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### THIRD SECTOR NEWS

#### **[SALTIRE AWARDS DEADLINE – 8 FEBRUARY 2022](#)**

If you have a young person aged 12-25 in Shetland who has been recording their volunteering / Saltire hours and they are entitled to receive a certificate - please get in touch with Voluntary Action Shetland Volunteering to return the necessary paperwork **NO LATER** than Tuesday 8th February 2022.

More information and details of all the paperwork required is available at:  
[Forms for Saltire Awards - Volunteers \(shetland-communities.org.uk\)](https://www.shetland-communities.org.uk/forms-for-saltire-awards-volunteers)

If you need help with any of this paperwork or need to check anything out please get in touch with Lavinia Schmidt, [lavinia.schmidt@shetland.org](mailto:lavinia.schmidt@shetland.org) 01595 743911

#### **[NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND SURVEY](#)**

**Deadline: 11 February 2022**

The National Lottery Heritage Fund would like to hear from organisations across Scotland about how they can help more people to access their funding. Their research will involve a short interview and all participants will be remunerated for their contribution. Find out how and why you should take part [on their website](#).

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

**Closing Date: 21 Feb 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.

**[SCOTTISH COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS \(SCVO\) ANNUAL CHARITY AWARDS](#)**

**Deadline: 18 March 2022**

The annual Scottish Charity Awards highlight the best, most innovative and effective charities, social enterprises, community groups and individuals from the past year and celebrates those who make a difference in our communities. They are designed to celebrate the best of the voluntary sector, and applications are now being accepted for 2022.

The award categories are Employee of the Year, Trustee of the Year, Community Action, Campaign of the Year, Charity of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Digital Citizen, Pioneering Project and Climate Conscious - with the winners to be decided by a panel of judges.

**SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND - [SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR OF GRANT SCHEME – PRESS RELEASE](#)**

Over 120 community groups have applied for nearly £300,000 from the Viking Community Fund, operated by Shetland Community Benefit Fund in the first year of the current grant aid scheme. The funding has helped secure projects with a total value of nearly £1.5m. Recent schemes that have been approved include nearly £10,000 for improvements to the South Mainland Up-Helly-Aa galley shed, £5,000 for improvements at the Symbister Public Hall and a £10,000 grant for Fetlar Community Association's new website. Approved schemes from Parent Councils include £7,000 for a new sheltered area for the Urafirth school and £4,600 for a new poly tunnel cover at the Whalsay primary school. The Unst junior badminton, football and netball associations have all received grant aid as well as Sandwick and Scalloway boating clubs.

## **CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS: ACCESSING SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR LONG COVID**

This research project is about the experiences of people with Long Covid in accessing appropriate social support. We want to learn about how people with Long Covid have been managing their lives and what supports they have been able to access. This includes resources that might be required for people to live independently and well and engage with their communities.

Taking part could help make positive changes to how Long Covid is supported in Scotland. We hope that our research will provide evidence to help improve policy and practice. To do that, we want to hear from as many people as possible, to fully represent what works and what does not work in the current system – to influence how support and services continue to develop.

This project involves interviews with adults and young people with Long Covid. Interviews will take place remotely, either online or by telephone. They will take no more than an hour (ideally 30 minutes). Comments from interviews will be fully anonymised prior to any publication of project findings.

If you have experienced or are living with Long Covid we'd be very keen to hear from you. The interviewee information and consent form is attached to this email.

If you've any questions about the project, or are interested in taking part, please email Dr Emma Miller at [e.miller@strath.ac.uk](mailto:e.miller@strath.ac.uk) or phone 07796630922.

## **SUPPORT FOR LEARNING EXCHANGES WITH THE SCOTTISH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**

Scottish Communities Alliance seeks to build levels of mutual support across the sector – both by encouraging communities to support one another and by supporting national networks and intermediaries to collaborate and to share resources to best effect.

[The Community Learning Exchange](#), funded by the Scottish Government, is one of the ways in which they seek to do this. They can provide you and your organisation with the following support:

**Virtual:** The Community Learning Exchange will cover up to 100% of the costs of the preparation and delivery time incurred by the host organisation. Virtual visits may be initiated by a community group approaching another, requesting that they 'host' a virtual visit. Alternatively, a community group with knowledge and experience to share might choose to promote a virtual visit more widely. To this end, the Exchange will fund proposals for planning and delivery for up to 13 hours at £35 per hour.

**Face to face:** The Exchange will fund up to 100% of the costs of a visit by members of one community to another community project up to a limit of £750 to include travel, accommodation and subsistence.

