTER

The latest newsletter is now available on our website at <https://www.shetlandcarers.org/news/spring-2022-carers-newsletter> and is being posted/emailed out in the next week to carers registered with our service.

The Spring edition contains information about our Winter Wellbeing Fund, Counselling and Massage Sessions for carers, our Young Carers Service, Respite Scheme, Emergency Planning, Dementia information and resources, Surveys and Funding, Census 2022, User Friendly Games available for loan to carers and Self-Care.

Carers can register – to sign up from our home page, visit: <https://www.shetlandcarers.org/>

[CYBER RESILIENCE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR SCOTTISH ORGANISATIONS](#)

Use the CyberScotland website to find information and support on a range of cyber security and resilience issues. There are links to a variety of tools, guides and other resources to help businesses and individuals understand and manage online and digital risks and avoid becoming victims of cyber crime.

[NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY CENTRE - UPDATED GUIDANCE](#)

The National Cyber Security Centre have updated their guidance for UK organisations. Learn when organisations might face a greater threat, and the steps to take to improve security.

FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

[TSI NETWORK THEMATIC EVENT: HOW CAN WE KEEP THE PROMISE? 31 MARCH FROM 2-4PM ON ZOOM](#)

In celebration of the 2-year anniversary of the publication of the Promise.

On 5 February 2020, the Care Review published seven reports, with 'The Promise' narrating a vision for Scotland, built on five foundations. With cross-party support and broad commitment to #KeepThePromise, Scotland, its statutory agencies, local authorities, third sector and thousands of children and families knew that much needed to change to make sure that all Scotland's children grow up 'loved, safe and respected.'

This event will focus on the work being done across the country to support care-experienced young people and ensure Scotland keeps the Promise. Brian Houston, Head of Support at The Promise will join us as a guest speaker to discuss recent updates. It will provide attendees with the opportunity to share learning and a space to discuss how the TSI Network can help the Keep The Promise.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND EVENTS

- [Leading the Fair Work agenda, 9 March](#) - can social enterprises do a lot more with the right support?
- [Finance Focus: Social & Community Capital, 16 March](#) - discover new finance opportunities.
- [Universities and social enterprise development, 23 March](#) - what are universities doing to support social enterprise? How can we connect better with universities?
- [Finance Focus: Coalfields Regeneration Trust, 30 March](#) - discover new funding and support.
- [New eBay for Change programme, 25 March](#) - a big new initiative to help social businesses drive their social impact on eBay!
- [Finance Focus: Coalfields Regeneration Trust, 30 March](#) - discover new funding and support.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK EVENTS

[Sustainably tackling poverty through employability – Wednesday 16th March \(10.30-noon\)](#)

This session will hear from speakers from The Poverty Alliance who will outline the overall context and policy landscape of poverty in Scotland; Joseph Rowntree Foundation will examine research relating to poverty through an employability lens; and social enterprise, FARE Scotland, will demonstrate how they create pathways into employment, providing industry-led training and work experience for people who

experience poverty. With time for Q&A and discussion on the role of social enterprises in tackling poverty, with a specific focus on employment and employability.

[Virtual Community Learning Exchange with EnvironMentalHealth CIC - Wed 9 Mar, 1-4pm](#)

This community learning exchange will provide participants with insight on how community focused Mental Health First Aid can support a collaborative approach to identifying and addressing mental health issues within their local community.

[SEN Session for Social Enterprise Counselling Service Providers \(Thu 31st Mar, 10.30-12pm\)](#)

With SEN members reporting a continuing increase in demand for counselling services, we are providing another opportunity for social enterprise active in this area to come together to share their thoughts on what opportunities and challenges this is currently posing and how they are responding to this. For more information email mary@senscot.net.

