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THIRD SECTOR NEWS

SHETLAND BIKE WEEK (9-15TH JUNE)

Cycling UK are visiting Shetland during Bike Week (9-15 June). Throughout the week, there will be Dr Bike events, led rides, e-bike tryouts and basic bike maintenance workshops. Keep an eye out on the [Cycling UK Shetland Facebook page](#), or email us for updates on these sessions.

On Tuesday 10 June, there is a campaigns workshop at [Market House](#) in Lerwick. This will be an opportunity to hear about campaign strategies and learn more about how to effectively have your voice heard on local issues and barriers to using active travel. Alongside the campaigns workshop, members of the Cycle Access Fund team will run a funding clinic – come along to find out more about the fund, and to get help with your application. If you are interested in attending, please [sign up](#).

The funding clinic will also run in Brae Hall on Thursday 12 June – please [sign up here](#). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to [get in touch](#)

FUNDRAISING REGULATOR PUBLISHES NEW ADVICE FOR SUPERMARKET COLLECTIONS

The UK's Fundraising Regulator has published advice for supermarkets and retailers that will help ensure safe, secure, and responsible fundraising for collections happening on their premises.

The advice will help to strengthen and increase the consistency of charity collection procedures across retailers and is intended to help shoppers give with confidence in the knowledge that the money taken at collections is properly accounted for and will go to those in need.

The guidance includes advice for individual stores to have a named manager responsible for collections, provides information to supermarkets on the different types of organisations which may carry out collections, recommends a series of checks to undertake on any organisation asking for permission, and advises implementing one of two clearly-defined processes for checking and banking customer donations.

NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR (OSCR)

No Updates

RESOURCES

SCVO FUNDED CYBER SUPPORT

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) are providing an opportunity for third sector organisations in Scotland to access free cyber expertise to help them protect their digital systems and data. The programme will offer practical support from a Cyber Advisor to either IMPROVE an organisations cyber security through gap-analysis and implementation of the Cyber Essentials controls, or ASSURE an organisation that its existing measures align with the Cyber Essentials controls.

Qualifying organisations must select the level they require and will receive either:

- Improve: 2-days of remote support with an Advisor. This time will be spent identifying and implementing improvements that are right for the size and needs of the organisation to align with the cyber essentials controls. or:
- Assure: 1-day of remote support with an Advisor. This time will be spent supporting them in implementing improvements and providing assurance that they are in line with the requirements of cyber essentials. (Please note: before applying for an Assure package, you will need to complete the Cyber Essentials Readiness Tool.)

The SCVO Third Sector Funded Initiative is open to all organisations in the third sector registered in Scotland who are NOT currently certified to Cyber Essentials.

SCOTTISH RECOVERY NETWORK GUIDE: CREATING SAFE SPACES - NEW PRACTICE GUIDE

The first in a series of four short practice guides, developed as part of the Creating Hope with Peer Support suicide prevention project, but valuable to anyone working in mental health peer support. Full of practical advice and tips based on the experiences of peer supporters, groups and services across Scotland. [Flipbook version](#), [PDF Version](#)

NHS LAUNCHES NEW GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP ELEARNING MODULES

The [NHS Scotland Global Citizenship Programme](#) has created two eLearning modules to support learning and good practice in global citizenship and global health work. Free online modules are available to everyone through Turas Learn, providing practical tools, guidance, and insights — whether you're exploring global citizenship for the first time or already involved in global health projects.

- [Module 1: Global Citizenship in NHS Scotland](#) introduces global citizenship and explores how you can make a difference.
- [Module 2: Global Health Work – Good Quality, Ethical and Effective](#) supports planning ethical, sustainable, and effective global health work.

CYBER RESILIENCE

[SCVO](#) has created brilliant resources to support Scotland's voluntary sector in their journey to becoming more cyber resilient. Explore their new easy-to-use incident response template - [Cyber Incident Response](#) - and explore how best you can respond and recover from cyber incidents. It also helps smaller organisations prepare for a cyber incident.

Explore [other great resources here](#) to become and stay cyber resilient.

FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

THE FUNDRAISING REGULATOR HAS RECENTLY LAUNCHED A [NEW CODE OF FUNDRAISING PRACTICE](#) WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM 1 NOVEMBER 2025

The Scottish Fundraising Adjudication Panel in collaboration with the Fundraising Regulator are excited to be offering a free webinar titled "Navigating the New Code of Fundraising Practice", to help fundraisers, charities, and sector professionals prepare for the upcoming changes taking effect this November.

