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THIRD SECTOR NEWS

SHETLAND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND

Don't miss out! This Fund will support initiatives that support 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. Mental health and wellbeing doesn't have to be the focus, but you do have to clearly benefit the mental wellbeing of people in their community. 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. For an application pack and for any initial enquiries please e-mail: vas@shetland.org or telephone: Market House Reception 01595 743900

[WATCH AN INFORMATION SESSION ON THE FUND](#)

THE MULTIPLIER – A PROGRAMME TO INVEST IN, SUPPORT, AND CONNECT LEADERS WHO ARE BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

After a successful pilot last year, the Cares Family are looking for 10 community leaders to join the 2022 cohort. Successful applicants will be a part of nine workshops over eight months (some online, some face-to-face) to help them to adapt, grow and multiply their initiatives as well as to deepen and broaden their impact. They will also receive grants of £7,000 and coaching, as well as introductions to new networks.

Find out more, including how people to apply [here](#).
Closing date for applications is 23rd January at 23.59.
Information Session - 14 January 2022, 12pm to 1pm. Please click [here](#) for all the details.

THE CIRCLE ACADEMY

The Circle Academy is a practical and educational training programme for individuals interested in running a 'More Than Profit' business. The programme is open to anyone who wants to create positive, social or environmental change in a sustainable and commercially viable way. They have received funding from the Scottish Government to provide subsidised places and are looking for people from the following groups, please note that you only need fit at least one of the criteria to be eligible for the funded position:

- from or working in rural communities
- people whose business is in the environmental space
- young people under 30
- international candidates (new funding category)

See an updated version of the programme brochure and applications here:

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/Em2Wnpcr>

More information about the programme and a video case study on the website:

<https://thecircledundee.org.uk/the-circle-academy/>

GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMUNITY PORTAL LAUNCHED

The DCMS Government Grants Community Team is aiming to make it simpler, faster and fairer for civil society to find and apply for Government funding. Find out more and sign up to have your say [here](#).

NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR

CHARITIES URGED TO SUBMIT ANNUAL RETURN INFORMATION

If your annual return deadline date is 31st December (those who's financial year end is 31st March) please file returns in time for the deadline. OSCR's office will be closed from 12pm on 24 December 2021 until 05 January 2022 and staff will not be available to support those who are having difficulties logging in to OSCR Online.

RESOURCES

CHARITY DIGITAL:

- [Video: Three ways a cyber attack can affect your charity](#)
- [The battle against spyware](#)
- [The best platforms for copyright-free music](#)

REPORT: [MANAGING IN A CRISIS](#)

Bate Wells' Crisis Management Guide for charities. Aimed at charities in England this report looks at some of the varied issues that might prompt a crisis, how you might preempt a crisis, and how to plan for the worst, should it happen. Themes include:

- How do you deal with your regulators?
- When should you make a serious incident report to the Charity Commission?
- How do you manage communications?
- How can you respond to cyber fraud?

[TFN'S GUIDE TO RUNNING A CHARITY](#)

[NATIONAL WELLBEING HUB](#)

The hub provides information, resources, and support for all health and social care workers and unpaid carers in Scotland.

Various new resources to help and support everyone working in health and social work/social care services, wherever they work, through the challenging period ahead. The resources are intended to empower and encourage colleagues to look after their own, and their colleague's wellbeing.

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUY GUIDANCE AND WEBINAR

COSS has launched a new Introduction to Community Right to Buy (CRtB) guidance ([available here](#)). The guidance has been created for community groups that are thinking of going down the 'community buyout route'. It covers the processes for the three main CRtB powers, a comparison between the different options and an overview of how to prepare for using these rights. To accompany the guidance, COSS has also developed a webinar. COSS will be running the free webinar again in the new year. For more details and/or to be placed on the waiting list, please email coss@dtascot.org.uk.

FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

FREE FUNDING WORKSHOP: EASYFUNDRAISING PLATFORM - HOW TO TAP INTO UNRESTRICTED FUNDING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION IN 2022

An informal session to find out your voluntary group, CIC, social enterprise, church, school, sports club or charity can benefit from unrestricted funding in 2022.

Community Fundraising Manager Becky Coleman will talk through how your volunteers, staff and supporters can use the easyfundraising platform to raise donations for your organisation when they shop with thousands of leading retailers. Becky will demonstrate how it works, show you how to get started and answer any questions you might have. easyfundraisign is free to use and is trusted by 170,000 good causes around the UK.

When: Tuesday 1st February 2022, 12.30 – 1.00pm, Online via Zoom

Register at: <http://efraising.org/1vY4Fny7kh>

If you would like to get started with easyfundraising ahead of this session, you can do that here: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/community

TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS – ONLINE INFO EVENT 19 JANUARY 2022, 1PM

Greenspace scotland are running a relaxed Q and A session about Tesco Community Grants with a chance to meet the Community Enabler Team who can support you to apply. This Zoom lunchtime session will give an overview of Tesco Community Grant funding; what types of projects are funded, how to apply and support we can provide. If you'd like to know more or are thinking about applying, then please join our friendly Community Enabler team. Bring your own sandwich and cuppa!

The session is up to an hour to allow for questions but feel free to pop in for any length of time that works for you. There will be a presentation at the start.

Sign up free via Eventbrite – <https://tescocommunitygrantsinfo.eventbrite.co.uk>

Tesco Community Grants is a rolling programme that provides grants up to £1500 to support projects focused on

- supporting children/ young people/ families and
- tackling food insecurity through local initiatives such as breakfast and lunch clubs or food growing, cooking skills and food distribution.

