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### THIRD SECTOR NEWS

#### **OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS: SHETLAND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND**

Voluntary Action Shetland (VAS) is delighted to launch the Communities Health and Wellbeing Fund on behalf of the Scottish Government on Friday 19th November 2021. In partnership with a range of local agencies and through the development of a local partnership plan, this Fund will support initiatives that supports adults in the community aged 16 years and above, which promote mental health and wellbeing at a small scale, grass roots, community level throughout Shetland.

The fund will be accessible to groups, no matter how small or inexperienced they are. It can support both new and existing groups or projects. These do not have to have mental health and wellbeing as their main focus, but their application does have to clearly benefit the mental wellbeing of people in their community.

Applications can be accepted from a range of voluntary, 'not for profit' organisations, associations, groups and clubs or consortiums/partnerships which have a strong community focus for their activities. Applications will be accepted from **19th November 2021** until **21st January 2022**. A maximum of £5,000 can be applied for to support activities until 31st March 2022.

There will an information sessions for any groups who would like more information on the Fund on Tuesday 30th November 2021, 12pm - 1pm.

To book click on the eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-mental-health-and-wellbeing-fund-online-information-session-tickets-211793489027>

For an application pack and for any initial enquiries please:

- E-mail: [vas@shetland.org](mailto:vas@shetland.org)
- Telephone: Market House Reception 01595 743900

## **INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES FUND – PRE-LAUNCH INFORMATION WEBINARS**

The Scottish Government's Investing in Communities Fund (ICF) is due to open for a second round of applications in Spring 2022. In advance of that, The Scottish Government's Regeneration Unit will be holding two webinar information sessions to provide an overview of the fund's aims, eligibility criteria and the application process for prospective applicants. The sessions will take place online on:

- Tuesday 30th November at 10.30am – register [here](#)
- Wednesday 8th December at 2pm – register [here](#).

You can also find further information about the ICF [here](#).

## **COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP SUPPORT SERVICE (COSS) SURVEY**

**Deadline: 13 December 2021**

Part 5 of the Community Empowerment Act introduced rights for community groups to take over publicly-owned land or buildings in ways that recognised the public benefits that transfer can bring. The Act, implemented in 2017, has defined a legal process for asset transfer, giving rights to community groups and placing duties on public bodies to respond to these rights.

The Community Ownership Support Service (COSS) is a Scottish Government funded programme set up to help community groups take on assets for their community. They would like to hear the views and experiences of those groups which have considered or embarked on community asset transfer. The results will help COSS inform national working groups evaluating the Community Empowerment Act and how it is implemented.

**Please follow link here for the survey:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NVP2878>

If you want any further information on this please contact Linda Gillespie, COSS Programme Manager, email: [linda@dtascot.org.uk](mailto:linda@dtascot.org.uk) or phone: 0131 225 2080.

## **NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR**

No Updates

## RESOURCES

### [ZERO TOLERANCE: PRIMARY PREVENTION BRIEFING](#)

A 4 page summary on how to end violence against women and girls in Scotland. It outlines the extent of violence against women and girls in Scotland, explains the cause of this violence, and sets out what everyone can do to play their part in ending all violence against women and girls.

## FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

### [SCOTLAND'S CLIMATE FESTIVAL](#)

Keep Scotland Beautiful has now officially opened its Scotland's Climate Festival for registration. The Climate Festival, which is funded by the Scottish Government, will support communities across Scotland to host events on climate action.

### **COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUY INFORMATION WEBINARS**

Community Ownership Support Service (COSS) / Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS)

COSS has just launched new Introduction to Community Right to Buy (CRtB) guidance ([available here](#)). To accompany this they are running a webinar for community groups. This webinar will run twice on two dates:

- Wednesday 1st December 2pm to 4pm -  
Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-1b-introduction-to-community-right-to-buy-tickets-205713794497>
- Monday 13th December 2pm to 4pm -  
Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-1b-introduction-to-community-right-to-buy-tickets-205727475417>

### [CLIMATE EMERGENCY TRAINING FOR YOUTH WORKERS AND THOSE WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE](#)

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.