[NAVIGATING THE NEW CODE OF FUNDRAISING PRACTICE, 5TH JUNE 2025, 11AM – 12 NOON, ONLINE, FREE](#)

Topics:

- Understanding the key changes to the new code and what's different from the current 2019 version
- Understanding what charities and fundraisers need to do to prepare for the new framework
- Details of the guidance the Fundraising Regulator has planned for this year
- Q and A with the Fundraising Regulator

[EFFECTIVE CONVERSATIONS ON THE TOPIC OF SUICIDE](#), 18TH JUNE, 1PM-2.30PM, ONLINE

An invitation from the Suicide Prevention Scotland team, in partnership with the V and A design unit in Dundee, to help shape a toolkit for parents/carers and young people to have effective conversations on the topic of suicide.

WHAT COULD AI MEAN FOR YOUR CHARITY'S MISSION?, 25TH JUNE, 10AM-11.30AM, ONLINE

This session is designed to help charities explore and experiment with AI confidently and responsibly. It also offers a unique opportunity to collaborate and learn alongside peers and sector experts.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND: TECH FOR GOOD – SHOWCASING THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS SCOTLAND 2025 | TUESDAY 17 JUNE | 13:00 – 13:40 (ONLINE)

To mark 15 years of the Social Enterprise Awards Scotland, Social Enterprise Scotland is spotlighting a past winner, unveiling award categories, and making it easier than ever to apply.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND: A MEANINGFUL IMPACT: EXPLORING SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AND SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT | THURSDAY 19 JUNE | 12:00 – 13:15 (ONLINE)

Join Social Enterprise Scotland and SUSE (Scottish Union of Supported Employment) to find out more about social enterprise, supported employment and how it works in practice from social enterprise, The Usual Place who have adopted the supported employment model. The Usual Place run a large contemporary community cafe, kitchen area and flexible training / meeting rooms, to provide training, education and employability skills for young people with additional support needs.

HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT SCOTLAND: FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS DESIGNED TO HELP EMPOWER COMMUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH THE NHS IN SCOTLAND

WHAT IS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN THE NHS?, MS TEAMS ON THURSDAY 26TH JUNE AT 11AM-12PM

The aims of the first workshop are to raise awareness of:

- what community engagement is
- why it is important
- that there are many benefits from meaningful engagement
- a range of different ways people can engage with the NHS and influence the design and delivery of care

Anyone interested in joining this first workshop can book a place by emailing his.strategicengagement@nhs.scot

ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION LEVEL 3 - BLENDED LEARNING

Available for booking in Vor Online, Course code for searching is WD1380. Please take a moment to read the following **before sharing with staff eligible for this course as detailed below.**

DATES:

- 16 June – 09.30 to 12.30
- 9 September – 09.30 to 12.30

OVERVIEW:

This half day course builds on the knowledge gained by completing the Level 3 eLearning prior to attending the course.

It uses case studies and discussion to raise awareness and knowledge. It will cover situations where allegations of harm are made about staff and look at the links with other legislation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

This is a higher-level course designed for GPs, Charge Nurses. Promoted Health staff who have responsibility for services, Senior Social Care and Team Leaders in SIC care services. Social Workers Managers and Coordinators in Third Sector providers

PRE-COURSE REQUIREMENT INFO:

All attendees must complete the following pre-course eLearning **prior to attending** one of the above dates:

- eLearning course '**Adult Support & Protection Level 3**'

SIC staff can access this via iLearn - <https://ilearn.bridgeapp.com>

NHS staff can access this via Turas/LearnPro.

Third sector attendees contact Public Protection Team on 74 4411 for access.

Trainers can turn away anyone who is booked on the blended learning course but has not completed the above.

HOW TO ACCESS VOR ONLINE:

Vor Online can be accessed via this link [Shetland Islands Council Training - VOR Online](#)

- **SIC staff** – please use your SIC log in details to access if asked to do so
- **All other staff** – If you have accessed Vor Online before, your username is your email. Please use forgot password option if you cannot remember the password you have set
- If you are new to Vor Online, you can register for an account by clicking on “register an account here” on the Vor Online log in screen.
- If you have any problems please email workforce.developmentteam@shetland.gov.uk

SCVO DIGITAL MASTERCLASSES FOR VOLUNTARY SECTOR JUNE, ONLINE

These FREE sessions leverage methodologies, frameworks, and tools from the tech sector to empower the voluntary sector. Explore the masterclasses below and learn how to seamlessly integrate digital practices as a fundamental core capability, rather than treating them as exceptional tools for rare circumstances. This support extends to voluntary sector organisations of all sizes, ensuring they can consistently deliver high-quality digital services.

