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## THIRD SECTOR NEWS

### **SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL: [HAVE YOUR SAY: SHETLAND CRUISE BUSINESS SURVEY 2026](#)**

SIC wants to hear from businesses and organisations across Shetland - whether cruise tourism is a major part of your work, affects you only occasionally, or has no direct connection to your business or organisation.

The survey asks for some personal and business information. All information will be held securely by the study consultants and will not be shared. Findings will be reported only at a high-level and aggregated so individual people, organisations or businesses are not identifiable. To help us fully assess the sector, along with its benefits, pressures and any support it may require, we would really appreciate you sharing as much information as possible, however you only need to provide what you are comfortable sharing.

The survey takes around 10–15 minutes. All responses will be treated in the strictest confidence and reported only in aggregate.

**Please complete the survey here: [Shetland Cruise Socio-Economic Survey 2026](#)**

**Further information:** This survey is being undertaken for Shetland Islands Council by McGregor Solutions. For questions, or to request a paper copy of the survey, please contact the consultants at [info@mcgregorsolutions.co.uk](mailto:info@mcgregorsolutions.co.uk) or message/WhatsApp on +447917127151, or email Shetland Islands Council on [economicdevelopment@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:economicdevelopment@shetland.gov.uk).

## **VOLUNTEER SCOTLAND SURVEY**

**Closes: Friday 9 October**

Volunteer Scotland is developing a new network for people who support and organise volunteers. They want to make sure this new network responds to the needs of the broad range of people who support volunteering across Scotland and is shaped by its future members.

Please complete the survey to help Volunteer Scotland understand the challenges you face, what support would be most valuable, and what would make you want to join and actively participate in a member-led volunteer development network. The survey has 11 questions and is mostly multiple choice. It should take around 5 minutes to complete. To submit your response, or for further information, please visit the [online survey page](#).

## **NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR (OSCR)**

### **TRUSTEES' WEEK 2026: JOIN OSCRS FREE CHARITY TRUSTEE WEBINARS**

Trustees' Week 2026 takes place from 9 to 13 November 2026, and is an opportunity to celebrate the vital contribution charity trustees make to organisations and communities across Scotland. To mark the week, OSCR is [hosting two free webinars](#) designed to support both new and experienced trustees in understanding their role and strengthening charity governance.

- [Being a Charity Trustee: The Basics](#) - Tuesday 10 November 2026, 12-1pm
- [Beyond the Basics: Understanding Board Dynamics](#) - Thursday 12 November 2026, 12-1pm

### **NEW SEARCH TOOL LAUNCHED ON THE OSCR WEBSITE**

OSCR has [launched a new search tool on the OSCR website](#) to help you find the information you need more quickly and easily. The tool allows you to ask questions in your own words, rather than searching using keywords. It then generates a response based on relevant content published on the OSCR website.

## **RESOURCES**

### **NEW SCVO REPORT: [FUNDING DIGITAL INCLUSION WORK](#)**

How should Scotland sustainably fund digital inclusion? SCVO's new report looks at what the evidence tells us about what works, who should pay and how we can build lasting support into digital transformation.

## **DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION SUPPORT**

Scottish Enterprise's Digital Transformation specialists can help your business use digital and IT-related technology more effectively. The specialists provide free and impartial advice on all aspects of digital technologies and works with companies at any stage of their development, from new entrepreneurs to global enterprises, and across all business sectors.

## **MANAGING BIPOLAR IN THE WORKPLACE**

Momentum Works is a peer-led service from Bipolar Scotland that supports people at an early stage of their journey with bipolar, helping them to feel more confident at work or study.

Areas covered include:

- Returning to work after an absence
- Preparing to return to work, study or both
- Managing work and study together
- Exploring self-employment or freelancing
- Feeling uncertain about how to balance work and wellbeing
- Struggling with a particular workplace issue

We know that managing bipolar in the workplace can come with unique challenges. Our goal is to help people find practical ways to stay well, advocate for what they need and move forward without feeling limited by their diagnosis. Support is delivered by trained peer support workers and peer volunteers who know first-hand what it's like to balance bipolar with work, study and everyday life. Further information including how to sign up can be found on our website at <https://bipolarscotland.org.uk/momentum-works/>

## **THRE: CONFIDENT CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITIES**

THRE has recently published a new PDF version of their free e-learning module, 'Confident Conversations', all about ways to have conversations about human rights and equalities with confidence. In it, you will find:

- Tips for looking after yourself when engaging in challenging conversations
- How language is always evolving
- The role of intention vs impact
- Tips for constructive discussion
- What is meant by 'cherished beliefs'
- How to engage in 'calling in' vs 'calling out'

Find this resource as well as the rest of their E-Learning here: [THRE's E-Learning - THRE](#)

## **THRE WEBINAR RECORDING: [INCLUSIVE WORKPLACES](#)**

Our latest Lunchtime Webinar is now available to watch from THRE's YouTube. Amy Walsh and George Chinwo from Inclusion Scotland speak about reasonable adjustments in the workplace and Inclusion Scotland's internship programme and training with a practical view of how workplaces can support meaningful inclusion.

## TRAINING AND EVENTS



# Shetland Women's Aid Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 6.00 pm**

This year's AGM will be held online.