This course consists of three Zoom sessions along with some learning in your own time. We are running this course at various times during October and November. Book your place:

- [Wednesday 1, 8 and 15 December: 10am - 12pm](#)
- [Full day course Thursday 16 December: 9.30am - 5pm](#)

### **SHARE, SUSTAIN, SHAPE CLD PROFESSIONAL LEARNING NETWORK EVENTS**

A programme of free online practitioner learning for those working in community learning and development (CLD) - organised by the regional professional learning networks in Scotland over five weeks in November/December 2021.

Practitioner led topics to include:

- Family learning and terminology
- Participatory budgeting and engagement
- Practitioner health and wellbeing
- Evaluative writing
- Digital engagement practice
- Supporting New Scots
- Youth Work and creative methods in evaluation
- Using the Citizen Literacies App.
- Partnership working
- CLD ethics

### **CENSUS AWARENESS SESSIONS**

Scotland's next census will be held in March 2022. This event will give you information on how the census will be delivered, how you can help get messages to, and support, communities to take part and be counted. There will also be time for a Q&A session at the end. Click on a date below to register.

- [Wednesday 1 December 11am-11:30am](#)
- [Wednesday 8 December 11am-11:30am](#)
- [Wednesday 15 December 11am-11:30am](#)

### **SCVO UPCOMING EVENTS**

- [Pro bono series: Changing terms and conditions with Anderson Strathern](#), 1 December
- [Good governance - Why evaluation and reporting matters to trustees](#), 1 December
- [Intermediaries network: HR & employment support service update](#), 2 December
- [78th SCVO Annual General Meeting](#), 7 December
- [Fair work nation consultation](#), 14 December

### **JUST ENTERPRISE WORKSHOPS - BUSINESS SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

These events are aimed at those working or volunteering within established social enterprises

- [E-Commerce](#) - Thursday 16th December  
Is selling online right for you? With more and more social enterprises beginning to sell their products online this workshop considers the risks and benefits of doing so - how it may suit your organisation and align with your purpose.
- [Planning in Uncertain Times](#) - Thursday 25th November  
Try to picture your organisation in a couple of years' time. What will it look like? How will it have been shaped by the local, national and international developments that are taking place? In this workshop we will discuss how to set strategic goals, objectives and outcomes even in the most uncertain times.
- [Business Planning](#) - Wednesday 1st December  
A comprehensive step by step guide to ensuring your social enterprise business becomes a commercial success.
- [Preparing for Social Investment](#) - Friday 3rd December  
Is your organisation considering social investment? Find out if it is right for you in this 2 hour session delivered by specialist agencies involved in supporting social enterprises across Scotland.
- [Charitable Trading](#) - Wednesday 8th December  
This session will take you through what types of trading are permissible for charities and the associated legal implications to make sure you stay on the right side of the law!

**The**  
**“Living Well” Hub**

Do you know how to get support?

Are you living the life you want?

What matters most to me?

Do I feel part of the community?

What matters most to me?

**Pop in along and see how we can help**

A place to have a Face to Face chat and find out about:

- Living independently
- Local groups and activities
- Support for unpaid carers
- Services who could help you and your family
- Being healthy

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**“Community” we are better together**  
**Brae Youth Centre**  
**Monday's and Friday's 10am – 2pm**

## SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

### **SUPPORT FOR RURAL COMMUNITY-LED ORGANISATIONS**

The Support for Communities Framework can help if you run, or participate in, a community-led organisation based in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. Submit an enquiry and an adviser will be in touch to discuss your needs.

### **WEBINAR: RECOVERY, REBUILD AND GROW – FINANCIAL READINESS - 8 DECEMBER 2021**

Join this Scottish Enterprise webinar led by Gary Torbett where the guest panelists will give a brief overview of funding available, followed by a Q&A.

### **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): BUSINESS VENTILATION FUND**

The Business Ventilation Fund will provide funding to help small and medium sized businesses improve their ventilation, and help reduce the spread of Covid-19.