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THIRD SECTOR NEWS

[SCOTTISH MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA SURVEY](#)

Closing date: 4 March 2022

See Me and the Mental Health Foundation, in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University, have created Scotland’s first national survey on the stigma and discrimination experienced by people with complex mental illnesses. They want to speak to people aged 18 and over who have experienced longer term, enduring mental illnesses which have seriously impacted on their lives. They want to find out:

- What stigma and discrimination people have experienced and how often
- Where in their lives people have experienced it and to what extent
- What impact these experiences has had on their lives and behaviours
- Where people think the highest levels of stigma and discrimination come from
- How people experience self-stigma
- What needs to change to improve people’s experiences of living with complex mental illnesses
- What changes need to happen to end mental health stigma and discrimination

[INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY LAUNCHED](#)

The Scottish Government have announced £20.4 million of funding over the next four years for an independent advocacy service. Advocacy will be provided free by VoiceAbility to disabled people who need support with communication.

Support will be available to people applying for Social Security Scotland administered entitlements, including the Child and Adult Disability Payments. It will also support disabled people applying for entitlements not specific to disability, such as payments for children and carers, or for assistance paying funeral costs.

More information is available on the [VoiceAbility website](#), or by calling Social Security Scotland for free on 0800 182 2222 and asking to be referred to the Independent Advocacy Service.

NEXT ROUND OF SCALLOWAY WATERFRONT CONSULTATION

Scalloway Waterfront & Town Centre Feasibility Study & Masterplan
Comment and Vote on the Proposed Priority Projects

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Meet the Design Team

Scalloway Public Hall Drop In Times - Friday 18th February 1- 5pm and Saturday 19th February 10am – 5pm

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Session for Young People
SATURDAY 19th Feb 6.30 - 7.30pm
@ the Youth Café (Scalloway Youth Centre)

For more information please contact Stewart Douglas:
stewart@ssd.scot or call (or text/WhatsApp) 07444 951 174



CENSUS DAY - 20TH MARCH

Look out for your letter in the post and fill in Scotland's 2022 Census. The census gathers the information needed to influence important services in your community, from health and social care, to transport and education.

INFORMATION FOR ORGANISATIONS

This census will be a digital first census and the government wants to encourage as many households in Scotland as possible to complete it online. There is a [toolkit](#) and supporting assets to support organisations to engage with their own communities, groups, partners and service users about the census. The [toolkit](#) has lots of information about the census, as well as advertising, social media and other promotional materials you can download and share. Please use the [toolkit](#) and assets to promote the census, encourage participation and answer questions.

Scotland's Census is also holding sessions to give you a live demo of the online census completion website, information on the toolkit and supporting assets and the help and support available to enable people to complete the census. There will also be time for a Q & A session at the end. Each online session will last no longer than 1 hour and we invite you to register for the relevant session by clicking on the link below.

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| Wednesday, 2 March 2022 | 11:00 – 12:00 | Click here to register for session |
| Wednesday, 9 March 2022 | 11:00 – 12:00 | Click here to register for session |
| Wednesday, 16 March 2022 | 11:00 – 12:00 | Click here to register for session |

For more information contact: Scotlandscensus@nrscotland.gov.uk

CONSULTATION: SHETLAND ISLAND COUNCIL / PLAN SHETLAND: MAIN ISSUES REPORT

The Main Issues Report is an opportunity in the Local Development Plan (LDP) process for the public to engage and let the council know what they think. The Main Issues Report examines changes since the last LDP and identifies the key development and land use issues which the new LDP must address. For most of the Main Issues identified, two options for addressing each Main Issue are presented. In this consultation, you are asked to decide which option you think is best.

NATIONAL PROCUREMENT FRAMEWORK FOR EMPLOYABILITY SERVICES

A new national framework for the procurement of employability services in Scotland is being developed, and the process for joining the framework is now live on the [Public Contracts Scotland \(PCS\) web portal](#). If your organisation is interested in tendering for employability work contract opportunities from any local authorities in Scotland, you will need to join the framework first, and if your organisation is not already registered as a supplier on the PCS web portal, you will need to register before joining the framework. You can register on the PCS web portal [here](#), and you can find out more about the National Procurement Framework for Employability Services and/or join [here](#).

TIME FOR YOU SERVICE – VIRTUAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS

SAMH is providing a new, free service which frontline workers can access right now. The [Time for You](#) service offers instant access to free mental health and wellbeing support for frontline workers in Scotland. There are three levels of support to choose from, ranging from online self-help to one-to-one therapy.

NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR

NO UPDATES

RESOURCES

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](#)

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) VOLUNTEERING - THIRD SECTOR PERSPECTIVES: SURVEY REPORT

The results of a survey undertaken by Scottish Government in collaboration with Volunteer Scotland to gather third sector perspectives on volunteering during the COVID-19 pandemic.

REPORT: [GOOD JOBS IN SCOTLAND](#)

A report from the Learning & Work Institute for the Poverty and Inequality Commission Scotland. The research explores the current state of job quality in Scotland; how employment and core measures of job quality are likely to change; and what works to increase the number and proportion of good jobs.

[RIGHT TO BUY GUIDANCE \(NEW\)](#)

The Community Ownership Support Service (COSS) has published new guidance for communities who are considering Community Right to Buy (CRtB) covering: Which CRtB option is most appropriate for your community; An overview of the three CRtB processes; Getting ready for CRtB; Four case studies from communities that have used the process and Tools and resources to help you on your journey.

[OUR PLACE](#)

A new site devoted to promoting the benefits of place and place-based working. You can access case studies, resources, and a place toolbox. It also features information on local place plans, including a How to Guide developed by SCDC and Nick Wright Planning.

[SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE WEBINARS - CATCHUP](#)

Watch past Scottish Enterprise webinars at your convenience.

SCVO BLOG: [STEPPING IN WHEN MARKETS FAIL](#)

A blog by Margaret McSparran - head of Social Enterprise Development at Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE). Margaret's blog looks at the importance of the role of the third sector to both communities as well as to the wider economy and how HIE has supported this work in the Highland region since the 1960s.

FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

[SCVO: DIGISHIFT 52: HOW TO AVOID BIAS IN DATA, 10:00-11:00, 23RD FEBRUARY 2022](#)

More and more charities are using data to understand their communities, activities and impact, and to shape their plans. But you need to be careful to avoid importing bias into your data. This session will explore what bias is, why it's a problem when working with data and how you can take action to make your data as free of bias as possible.

[NATIONAL TRAUMA INFORMED TRAINING PROGRAMME \(ONLINE \)](#)

The Scottish Government is committed to preventing and reducing adverse childhood experiences and trauma. It supports the National Trauma Training Programme, led by NHS Education for Scotland (NES) to provide free training and education resources to support the skills and knowledge of the whole Scottish workforce.

FREE WELLBEING WEBINARS FOR ALL CHILDCARE PROFESSIONALS

Funded by the Scottish Government, Early Years Scotland is currently hosting a series of online wellbeing events until the end of March.

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.

[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

BUSINESS GATEWAY

[Photography for online business, 22nd February, 2pm - 4pm](#)

[Email marketing for business, 23rd February, 11:30am - 1pm](#)

[Building your brand and promotional graphics, 23rd February, 1pm - 3pm](#)

[Writing a business plan: Why it's essential, 21st February, 2pm - 4pm](#)

[Starting up: Everything you need to know, 22nd February, 10am - 12pm](#)

[Protect your business and data from hackers, 24th February, 10am - 12pm](#)

[Social media analytics, 23rd February, 2pm - 4pm](#)

[Instagram for business, 24th February, 2pm - 4pm](#)

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.

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.

SCVO TRAINING

- [Develop your fundraising skills: thriving funds in difficult times](#), 1 & 8 March
- [All things financial: building a strong financial foundation](#), 2 March
- [Meeting today's volunteering challenges](#), 2 March
- [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](#)

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

[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.

[COVID 19: THE IMPACT ON CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE](#)

In late 2021, the Committee held meetings about the impact of the pandemic on education with groups and organisations. We've produced a report and now we want your views on our findings.

[THE NATIONAL CARE SERVICE – WHAT IS HAPPENING NEXT?](#)

The Scottish Government has said that [legislation will be introduced in the Scottish Parliament in summer 2022](#), most likely June, and it intends to establish a NCS by the end of the Parliamentary term.

[COVID-19: SAFER BUSINESSES AND WORKPLACES](#)

Updated on 15 February 2022 with changes to Overview, Employer and employee responsibilities, Precautionary measures, Sector-specific measures, Hybrid working, Test and Protect: self-isolation, Vaccination and workplace testing and Travel and transport.

[COVID-19 SCHOOL RULES TO BE EASED](#)

High school pupils and staff will not be required to wear face coverings in classrooms from 28 February, after the schools mid-term break. Teachers and pupils who wish to continue to wear a face covering in the classroom should be fully supported in doing so.

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE COVID-19 UPDATE NO. 21 – FEBRUARY 2022](#)

The Scottish Government continues to provide updates regarding the current Covid-19 situation, guidance and regulations.