It is open to schools, registered charities, community groups, and not-for-profit organisations. The next new round will cover April/May/June 2022 when customers will be able to vote instore and choose from 3 shortlisted projects. Previously “Tesco Bags of Help”. Past grantees can apply again as long as previous grant is spent and Completion Report submitted to Groundwork.

More info about the grants and your local Community Enabler can be found here: <https://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/grant-funding>

YOUTHLINK SCOTLAND

[AN INTRODUCTION TO INTERSECTIONAL YOUTH WORK](#)

This training will help you to begin to understand intersectionality and how it fits in with your youth work practice. We will look at why intersectionality is important for us as youth workers and how we can include it in our work.

Dates available: [25 January from 1pm to 4pm](#) or [10 February from 1pm to 4pm](#)

[CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN YOUTH WORK: WHAT, WHY AND HOW?](#)

Wed, 2 February 2022, 09:30 – 13:00 GMT

Explore what children's rights are, why we have those rights, what the articles are and provide space for personal reflection in relation to what you or your organisation is already doing or what could be changed in the future.

BE ACTIVE, BE WELL ONLINE PROGRAMME

Scottish Disability Sport and Scottish Association of Mental Health (SAMH) are delighted to announce that the Be Active, Be Well online programme is returning this January. This programme is designed for anyone over the age of 16 years who would like to look after their physical and mental health. All activities can be tailored for all abilities. Activities on offer include: Tai Chi, Wheelchair Exercises, HIIT, Oxygen Advantage, Five Ways to Wellbeing and Mindfulness.

The full calendar of sessions, together with details about how to register is available [here](#). Sessions start on the 17th of January.

Find out more about the presenters [here](#).

For more information follow this link [Be Active, Be Well 2020 - Impact and Evaluation - YouTube](#)

[GET THE GEN TRAINING](#)

Volunteering matters, YouthLink Scotland and Young Scot and are delighted to announce further dates in February for their highly successful Scottish Government funded Get the Gen training. If you would like to learn more about how to make your organisation more young people friendly you can sign up for one of two (which ever best suits your ambitions for widening youth participation) highly immersive and interactive online workshop with lots of practical takeaways, or if you are an experienced practitioner and would like to facilitate and host a session for your organisation there is a workshop for you too.

You can find further information about Get the Gen [here](#) and sign up for the workshops [here](#).

JUST ENTERPRISE - WINTER/SPRING ONLINE BUSINESS SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Workshops are currently being delivered on-line, they are all fully funded and they're available to book right now. Places are limited, however, so if you see something of interest, don't delay in registering!

Tuesday 25th January	10.00am - 12.00pm	Writing for the Web
Thursday 27th January	11.00am - 12.30pm	Charitable Trading
Thurs 27th Jan & 3rd Feb	10.00am - 12.30pm	Planning for Community Led Soc Ents
Wednesday 9th February	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Business Planning
Thursday 17th February	11.00am - 12.30pm	Planning in Uncertain Times
Tuesday 22nd February	1.30pm - 3.30pm	Understanding Financial Statements
Thursday 3rd March	11.00am - 12.30pm	Charitable Trading
Friday 4th March	10.00am - 12.30pm	Tendering for Public Sector Contracts
Wednesday 9th March	10.00am - 12.00pm	Introduction to E-Commerce
Tuesday 22nd March	1.30pm - 3.30pm	Budgeting
Thurs 24th & 31st March	10.00am - 12.30pm	Planning for Community Led Soc Ents
Tuesday 29th March	10.00am - 12.00pm	Writing for the Web
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
Tuesday 26th April	1.30pm - 3.30pm	Understanding Financial Statements
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
Tuesday 17th May	11.00am - 12.30pm	Planning in Uncertain Times
Tuesday 24th May	1.30pm - 3.30pm	Budgeting

GENERATIONS WORKING TOGETHER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (ONLINE), WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY, 12PM – 1PM

To attend please email Bella Kerr - bella@generationsworkingtogether.org

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

[CONSULTATION: ENDING THE NEED FOR FOOD BANKS: A DRAFT NATIONAL PLAN](#)

Closes: 25 January 2022

The draft national plan sets out what the Scottish Government are currently doing and what more we intend to do, alongside others, to end the need for food banks as a primary response to food insecurity. The consultation questions will help to identify further practical action that can be taken at all levels to deliver this vision.

[CONSULTATION: WINTER HEATING BENEFITS – LOW INCOME WINTER HEATING ASSISTANCE](#)

Closes: 23 February 2022

The Scottish Government has committed to replacing the UK Government's Cold Weather Payment (CWP) of £25 for every 7 day period of very cold weather, with a new £50 winter heating payment paid annually to low-income households. This consultation seeks views on whether the policy will best meet the needs of those it is intended to help.

[CONSULTATION: PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY](#)

Closes: 7 March 2022

Consultation on proposals for the review into the effectiveness of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland.

[DECEMBER AND JANUARY BUSINESS SUPPORT TOP UP](#)

This fund is for Scottish businesses in the following sectors affected by public health guidance in December 2021: hospitality; some parts of the wedding sector supply chain wholesalers affected by hospitality cancellations; some parts of the tourism sector, including inbound tour operators; culture sector.

Payments will be made as soon as possible in January. Further guidance will be added w/c 20 December 2021. Keep checking this link for updates.

[COVID-19: TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY SECTOR](#)

Guidance for the tourism and hospitality sector, including procedures for staff and customer safety and an operations checklist. Updated on 16 December 2021 to reflect reinforcement of protective measures in hospitality settings.