Employability SEN Meeting – Tuesday 5th April (10.30-11.30)

An informal session, connect with other social enterprises who have an employability focus, discuss common issues, and relevant policy areas/developments and share you successes. We are also keen to hear how you are (or are not) engaging with No One Left Behind and your Local Authority. Email Jayne to register

[Health SEN Meeting \(Thu 7th April, 2-3.30pm\)](#)

An informal session to connect with other social enterprises who have a health & wellbeing focus, discuss common issues, and relevant policy areas/developments and share your successes.

DTA SCOTLAND EVENTS

Assets for People and Place webinar series - 16th March

Community groups are being invited to sign up for the next round of the Assets for People and Place webinar series. The online programme, which is free to attend and focuses on asset transfers for community groups, offers training, guidance and support to help community groups navigate their way through the process.

The training also gives attendees the opportunity to discuss their plans and receive guidance from COSS advisors. [Further details on the programme can be found on the COSS website](#). The next webinar is [Module 3 – Business Planning](#) which takes place on 16th March. For more information, please email coss@dtascot.org.uk.

Facilities Management Course – 24th & 25th March

Do you want to learn more about facilities management? COSS is running a two-day Facilities Management Course on 24th & 25th March. The course is for people working in an operational role with facilities management responsibilities. Topics will include financial management, service improvement, health and safety, contract management and sustainability. The fee is £50 per place and places are limited to two delegates per organisation. If you are unable to make the March course, don't worry as there will be another course in September. To book a place or for further information, please email coss@dtascot.org.uk

SCVO & SCOTTISH MEDIATION WORKSHOP

[Managing Relationships In The Third Sector - 8th March 2022, 13:30 – 16:30 GMT](#)

The SCVO HR & Employment Support Service in partnership with Scottish Mediation are providing this online workshop to explore how best to manage and resolve conflict with a view to avoiding stressful, time-consuming and potentially destructive disputes. The workshop provides techniques that are used in mediation and gives an insight into how mediation works and when it might be helpful.

SCOTTISH UNION LEARNING | DIGITAL SKILLS EDUCATION | THE DATA LAB

Free courses: [Data Detox 24 March 13:00-14:30 and Protecting personal data, 24 March 15:00-16:00](#)

Take control of your data privacy, and how to protect your personal data. 2 courses across 3 hours, delivered on Microsoft Teams, with short breaks every 45 mins. You'll get a certificate to recognise your learning. This session is open to all workers in Scotland. You don't need any technical knowledge or experience to take part.

[CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF FUNDRAISING: SCOTTISH FUNDRAISING CONFERENCE, 9 & 10 JUNE 2022](#)

CIOF have rescheduled their in-person conference in Glasgow on 9 & 10 June 2022. The conference will highlight the latest best practice, insights and successes in fundraising. For early bird discounted tickets, book by 15 April.

[HEALTHY MINDS HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: CHEX CONFERENCE 2022 \(WED 16TH MARCH, 10AM-12.45PM\) \(ZOOM\)](#)

This year's conference will explore the role that community-led health plays in supporting good mental health. With the impact of the impact being felt across the country, the conference will highlight how community-led health organisations have brought together the skills, knowledge and insights of their communities to offer innovative, effective and essential mental health support across Scotland.

HOW TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE IN YOUR COMMUNITY – ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

- [Community Fridge & Larder Info \(Afternoon\) Session, 9 March 2022, 14:00 – 15:00 GMT](#)
- [Community Fridge & Larder Info \(Evening\) Session, 9 March 2022, 19:00 – 20:00 GMT](#)

Looking to reduce food waste in your community, or looking for your next community project? Come along to the North Highlands & Islands Climate Action Hub information event on community larders and fridges featuring guest speakers (tbc) with information on funding, advice, and support.

SCCAN COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORKING HYBRID, FRIDAY 11TH OF MARCH, 10:30AM - 3:30PM

Join in person or online with other community led climate advocates across Scotland and share ways of tackling personal and political challenges as change-makers who are seeking a fairer and more just society. Learn about what we can do together in our different local regions to build networks and act effectively towards climate change.

PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS, WEDNESDAY 16TH OF MARCH, 9:30AM - 12 NOON

Jointly hosted by Sustainable Food Places and Food For Life Scotland, register for this online event about investing in sustainable regional food systems and communities through public procurement. Looking at how we use our land, seas to support our local economies, how we nourish those in need and the ability to achieve our climate change commitment.

WEBINAR: INTRODUCTION TO THE JOINT ADULTS AND OLDER PEOPLE QUALITY FRAMEWORK & SELF-EVALUATION TOOLKIT, 9 MARCH 2022, 2PM – 3.30PM CARE INSPECTORATE

This webinar will explain the changes made within the updated Adults and Older People framework, and also introduce staff to the self-evaluation toolkit which has emerged from the learnings of our previous work on [Covid-19 Self Evaluation toolkit for key question 7](#) and from discussions with services and inspectors.

LEARNING DISABILITY AND DEMENTIA MASTERCLASS, 17 MARCH 2022, 2PM - 3.30PM

The session is for all health and social care services staff working with people with dementia and learning disabilities e.g., health and social care support workers, activity coordinators, team leaders, nursing, midwifery and allied health professionals, and lecturers across health and social care.

It will be facilitated via MS Teams Live. To register please click on the link below to complete the registration form by 14 March 2022:

<https://response.questback.com/nhseducationforscotland/bek5y4ts0a> For further information and enquiries please contact Admin Officer for NMAHP, Claire Rolfe, at: Claire.rolfe@nhs.scot

WEBINAR: CHAIRING WITH KINDNESS: TRANSFORMING YOUR BOARD AND ORGANISATION, THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2022. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM LIVE WEBINAR (€10 FOR NON MEMBERS)

An Association of Chairs Webinar.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY TRAINING FOR YOUTH WORKERS AND THOSE WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

[Full day course Wednesday 9th March: 9:30 – 5pm](#)

This free online course is for youth workers and those working with young people. It will provide you with an understanding of the climate emergency and equip you with skills and tools to help the young people you work with take climate action. This course is accredited by the [Carbon Literacy Project](#) and successful participants will receive a Carbon Literacy certificate.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Climate Change Crash Course for Young People consists of one 2-hour Zoom session, and on completion you will be awarded a Keep Scotland Beautiful certificate of completion. Check out the dates and times below to book your place onto one of these sessions:

[Thursday, 10 March 2022 - 16:00](#)

[Friday, 11 March 2022 - 14:30](#)

[Tuesday, 15 March 2022 – 6pm-8pm](#)

[Thursday, 17 March 2022 – 4pm-6pm](#)

[Friday, 18 March 2022 – 3pm-5pm](#)

LEARNING ABOUT NEGLECT EVENT SERIES 2022

With support from CELCIS and the Scottish Government, Child Protection Committees Scotland are delivering free online learning webinars from March - June. Dates include:

17th March: Thinking critically about neglect

21st April: Prebirth and infants

19th May: Early years and primary school age

16th June: Young people and adolescents

Participants will have the opportunity to engage with professionals and organisations on matters regarding child neglect and practice. To remain up to date with event registration and to be added to the event mailing list, contact celcis.learning@strath.ac.uk.

SCVO TRAINING

- [Social media fundamentals](#), 9 March
- [Be report writing ready](#), 15 March
- [Train the trainer: a training toolkit](#), 15, 16 & 22 March
- [Effective minute taking virtually and beyond](#), 22 March
- [Comms and marketing made easy](#), 29 March

Full list of training is available [here](#)