- 3 June: [Digital Wellbeing in the Workplace](#)
- 10 June: [Making Online Meetings Better](#)
- 17 June: [Managing Digital Change](#)
- 24 June: [Collaboration and Teamwork in the Hybrid Office](#)

THRE - HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITIES TRAINING

5th June 10am – 1pm: [PANEL Workshop: A Human Rights and Equalities First Approach](#)

10th June 1pm – 4pm: [Funding and Fundraising - A Human Rights and Equalities First Approach](#)

LIVING WELL HUB BRESSAY, SPELDIBURN, WEDNESDAY MORNING 915AM – 1115AM

Wednesday 11th June

- Relationship Scotland Shetland – Conflict in relationships and families is normal. What is important is how conflict is dealt with, and sometimes people need help to work out how to deal with conflict in a constructive way. We are here to offer that help we have a range of services that can support you through relationship problems, family separation, family breakdowns including within child parent communication, community and neighbour disputes. If you are experiencing any of these or any other conflict and are not sure what to do then come along and have a confidential friendly chat with us over a cuppa and a biscuit or gather up some information to take away with you. <https://www.relationships-scotland.org.uk/>

LIVING WELL HUB SCALLOWAY - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 2-4PM

Wednesday 11th June

- Citizens Advice Bureau will be in attendance between 2pm and 330pm to provide holistic support and practical advice for members of the public on a range of topics, we will also be able to refer clients on and book further appointments if needed. <https://www.shetlandcab.org.uk/>
- CLAN will along to offer emotional support to anyone affected by a cancer diagnosis. Some of the services available are emotional support and counselling, complementary therapies, dedicated children and family service, cancer support groups. <https://www.clancancersupport.org/locations/northern-isles/shetland/>
- A Shetland Islands Council Housing Officer will be at the hub this afternoon. Housing Officers can speak with you about a range of Housing related questions. We can speak about your current tenancy and explain your rights & responsibilities as tenants, provide support and advice about your tenancy. We can speak with you about applications and provide advice on these. If you are at risk of homelessness, we can provide advice on this too. Housing as a service have a number of teams which can support with a wide range of things, please come along for a chat and we can point you in the right direction.

LIVING WELL HUB, BRAE COMMUNITY HALL, CLUB ROOM, FRIDAY 10AM – 4PM

Friday 6th June

- Come along for a cuppa and reminisce about your sporting memories with Danny and Jack between 10am and 12 noon. They will have some old photos and resources to look at – feel free to bring along anything you have, photos, trophies etc. They will also be taking along some fun activities to help us replay and reconnect with our sporting memories! [Sporting Memories | Reminisce. Replay. Reconnect](#)
- Cari from the Brae Community Café will be doing some taster sessions over the next few weeks between 11am and 1pm to gather feedback on her menu. She would love you to pop along to sample her food and give comments. There will be panini's, toasties, sandwiches and maybe some other items available, cash only payments, made to order. There will be a small selection so first come first served!
- Macular Society will be along between 11am and 4pm. Macular Society is open to anyone affected by any form of macular impairment. Although we are connected to the Macular Society, the national organisation, we run independently. <https://www.macularsociety.org/>

CLS Living Well Hub@Community Care Social Work livingwellhub@shetland.gov.uk

The Hub is contactable Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm, 01595744120



CLIMATE RELATED NEWS, EVENTS & TRAINING

TRAINING: [CLIMATE ANXIETY IN THE CLASSROOM: A GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP APPROACH, ONLINE ON THE 4TH JUNE, 4-5.30PM](#)

WOSDEC, SCIAF and Christian Aid are co-delivering a training session on a Global Citizenship approach to tackling Climate Anxiety.

During the session you'll explore:

1. **Climate and eco-anxiety:** what they are and how they manifest, both for young people and for adults
2. **Practical methodologies and resources** to support you to discuss the issues with learners, building their sense of agency as the key strategy for tackling anxiety

Although primarily aimed at educators, anyone is welcome!

