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THIRD SECTOR NEWS

'BACK THE FUTURE OF GIFT AID' CAMPAIGN

The Charity Finance Group have launched a campaign ahead of Gift Aid Awareness Day on Thursday 1 October which aims to build support across the charity sector for reforms to Gift Aid to make it fit for the digital age. CFG is calling on the government to work with charities, payment providers and fundraising platforms to create a simple, secure and modern digital Gift Aid system. The proposed changes would reduce administrative burdens, improve accuracy, and make it easier for charities and donors to benefit from Gift Aid.

ARE YOU A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, CO-OPERATIVE OR EMPLOYEE-OWNED BUSINESS?

Social Enterprise Scotland is now inviting organisation to submit their details for inclusion in the next edition of its Buy Social Scotland Suppliers' Catalogue. The catalogue showcases purpose-led businesses and helps buyers discover suppliers' offering a wide range of products and services. It's an opportunity to raise your organisation's profile and make it easier for potential customers and partners to find you. Submit your details before 28th September:

<https://zfrmz.eu/11UnOPzfBdPu4UmkfCkx>

If you need any additional information or imagery to support your promotion, please contact Hannah at hannah.symons@socialenterprise.scot

EMPLOYABILITY: GET YOUR VOICE HEARD: FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS CONSULTATION

Skills Development Scotland (SDS), on behalf of the Scottish Government-led Foundation Apprenticeship Enhancement Group, wants your views on the [draft principles and guidance](#) that could help shape the future of Foundation Apprenticeships.

A Short Life Working Group – made up of representatives from the industry, education, skills and qualifications sectors – has developed the draft principles and guidance to underpin future developments with Foundation Apprenticeships. [FIND OUT MORE AND SIGN UP >>](#)

[**HAVE YOUR SAY ON YOUR LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN**](#)

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is seeking your views on the draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for your local area, as part of a wider consultation on plans for all 14 Local Senior Officer areas across Scotland. Your feedback will help ensure the final Plan:

- Reflects local priorities, risks and needs
- Supports effective partnership working
- Delivers the best outcomes for communities
- Informs local service delivery over the coming years

You can view the draft Plan and complete a short consultation survey using the link below: [Draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service](#), the consultation is open until **midnight on Thursday, 15 October 2026**.

[**COMMUNITY GREEN ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS**](#)

Scottish Communities Climate Action Network (SCCAN) is looking for local organisations with large roofs and high energy bills to partner with on new solar projects. SSCAN will help develop the project, secure funding and install the solar — with profits supporting community climate action across Scotland.

[**SPACE2FACE COMMUNITY SURVEY**](#)

Closes: 30th September, 5pm

Space2face has launched a community survey to better understand how survivors of sexual violence and assault feel about restorative practices. We've worked with the Compass Centre in the development of the questions.

The survey is anonymous and its findings will guide Space2face to develop our services in Shetland and Orkney to be appropriate and available, should they request it, to survivors of sexual violence. The anonymous results of the survey will also inform the Scottish Govt in policy decisions around restorative justice and sexual violence.

[**HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING**](#)

Closes: 23rd September

For the first time in over 20 years, you can help write the next chapter in the story of The National Lottery. The UK Government has created a survey on the future of National Lottery good causes funding – and they want to hear from you. Take part to help ensure that funding goes where it matters most to you and your community. Just 10 minutes of your time could have a big impact. The survey is open until 23 September - [please take the survey here](#).

If you would like to chat about it, please get in touch with Mhairi.snowden@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk.

Have Your Say on the Cost of Living Lerwick Discussion Group

Receive £80 Harry's or Co-Op voucher for your time!

Loughborough University along with Shetland Islands Council wants to understand what people need for an acceptable standard of living in 2026. We're looking for local residents to take part in a small group discussion about the cost of living in Shetland.

What Is Involved?

- Confidential discussion with experienced researchers
- Approx 3 hour session
- No personal financial information will be discussed

Why Take Part?

- Help to improve the understanding of the cost of living in rural communities
- This will be used to inform future policy/ services.