JUST ENTERPRISE WORKSHOPS

Business Skills Workshops

Wednesday 9th March	10.00am – 12.00pm	Introduction to E-Commerce
Tuesday 22nd March	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Preparing for Social Investment
Thurs 24th & 31st March	10.00am - 12.30pm	Business Planning for Community Led Soc Ents
Thursday 31st March	11.00am - 12.30pm	Planning in Uncertain Times
Wednesday 6th April	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Business Planning
Thursday 21st April	11.00am - 12.30pm	Charitable Trading
Wednesday 4th May	10.00am - 12.00pm	Introduction to E-Commerce
Tuesday 10th May	10.00am - 12.00pm	Writing for the Web
Thursday 12th May	10.00am - 12.30pm	Tendering for Public Sector Contracts
Monday 16th May	10.00am – 12.00pm	Preparing for Social Investment
Tuesday 17th May	11.00am - 12.30pm	Planning in Uncertain Times
Tuesday 24th May	1.30pm - 3.30pm	Budgeting

Start Up Workshops & Webinars

The following ONLINE workshops & webinars are aimed at social entrepreneurs and early stage social enterprises (additional dates coming soon):

Wednesday 9th March	10.00am – 12.00pm	Workshop : Legal
Monday 14th March	12.00pm – 2.00pm	Workshop : Finance
Friday 18th March	10.30am – 11.30am	Webinar : Mission & Objectives
Tuesday 22nd March	10.00am – 12.00pm	Workshop : Planning
Thursday 24th March	1.30pm – 3.30pm	Workshop : Digital Ways of Working
Wednesday 27th April	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Workshop : Branding & Marketing

E-Learning

If you would prefer to learn at a pace and time to suit you, you may be interested in registering for the following E-Learning courses via our online platform:

[Steps to Start Up](#)
[Tendering for Contracts](#)
[Measuring Your Social Impact](#)
[Exploring My Leadership](#)

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

[CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE FOR CHILDCARE SERVICES](#)

Guidance for the childcare sector to help providers, staff and parents understand how to operate safely during the coronavirus pandemic (updated 17 February 2022).

[SCOTTISH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 7-11 MARCH 2022](#)

Scottish Apprenticeships are playing an essential role in Scotland's economic revival. Skills Development Scotland have an exciting programme of webinars throughout Scottish Apprenticeship week. Sign up for live and pre-recorded webinars to learn more about the business opportunities.

[NAVIGATING THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM](#)

TalentScotland can help you navigate the UK immigration system. Join their live webinars or watch them on demand. You can also request their tutorials that can help guide you through key processes.

[CONSULTATION: LOW INCOME AND DEBT PROBLEMS INQUIRY](#)

Do you work in the field of debt and money advice? The Social Justice and Social Security Committee has launched a new inquiry and wants to hear your views on the issue of low incomes and problem debt. The call for views closes on 31 March 2022.

[COVID-19 BUSINESS SUPPORT AND CONTINUITY TOURISM FUND](#)

This fund is for tourism businesses in Scotland that have been affected by the Omicron Covid restrictions in place since December 2021. Details of the fund were updated on 24 February 2022.

[CHECK IF YOU CAN CLAIM BACK STATUTORY SICK PAY PAID TO EMPLOYEES DUE TO CORONAVIRUS](#)

If you're an employer, find out if you can use the Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme to claim back employees' Statutory Sick Pay related to Covid-19. The scheme closes after 17 March 2022 (updated 23 February 2022).

[COVID-19 GUIDANCE AND ADVICE FOR HOLIDAYS IN SCOTLAND](#)

Guidance from VisitScotland for weekend breaks and longer holidays you might be planning later this year, with Covid-19 information and advice (updated 23 February 2022).

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COVID-19: SAFER BUSINESSES AND WORKPLACES

Guidance for businesses and workplaces on reducing the risk of Covid-19 and supporting staff and customers. Updated on 28 February 2022 with changes to employer and employee responsibilities, precautionary measures, sector-specific measures, hybrid working, Test and Protect and self-isolation and Risk assessment.

CONSULTATION: LOW INCOME AND DEBT PROBLEMS INQUIRY

Closes 31 Mar 2022

The Social Justice and Social Security Committee want to understand the challenges faced by people with low incomes and debt problems. We want to understand how people on low incomes, with problem debt, access support. As part of our inquiry, we will look at: the types of debt commonly experienced by this group and what improvements could be made to debt processes and the legislative framework.