[MEDIA READY WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2025, 19.00-20.00 UK TIME, ONLINE](#)

A free workshop on media interview skills. Alongside Lisa Grieg, an award winning BBC producer, Uganaa Ramsay, founder of Mongol Identity and member of the Diaspora Group for Global Citizenship will be hosting this free workshop on media interview skills.

The workshop is designed to equip you with the essential skills to represent yourself or your organisation effectively across print, radio, television, and online platforms. You'll gain practical tools to deliver clear, credible, and compelling messages, even under pressure.

QUAKERS RESOURCE: [SHOULD WE MAKE POLLUTERS PAY? – SIGNPOSTS FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP](#)

This lesson asks a simple question: should we make polluters pay? Teachers can curate a lesson by choosing from 24 activities covering numeracy, literacy, speaking and listening, creative expression, science, geography and critical thinking. Learners will encounter concepts including the polluter pays principle established at the Rio Earth Summit in 1990 and the loss and damage fund established at COP27, and use images and data to understand how these ideas apply around the world.

TWO CARES FUNDING SCHEMES ARE NOW OPEN:

- [**CARES COMMUNITY BUILDINGS FUND - LOCAL ENERGY SCOTLAND**](#) is now open for applications **until the end of October, or until funding is fully allocated, whichever is sooner**. Approved projects must be completed and all funding claimed by the end of February 2026.
- And [**THE COMMUNITY ENERGY GENERATION GROWTH FUND**](#) has also reopened this month. Projects supported under this scheme will need to install over 50kW of renewable energy, either at a site or over multiple sites. The support available will cover a range of technologies, including onshore wind. Funding will be awarded competitively and assessed by a panel. **Applications need to be submitted by 25 June.**

BLOG: [LOCAL ENERGY SCOTLAND VISIT TO SHETLAND – MARCH 2025](#)

[**RSPB - NATURE OF SCOTLAND AWARDS**](#)

Application deadline: 3 June 2025

The Nature of Scotland Awards celebrate the inspirational people, projects and partnerships across different aspects of nature conservation in Scotland. There are 10 awards to choose from, you can enter more than one category. These are:

- Business for Nature Award
- Coasts and Waters Award
- Community Initiative Award
- Farming with Nature Award
- Health and Wellbeing Award
- Innovation Award
- Nature and Climate Action Award
- Nature Tourism Award
- RSPB Species Champion Award
- Youth Action Award

[**THE FUTURE OF SOLAR ENERGY IN SCOTLAND, 2 JULY, 4:30PM, ONLINE, FREE**](#)

Join an insightful webinar from Energy Saving Trust's Green Heat Installer Engagement Programme exploring the potential of solar energy in Scotland. Whether you're a professional in the field or simply interested in the potential of solar energy, this session will offer valuable knowledge and practical insights.

[**THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT - CLIMATE ENGAGEMENT FUND**](#)

Deadline: Sunday 8 June 2025 at 23:59

Groups and organisations can apply for funding to help people understand how climate change affects their lives and what actions they can take.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS CLIMATE HUB

Thanks to organisational growth and membership demand, the Highlands and Islands Climate Hub are expanding their team and look forward to welcoming colleagues in the following roles:

- Community Development Officer - Full Time or Part Time
- Community Engagement Officer - 2 x Part Time
- Digital Communications & Membership Officer - Full Time
- Training Officer - Full Time

Full details, including more information on locations, employee benefits, full job descriptions and application forms can be found here: <https://hiclimatohub.co.uk/vacancies>

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

REPORTS

LEGISLATION

CALLS FOR VIEWS: [THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT IS OPEN TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON A RANGE OF TOPICS:](#)

[HEALTH: LONG TERM CONDITIONS FRAMEWORK](#)

Closes: 20th July 2025

Many people in Scotland live with the challenges of a long-term condition; recently reported as 38% of our population. As some condition-specific Scottish Government policies approach the end of their planned duration, they have begun reviewing our approach with the launch of a consultation on the Long-Term Conditions Framework as it looks to prioritise areas for improvement.

[RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION IN SCHOOLS \(SCOTLAND\) BILL](#)

Closes: 11 July 2025

The Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill was introduced on 17 March 2025 by Daniel Johnson MSP, the Member in Charge. It aims to minimise the use of restraint and seclusion of children and young people in schools.

[THE HARM CAUSED BY SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN SCOTTISH PRISONS](#)

Closes: 22 August 2025