More information can be found [here](#)

## **NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND SCOTLAND SIMPLE GUIDE TO FUNDING PROGRAMMES**

National Lottery Community Fund Scotland have recognised the time-consuming nature of searching for funding and have produced a simple guide to their main funding programmes for Scotland:

- National Lottery Awards for All Scotland (up to £10,000) for community or sports projects.
- Young Start (up to £100,000) for projects with children and young people where they play an active role in development, design and delivery.
- Community Led (up to £150,000) for broad community wellbeing activities, in a local area, led by local people.
- Improving Lives (up to £200,000) to tackle specific needs, local or regional projects.
- Scottish Land Fund (up to £1 million) for community-led organisations that want to take ownership of land assets, land rights or buildings important to their local community.

All the programmes have a rolling application process and you can apply at any time. You can find the guide and further information [here](#).

## **HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND TO LAUNCH NEW HERITAGE & PLACE PROGRAMME IN MARCH 2022**

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) is planning to launch a new Heritage & Place Programme on 30 March. This programme will replace and build on the success of their Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) funding programme which ran from 2007 – 2020 (final schemes to complete in 2025) and awarded over £52m to 73 schemes in 69 conservation areas across Scotland.

The new programme has been designed to take into account the findings from the recent [CARS review](#) with some of the key changes including the introduction of a two-stage application process with a match-funded Development Phase and the removal of requirement for schemes to be solely in conservation areas. HES are working in collaboration with the National Lottery Heritage Fund on this programme who also provide support for heritage place projects (Area schemes). If you would like to find out more about applying for their funding please contact [scotland@heritagefund.org.uk](mailto:scotland@heritagefund.org.uk).

An overview of the Heritage & Place Programme can be found [here](#) and the full programme guidance and information about the application process will be published on the HES website on 30 March 2022. If you have any questions about the Heritage & Place Programme in the meantime or would like to note your interest, please e-mail HES at [grants@hes.scot](mailto:grants@hes.scot).

## [SHETLAND CARERS WINTER WELLBEING FUND 2021/22](#)

There are four different ways that carers can access support from this fund, ranging from individual grants to breaks through other service providers. Carer can apply for support from **ONE** area of the fund : -

- Apply for a short break grant of up to £150 to allow you to take a break of your choice from your caring role
- Apply for a Shetland Recreational Trust (SRT) More 4 Life subscription through Shetland Carers
- Apply for overnight respite support which will be provided in partnership with Shetland Carer Attendant Scheme
- Apply for a Recovery Grant of up to £150 for financial support to meet the cost of food and household bills, utility costs, travel and fuel costs

This funding has been provided by government specifically to support carers over the winter period with funds to be allocated by 31st March 2022. The focus for the fund should be improved health and wellbeing, improved economic/financial wellbeing and improved social wellbeing. Target groups include carers who are at risk of isolation over the winter period and who have been unable to access breaks.

Shetland Carers have also recently launched [New FREE Counselling Sessions](#) and [Massage sessions for carers](#).

## NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR

### [YOUR VOICE MATTERS: THE SCOTTISH CHARITY SURVEY 2022](#)

During February, OSCR is asking the public and charities across Scotland to help with an important survey. This is your opportunity to have a say about the charity sector in Scotland and OSCR's work.

## RESOURCES

### CHARITY DIGITAL ARTICLES:

- [Free cyber security tools that can help charities](#)

### ZERO SUICIDE ALLIANCE – TRAINING & RESOURCES

There is a selection of free and costed courses (online and face to face). Free courses are listed below:

- [ZSA Suicide Awareness Training](#)
- [We need to talk about suicide - HEE](#)
- [ZSA Gateway Training](#) (a brief but vital introduction to suicide awareness)
- [ZSA Step Up Training \(on Social Isolation\)](#)
- [Start the Conversation - Suicide training](#)  
TAS10 - Talking about Suicide: Ten Tools - is accessible, safe and sensitively-delivered with optional gentle interactive elements, and zero pressure or expectation to share anything.

## FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

### SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND EVENTS

[What next for Community Interest Companies? on 9 Feb](#) - What are the current challenges, barriers and opportunities for CICs? Come and meet the CIC Regulator - and share your own views and experiences.

[The new National Care Service and social enterprise, 16 Feb](#) - What is the NCS and how can you get involved?

[The Business Purpose Commission & social enterprise, 23 Feb](#) - examining the social impact of all Scotland's businesses.

[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.