Who, When & Where?

Islesburgh Community Centre - Lerwick

- Pensioners Living in Lerwick: Wednesday 23 September, 10am to 1pm
- Working Age Adults Living in Lerwick (No Dependents): Wednesday 23 September, 6.30pm to 9.30pm
- Parents Living in Lerwick: Wednesday 23 September, 6.30pm to 9.30pm



Want to take part?

Spaces limited

Scan to sign up here:



Have Your Say on the Cost of Living - Discussion Group

Sandwich and Dunrossness Community Council Wards

Receive £80 Harry's or Co-Op voucher for your time!

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Who, When & Where?

- Working age with no dependents: Sandwich Youth and Community Centre - Thursday 24th September 18.30-21.30
- Parents: Sandwich Youth and Community Centre - Thursday 24th September 18.30-21.30
- Pensioners: Carnegie Hall Sandwich - Friday 25th September 10.00-13.00



Want to take part?

Spaces limited

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NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR (OSCR)

CHARITIES MUST COMPLY WITH UPDATED EHRC CODE OF PRACTICE

The Equality and Human Rights Commission's (EHRC) updated [Equality Act 2010: Code of Practice for services, public functions and associations, 2026](#) has now come into force. The Code explains how the Equality Act 2010 applies in practice.

The key updates to the Code reflect the Supreme Court's ruling in April 2025, that the term 'sex' in the Equality Act means 'biological sex'. Charity trustees must consider what steps, if any, their charity needs to take to ensure compliance with the Equality Act and the updated EHRC Code. Depending on the charity's purposes and activities, trustees may need to seek professional legal advice.

NEW SECTOR OVERVIEW REPORT PUBLISHED BY OSCR

Groups and organisations can access up to date information about what the Scottish charity sector looks like in the OSCR Sector Overview Report. It details the scale and scope of the sector and highlights the issues influencing and challenging charities. The interactive report can be found online so groups and organisations can use the information contained in their decision making.

RESOURCES

[PEER2PEER - NEW ONLINE TOOLBOX TO SUPPORT GROWTH OF SCOTLAND'S PEER WORKFORCE](#)

Peer2Peer is a free suite of resources from the Scottish Recovery Network, for groups, organisations and services, co-designed to strengthen experienced peer worker's practice and help people new to peer roles build confidence and skills.

LET'S BE HEARD - VOICES OF INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES EXPLORING EXPERIENCES OF THE PANDEMIC

The publication explores the impact of the pandemic on individuals, households, employers and businesses, including experiences of financial support, welfare, changing working practices and business closures. Read the [illustrated executive summary](#) and [full volume](#) on the Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry website, alongside Easy Read and BSL resources. Alternative formats, translations and hard copies are available on request via letsbeheard@covid19inquiry.scot.

TRAINING AND EVENTS

Shetland Befriending Scheme Tea & Cake at Islesburgh

**A free group for adults
to meet, eat cake, chat
and make new friends!**

**Friday 18th September
2.30 – 4.00pm**

Featuring the chance
to chat and relax

Future Dates:
16th October & 20th November

For more details contact Ian Edwards on 01595 743 964



[GIFT AID AWARENESS DAY WEBINAR 2026, THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER, 11AM-12PM ONLINE VIA ZOOM](#)

As part of Gift Aid Awareness Day on Thursday 1 October, CFG is hosting a **free** [Gift Aid webinar](#), where you will be joined by experts to answer any questions you might have on this vital tax relief.

LIVING WELL HUB

The Living Well Hub is based at the **Brae Boating Club** and open on Friday's between **10am – 2pm**. [Living Well, Advice & Support – Shetland Islands Council](#) please pop along for a cuppa, a chat or to browse the leaflets that we have.

Friday 18th September

Lesley from Sport & Leisure will be along with sportswear “**kit for all**” boxes, anybody can come along and take what they need or make donations should they wish too. This is pre loved sportswear for all ages <https://sportscotland.org.uk/kit-for-all/>

Lesley will be taking donations for the popular Winter Clothing appeal, so if you are having a clear out and would like to donate coats, hats, boots gloves etc, please pop along and they will be gratefully received.

RURAL WATER AND WASTEWATER GATHERING, WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 10AM TO 5PM, EDINBURGH

The packed day will include presentations from across the RWA network, interactive panels and workshops, and face-time with MSPs and other decision-makers. We will also be formally presenting our suggested Future Water Policy Framework at this time, and working with decision-makers across government and the water sector on action points for them to take forward, to benefit rural and island communities.

Tickets are free, and **a number of travel & accommodation bursaries are available for those traveling from further away without support from an employer**. If that applies to you, please express interest in those bursaries when you RSVP.

RURAL SOCIAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK: [THE ROLE OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISES IN TACKLING DEPOPULATION, MONDAY 12 OCTOBER, 11AM TO 12:30PM, ONLINE. FREE](#)

Depopulation is one of the biggest challenges facing rural Scotland. But, social enterprises are finding creative ways to help communities tackle depopulation. Join us to hear how organisations across the country are delivering practical, community-led solutions to the issues that make rural life sustainable: affordable housing, transport, filling stations and more. You will hear real examples of what's working on the ground, and how these approaches are helping people stay, return, and thrive in their communities.

**Moving On**
Employment Project Ltd
Registered Charity No SC026699

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 23 Sept 2026 5.30pm
Conference Room, Market House, Lerwick
Contact: **01595 743926** or
movingon@shetland.org
for details of attendance
- All Welcome -

Goalball Leaders Training

**Thursday 24th
September
10am to 2pm**
Gilbertson Park
Games Hall

The course covers the basic coaching and officiating skills so that candidates can then deliver introductory sessions and tournaments in Goalball.

OR

**Friday 25th
September
10am to 2pm**
Gilbertson Park
Games Hall



Visual Impairment Sports

Awareness Training

Interested in supporting individuals with a visual impairment in sports? Would you like to learn more?

Come along to our Visual Impairment Sport Awareness Session run by Goalball UK. Learn more about guided running, blind football, blind tennis and much more.

**Thursday 24th September
6 - 8pm**
Sandwick Games Hall

**Friday 25th September
6 - 8pm**
Scalloway Games Hall

**Saturday 26th September
2 - 4pm**
Brae Games Hall

All training sessions are **FREE** to attend. To book please contact
abilityshetland@shetland.org

CHARITY DIGITAL : FREE DIGITAL INCLUSION TRAINING FOR SCOTTISH CHARITIES

Charity Digital is a registered charity dedicated to helping charity organisations accelerate their impact with the use of digital technology.

Their free online course, "Achieving Digital Inclusion", provides guidance on improving access to services and devices while also helping your organisation enhance digital accessibility, develop digital skills, and build digital confidence.

The module takes approximately 2 hours to complete. Upon completion participants receive a certificate and access to our digital inclusion toolkit for continued support.

You can enrol for free by clicking [here](#) and enter the code digital Inclusion

To go further, you can then enrol for free to the more comprehensive [Charity Digital Strategy Accelerator for Scotland](#) which will help you develop a digital strategy for your organisation. You can click [here](#) and enter the code CDSA for Scotland.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2026-27 FROM EDUCATION SCOTLAND PLL TEAM

The Professional Learning and Leadership (PLL) Team is pleased to share a range of professional learning opportunities designed to support your growth, leadership development and professional enquiry.

Our latest Education Scotland Professional Learning Brochure provides an overview of the professional learning opportunities available throughout the year.

Click [here](#) to view the brochure on our Education Scotland website (accessible version)

Click [here](#) to view the brochure directly on Canva

Facilitated Professional Learning Programmes

The PLL team offer a range of facilitated programmes this session, providing opportunities to learn alongside colleagues from across Scotland. The facilitated programmes are designed with each session building on previous learning. For this reason, participants are expected to attend all programme dates. Please check your availability carefully before applying. All programme dates can be found on the linked webpages and within the application forms. We encourage you to review these dates fully before committing to the application process.