The advertisement features a yellow background with a grid pattern. On the left, there is a metallic, circular mechanical device with various bolts and a handle. The text 'CYBER RESILIENCE' is written in large, bold, black letters. Below it, 'FREE TRAINING AVAILABLE NOW!' is written in white. At the bottom, 'SMALL CHANGES MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE' is written in black. Logos for CyberScotland, the Scottish Government, and the TSI Scotland Network are at the bottom right. A dark grey bar at the very bottom contains the text 'CYBERScotLAND PARTNERSHIP'.

### **FREE Cyber Resilience Training Available for Individuals Working for Organisations In The Third Sector**

Small changes can make a big difference to your organisation's online security. Get the tools you need to protect your organisation! In this 1 hour session you can find out more on:

- Password security
- Scam/ phishing emails - how to spot and what to do
- Device security

#### **Dates:**

- Thursday 24 February 2022, 10.30am—11.30am
- Thursday 24 February 2022, 16 November 2021, 7pm – 8pm
- Tuesday 1 March 2022, 11am—12pm
- Thursday 3 March 202, 3pm—4pm

**To book a place or for more information**

**email: [vas.training@shetland.org](mailto:vas.training@shetland.org)**



### **LAND REUSE MONTH – MARCH 2022**

Join the Scottish Land Commission every Thursday morning from 3-24 March for a range of online events designed to support delivery of [#LandReform](#) in the public sector.

## **SOCIAL INVESTMENT SCOTLAND: NET ZERO & SUSTAINABILITY WEBINARS**

[Social Investment Scotland](#) (SIS) are running a series of webinars focused on Net Zero transition and Sustainability. They include a session on the Net Zero Transition Fund, and social investment for charities and social enterprises

[Thinking Sustainably – Social Investment For Charities and Social Enterprises](#) - Tuesday 15th Feb @ 12 noon – 1pm, Workshop showcasing how investment can support sustainable ops changes.

[Thinking Sustainably – Social Investment For Charities and Social Enterprises](#) - Tuesday 22nd Feb @ 12 noon – 1pm. Workshop showcasing how investment can support sustainable ops changes.

[Thinking Sustainably – Social Investment For Trustees & Board Members](#) - Tuesday 15th March @5pm – 7pm, Workshop showcasing how investment can support sustainable ops changes in your organisation.

## **SCOTTISH FUNDRAISING CONFERENCE**

The conference, which is the largest gathering of fundraisers outside of London, is returning to the Doubletree by Hilton Glasgow Central on the 9th and 10th June 2022.

## **RURAL HOUSING SCOTLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 25TH FEBRUARY 2022.**

Due to the current circumstances surrounding Covid-19, this year they will be running their conference online.

## **GCVS: TRAUMA INFORMED MANAGEMENT & PRACTICE – FREE, FRIDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT 10AM**

This free full day training session by Resilience Learning Partnership (RLP) is designed and delivered by people with lived experience and supports staff to increase their awareness and understanding of the impact of trauma. Priority booking is for individuals based in Glasgow.

## **CULTURE AND BUSINESS SCOTLAND CONFERENCE 2022, 10 FEBRUARY 2022 – 14.00 – 17.00 (FREE, ONLINE)**

Arts & Business Scotland are delighted to invite you to the Culture and Business Scotland Conference 2022, hosted by BBC Scotland's Arts Correspondent Pauline McLean. This event welcomes the business, public, and culture sectors to come together to discuss how engaging with creativity and culture can be the key to not simply surviving but thriving in the face of key collective universal challenges.

## **OPEN LEARNING CHAMPION WORKSHOPS**

The Open Learning Champions project equips a wide network of people – from third sector organisations to colleges, libraries and the CLD sector – with the knowledge and skills to use the OU's free learning resources to help learners in their communities.

To find out more about the learning resources available and how to access and utilise them – such as OpenLearn and Open Pathways to Higher Education for use with learners and for your own professional development.

### **Workshops during February and March 2022**

To register: <https://tinyurl.com/OL-Champion-Workshop>

Facilitators: Nicola Twine [nicolatwine.work@gmail.com](mailto:nicolatwine.work@gmail.com), and Caithleen Bell [caithleenbell@gmail.com](mailto:caithleenbell@gmail.com)

## **FREE HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING SESSIONS OFFERED BY GCVS**

DSE Assessing, Thursday 17th February 2022, 10am to 12pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dse-assessing-tickets-156114593953>

Working at Height, Monday 21st February 2022, 2pm to 4pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/working-at-height-tickets-156171652617>

Loneworking, Thursday 10th March 2022, 2pm to 4pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/loneworking-tickets-156148142297>

Manual Handling, Tuesday 15th March 2022, 2pm to 4pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/manual-handling-tickets-156149745091>

Slips, Trips & Falls, Friday 25th March 2022, 10am to 12pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/slips-trips-falls-tickets-156168200291>

## **CLIMATE EMERGENCY TRAINING FOR YOUTH WORKERS**

Register now for this free, essential, climate emergency training for Youth Workers and those working with young people. Gain an understanding of the climate emergency: this course will equip you with the skills and tools you need to support young people in climate action. Following COP26 it has never been more important to support young people's concerns about climate change and turn it into positive action.