The PL offers are designed to support growth, leadership development and professional enquiry and are open to all educators from all sectors and backgrounds:

- [Leading Professional Learning](#)
- [Leading the How of Change](#)
- [Aspiring to Middle Leadership](#)
- [Middle Leaders Leading Change](#)
- [Enquiry in Education](#)
- [Coaching in Education](#)

ARE YOU READY TO RISE?

Ready to RISE (Readiness & Incubation for Social Enterprise) is a programme supporting women and non-binary people across Scotland to explore social entrepreneurship and turn their skills and passions into meaningful work.

The programme helps participants build confidence, identify their strengths, develop ideas with social or environmental impact, and access practical and financial support to bring those ideas to life. No business idea is needed to take part.

Whether you're returning to work, considering a career change, or looking for a new opportunity to make a difference in your community, Ready to RISE can help you explore the possibilities of social enterprise. Find out more and register for upcoming information sessions:

<https://linktr.ee/AreyoureadytoRise>

Date:

- Cohort 1: Wednesday 2 September-Wednesday 21 October
- Cohort 2: Wednesday 28 October-Wednesday 16 December
- Cohort 3: Wednesday 13 January-Wednesday 3 March 2027

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Location - Via Zoom

Delivered by Challenges Group and Firstport.



What's on in September? 2026

FOR UNPAID CARERS

Carer's Tea & Tabnabs

Come along for a cuppa, enjoy some tabnabs and have a chat with other carers in a relaxed and friendly setting.

There's no need to book – just come along when you can and stay for as long as you like.

DATE	TIME	EVENT OR ACTIVITY	WHERE
 Tues 8th Sept	1pm – 3pm	Carer's Tea & Tabnabs	 Market House, 14 Market Street, Lerwick (Training Room) – enter through reception
 Tues 9th Sept	10:30am – 12pm	Carers Rights & Self-Directed Support Training (for Unpaid Carers)	 Joining Online? Please book your place with us first and we'll send you the link – Email scas@shetland.org  Joining us in person? We have a room booked at Market House, with tea, coffee and biscuits for anyone who would like to attend in person. Please call us on 01595 74323 or email scas@shetland.org to book your place.
 Tues 15th Sept	1pm – 3pm	Carer's Tea & Tabnabs	Market House, 14 Market Street, Lerwick (Training Room) – enter through reception
 Tues 22nd Sept	10am – 12:30pm	Carer's Tea & Tabnabs	Market House, 14 Market Street, Lerwick (Conference Room) – enter through reception or the Blue Door on Harbour Street
 Tues 29th Sept	1pm – 3pm	Carer's Tea & Tabnabs	Market House, 14 Market Street, Lerwick (Training Room) – enter through reception

Shetland Care Attendant Scheme

For more information visit our website: www.shetlandcarers.org

or scan the QR code

Call us on 01595 743923



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



ABILITY SHETLAND AGM

WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2026

5.30PM

TRAINING ROOM, MARKET HOUSE

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
ABILITYSHETLAND@SHETLAND.ORG**

FREE DEMENTIA AND SOCIAL CONNECTION TRAINING

Befriending Networks is delivering free trainings where you'll learn how to plan and deliver dementia-friendly events, activities and services. These are being offered in 20 locations around Scotland AND [ONLINE](#), find out more and sign up [here](#).

MENTALLY HEALTHY WORKPLACE TRAINING FOR MANAGERS

9.00am – 4.30pm, Tuesday 17th November 2026, Islesburgh Community Centre, Lerwick

Mentally Healthy Workplace Training for Managers is aimed at improving the awareness and understanding of mental health for those with management responsibility for staff. It provides the knowledge and skills to support employees who may be experiencing mental ill health, helping them remain in work. The objectives of the course are to:

- Identify the key factors that contribute to a mentally healthy workplace
- Give line managers a broad understanding of mental health in the workplace
- Ensure managers are aware of their responsibilities in relation to health and wellbeing
- Improve managers skills and confidence in dealing with mental health in the workplace

For more information please contact Kathleen Anderson (kathleen.anderson4@nhs.scot) or Laura Russell (laura.russell4@nhs.scot).

**SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND: [EMPLOYABILITY AND GREEN SKILLS WORKSHOP](#),
[THU, 24 SEP, 10:30AM - 12PM, ONLINE](#)**

[Scottish Government policy](#) talks about growing Green Skills in many contexts including its commitment to net zero and growing our economy. It is an emerging priority in the NOLB Strategic Plan 2024-27 which commits to recognising the role of green skills in future job roles, and ensuring employability training is aligned where relevant/possible.

But what does the term 'green skills' actually mean? And how can employability providers make the most of opportunities aligning with the green skills agenda, supporting our clients in a way which is both person-centred and relevant to our local economies? Come along to this workshop to learn more and hear from areas and organisations who are already engaging with this issue.

This event is being held in partnership with TSEF and the TSI Network: [Book your place here](#)

SCVO: MEET THE FUNDER

SCVO **Meet the Funder** sessions take place on the **first Tuesday of each month at 10am**. They're a great chance to hear directly from funders, learn more about their programmes and ask any questions you may have.

Coming up:

- [Meet the Funder with easyfundraising - SCVO](#) (10:00-11:00, 6 October 2026)
- [Meet the Funder Event with the Corra Foundation: Boost Fund - SCVO](#) (10:00-11:00, 3 November 2026)
- [Meet the Funder with the Aviva Foundation - SCVO](#) (10:00-11:00, 1 December 2026)

FREE SUBSTANCE USE AND HARM REDUCTION TRAINING

The Scottish Drugs Forum (SDF) offers a range of free training courses and e-learning opportunities for anyone working with or supporting people affected by substance use.

Popular courses include:

- Drug Awareness
- Trauma
- Stigma
- Everyone Has a Story
- Enhancing Core Communication Skills
- Principles of Harm Reduction
- Staying Alive

Additional specialist training covers topics such as wound care, naloxone, ketamine, cocaine and psychostimulants, cannabis, mental health and substance use, and multiple risk.

Courses are available online and in person, with a wide range of learning options to suit different roles and experience levels.

Find out more and access training: <https://sdflearningcentre.org.uk/>

Motivational Interviewing training: <https://sdflearningcentre.org.uk/motivational-interviewing/>

This training is ideal for staff, volunteers and community organisations looking to strengthen their knowledge and skills around substance use, harm reduction and trauma-informed practice.

JUST ENTERPRISE: 2026-27 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES RECRUITING NOW

[ASPIRING LEADERS| 6 DAYS | ONLINE AND CENTRAL GLASGOW](#)

Start date 29 September 2026 and 14 January 2027

[DEVELOPING A COACHING APPROACH TO LEADERSHIP | 6 DAYS | ONLINE](#)

Start date 18 January 2027

[DEVELOPING SUSTAINABILITY | 6 DAYS | HYBRID DELIVERY EDINBURGH & ONLINE](#)

Start date 27 November 2026

[SENIOR LEADERS | 10 DAYS | HYBRID DELIVERY EDINBURGH & ONLINE](#)

Start date 16 September 2026

[CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS | 10 DAYS | HYBRID DELIVERY GLASGOW & ONLINE](#)

Start date 13 October 2026

[ONE-TO-ONE LEADERSHIP COACHING | 3 X 60 MINUTE SESSIONS | ONLINE](#)

Accepting applications now

[SCOTTISH FORUM ON ISOLATION AND LONELINESS, WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 1-3PM, ONLINE, ZOOM](#)

Join this Forum with Befriending Networks and connect, share, and discuss practice, policy and research linked to social isolation and loneliness in Scotland. This session will focus on inequalities in loneliness specific to the experiences of children and young people. The event will be a mix of discussion, breakout rooms, and presentations.

CLIMATE RELATED NEWS, EVENTS & TRAINING

NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES FOUNDATION COURSE

Scholarship applications now open! Nature Based Solutions Foundation Course October 2026
This 8-week course provides an introduction to the science, policy, practice, resourcing and governance of nature-based solutions, taught by leading experts from the University of Oxford and beyond. There are limited scholarship places available - check the eligibility criteria and apply here: [Nature-based Solutions Initiative | Nature-based Solutions to Global Challenges Foundation Course](#). **Deadline for applications: 15th September 2026**

SSCAN: [CLIMATE ACTION AND A WORLD ON FIRE: BLETHER ROOMS, ONLINE, WED, SEP 30 • 12 PM](#)

An online gathering to talk about what is happening, how it impacts our communities, sharing our wins as well as our struggles. If you're confused, upset, angry or afraid, you're invited to join us for an informal hour, to chat with other folk experiencing similar things; let's support each other, be in solidarity, and maybe find a bit of hope together in the maelstrom of climate breakdown, war and threat of more, exploitation of fear, and injustice.

If you come across this and you're a community group or organisation in Scotland but not a SCCAN Member, you're more than welcome to sign up for membership [here](#) (it's free!) and join this session.



CLIMATEcafé®
SHETLAND

A monthly welcoming space to enjoy a cup of tea while discussing climate and our future.

FOOD AND DRINK PROVIDED

2026 DATES:

- Thursday 3rd September
- Thursday 1st October
- Thursday 5th November
- Saturday 5th December
People's Emergency Briefing
Mareel, 3pm - 5pm

6.30 - 8pm

Location: Islesburgh Community Centre, Room 12
for info contact: shetlandclimatecafe@gmail.com

People's Emergency Briefing



On the climate and nature crisis

Mareel Auditorium
3pm Sat 5th December

Film screening and discussion. www.nebriefing.org

In attendance with you:
Alistair Carmichael MP
Hannah Mary Goodlad MSP



Book your free ticket:



**Hosted by Climate Café Shetland
& Shetland Methodist District**

unsuitable for under

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

ABILITY SHETLAND SPORTING AND ONE OFF EVENTS VOLUNTEERS

Ability Shetland offers adults with disabilities the opportunity to take part in various sporting events. Volunteers join in and have fun helping our members enjoy their activities. No formal experience, anybody that is enthusiastic, friendly and keen to help others and can work within a team.

VOLUNTARY ACTION SHETLAND, SCO17286



Market House Reception Cover – Bank Opportunities

Various dates/times as required

Living Wage plus Distance Islands Allowance - £15.10 per hour

We are seeking to recruit individuals as bank staff to support Market House reception and cover for staff holidays and sickness.

Bank staff will provide reception duties for Market House. Welcoming visitors, answering the telephone, ensuring confidentiality and maintaining building security and access. Additional duties will include room bookings, receiving, sorting and distribution of mail, dealing with queries and performing other relevant administrative duties as required.

The successful candidates must be computer literate, have excellent communication skills, with a polite, welcoming manner and a flexible approach to working and dealing with the public. They will have relevant experience to the post, have the ability to work on their own initiative and will be able to multi-task and prioritise workload.

For an application pack, please e-mail: vas@shetland.org

For an informal discussion please contact Michelle Hughson on Tel: 01595 743912, E-mail: michelle.hughson@shetland.org

Closing Date for all applications: **Thursday 25th September 5pm**

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS	
REPORTS/GUIDANCE	
THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT: PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT	
LEGISLATION	
CALLS FOR VIEWS: THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT IS OPEN TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON A RANGE OF TOPICS:	
LEGAL AID REFORM: CONSULTATION Closes: 13 October The Scottish Government is consulting on a new Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill, which aims to modernise Scotland's legal aid system and create a simpler, more sustainable and user-focused framework for publicly funded legal assistance.	
SCOTTISH SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL - REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES Closes: 24 September 2026 The Scottish Government is seeking views on proposed changes to registration requirements for the Scottish Social Services Council. Organisations delivering care, support, youth work, or related services may wish to review the proposals and respond here by 24 September.	