Not only will you gain knowledge, skills and some real-life ideas for communicating and working with young people on this topic, but for those who successfully complete the course, you have the opportunity to earn a certificate of Carbon Literacy – a vital qualification for supporting young people in climate action.

The training is part of the Scottish Government funded COP26 Youth Climate Programme and is being delivered by Keep Scotland Beautiful and YouthLink Scotland.

New February and March training dates have just been released!

Find out more and book your place at: <https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/cop26-scottish-youth-climate-programme/>

## SCVO TRAINING

- [Time management in the workplace](#), 22 February
- [Plan, measure and report social impact](#), 24 February & 3 March
- [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](#)

## 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!

Wednesday 9th February	1.00pm - 4.00pm	<a href="#">Business Planning</a>
Thursday 17th February	11.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Planning in Uncertain Times</a>
Tuesday 22nd February	1.30pm - 3.30pm	<a href="#">Understanding Financial Statements</a>
Thursday 3rd March	11.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Charitable Trading</a>
Friday 4th March	10.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Tendering for Public Sector Contracts</a>
Wednesday 9th March	10.00am - 12.00pm	<a href="#">Introduction to E-Commerce</a>
Tuesday 22nd March	1.30pm - 3.30pm	<a href="#">Budgeting</a>
Thurs 24th & 31st March	10.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Planning for Community Led Soc Ents</a>
Tuesday 29th March	10.00am - 12.00pm	<a href="#">Writing for the Web</a>
Thursday 31st March	11.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Planning in Uncertain Times</a>
Wednesday 6th April	1.00pm - 4.00pm	<a href="#">Business Planning</a>
Thursday 21st April	11.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Charitable Trading</a>
Tuesday 26th April	1.30pm - 3.30pm	<a href="#">Understanding Financial Statements</a>
Wednesday 4th May	10.00am - 12.00pm	<a href="#">Introduction to E-Commerce</a>
Tuesday 10th May	10.00am - 12.00pm	<a href="#">Writing for the Web</a>
Thursday 12th May	10.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Tendering for Public Sector Contracts</a>
Tuesday 17th May	11.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Planning in Uncertain Times</a>

Tuesday 24th May	1.30pm - 3.30pm	<a href="#">Budgeting</a>
<b>START UP WORKSHOPS &amp; WEBINARS</b>		
The following ONLINE workshops & webinars are aimed at social entrepreneurs and early stage social enterprises. Dates & topics beyond February 2022 will be added in due course:		
Monday 14th February	12.00pm – 1.00pm	<a href="#">Webinar : Starting a Charity</a>
Tuesday 15th February	10.00am – 11.00am	<a href="#">Webinar : Governance</a>
Thursday 24th February	2.00pm – 3.00pm	<a href="#">Webinar : Developing a Marketing Strategy</a>

## SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

### [SCOTTISH FOOD AND DRINK PRODUCERS FUND](#)

This fund will provide support for food and drink producers supplying the hospitality sector. The fund will help businesses which suffered financial losses due to cancelled orders caused by the introduction of the new Covid-19 measures imposed on the industry. The fund is open to applications from 28 January 2022 and closes at 23:59 on 13 February 2022.

### [SCOTTISH WHOLESALE FOOD AND DRINK RESILIENCE FUND](#)

This fund provides grants to Scottish food and drink wholesalers who have encountered or are encountering hardship as a result of public health restrictions imposed on hospitality and on-trade as a result of the latest measures to control Covid-19. The fund opened to applications on 28 January 2022 and closes at 23:59 on 13 February 2022

### [COVID-19: OFFICES](#)

Guidance to support employers and employees for safer office working, including hybrid working arrangements. Guide republished on 28 January 2022 to reflect the current situation which allows return to offices and emphasises hybrid and flexible working.

### [COVID-19: FACE COVERINGS AND MASKS](#)

Rules and guidance on wearing face coverings and masks, including exemptions. Updated on 28 January 2022 with face covering exemptions, face coverings at work and wearing a face covering - more information to reflect changes to distancing rules.

### [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 25 January 2022).