To register your interest and receive an invitation to join the meeting online, please contact

[office@shetlandwa.org](mailto:office@shetlandwa.org).

### **THE CURVE – 3<sup>RD</sup> SECTOR TRAINING LAB**

#### **AI POWERED SEARCH FOR CHARITIES: BECOMING DISCOVERABLE IN THE AGE OF AGENTIC SEARCH, TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER, 2.00 – 3:30 PM, ONLINE, ON ZOOM, FREE**

Around a quarter of all online search results are now AI-generated, meaning that how people find your charity's services is rapidly changing. Is your website ready for the transition? The workshop is aimed at staff who manage or publish web content as part of their charity role. Previous experience of working with code is not required.

#### **FROM DATA TO IMPACT: USING TECHNOLOGY, DATA AND AI TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CHARITY, THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER, 1.00-2.30PM, ONLINE, ON ZOOM, FREE**

The Curve is delighted to host Gelareh for a practical and accessible workshop which will help charities use data to achieve real world results i.e. better decisions, stronger funding stories and great impact. She will explore how organisations can make better use of data and digital tools to support their work and communicate the change they create for people and places.

### **SCVO**

#### **WEBINAR: DIGISHIFT 96: AI-DRIVEN NONPROFITS, 10:00-11:00, 28 OCTOBER 2026**

Steve MacLaughlin returns to SCVO to share practical ways charities can get started with AI, drawing on his new book *AI Driven Nonprofits*. He'll also explore bias, privacy and transparency.

#### **GET ONLINE WEEK: AN INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL INCLUSION FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, 11:00-12:00, 22 OCTOBER 2026**

This is an introductory webinar for people working in the voluntary sector who are considering how to embed digital inclusion in service delivery. No previous experience or knowledge is needed, just a curiosity about the role digital could play to help you support people.

**FREE  
TRAINING**



# ASIST

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

Lerwick

ASIST is a 2 day face-to-face workshop that provides participants with practical skills and knowledge to effectively recognise those who may be at risk of suicide and conduct a suicide intervention

**WHEN:** Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2026

**WHERE:** Islesburgh, Lerwick

**TIME:** 9 - 5pm (both days)

**BOOKING:** Contact Health Improvement Team:

Phone: 01595 74 3330

Email: shet.healthysketland@nhs.scot OR scan the QR code



We are delivering ASIST training in local communities, for local communities.  
This training is open to anyone aged 16+ - whether it is for your personal interest & skills or in a work capacity.

This free training has been made possible by the generous donations made by the Shetland community.



## THRE FREE TRAINING COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Our current course selection with next available dates:

- The Basics: A Human Rights and Equalities First Approach [September 21 and 22, 2pm-4pm \(2 half days\)](#)
- Core Concepts in Human Rights [September 29 and 30, 2pm-4pm \(2 half days\)](#)
- Impact Assessments: Human Rights and Equalities in Practice [October 15, 11am-12pm](#)
- PANEL Workshop: Human Rights and Equalities in Practice [November 24, 10am-1pm](#)
- Volunteering [October 5, 1pm-4pm](#)

## [\*\*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.

## [\*\*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.

## **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 -

FUNDED BY **2026  
SUMMER  
OF SPORT**



### **Goalball Leaders Training**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**September**

**10am to 2pm**

Gilbertson Park

Games Hall

**OR**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**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.



### **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 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**6 - 8pm**

Sandwick Games Hall

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

**6 - 8pm**

Scalloway Games Hall

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**2 - 4pm**

Brae Games Hall

All training sessions are **FREE** to attend. To book please contact

[abilityshetland@shetland.org](mailto:abilityshetland@shetland.org)

### **MENTALLY HEALTHY WORKPLACE TRAINING FOR MANAGERS**

**9.00am – 4.30pm, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kathleen.anderson4@nhs.scot)) or Laura Russell ([laura.russell4@nhs.scot](mailto:laura.russell4@nhs.scot)).

## 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

## CLIMATE RELATED NEWS, EVENTS & TRAINING

### [SCOTLAND'S CLIMATE WEEK | 28TH SEP - 4TH OCT](#)

Scotland's Climate Week commences Monday 28th! Climate Week is a chance to celebrate climate action efforts and invites everyone to get involved. Together, our actions add up to create meaningful change for Scotland's future.

### **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 presents

## Climate Action Ting - A Celebration

 **Thursday  
1<sup>st</sup> October**

 **Islesburgh  
Community  
Centre, room 12**

 **6:30 - 8pm**

Shetland's first Green Participatory Budgeting took place in March 2026.

360 Shetland residents voted for their favorite projects, 9 communities received funding.

 Come and hear what they have achieved!





**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 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
**People's Emergency Briefing**  
**Mareel, 3pm - 5pm**

6.30  
-  
8pm

Location: Islesburgh Community Centre, Room 12  
for info contact: [shetlandclimatecafe@gmail.com](mailto:shetlandclimatecafe@gmail.com)

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Scalloway Youth & Community Centre

# We Are

# HIRING

We are looking for enthusiastic, reliable and passionate Youth Workers to join our Funky Friday Youth Club team at Scalloway Youth Centre.

**Open Positions:**

- Youth Worker
- Lead Youth Worker
- Relief Youth Worker

**APPLY NOW!**



**TO APPLY OR FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:**  
[scallowayyouthccentre@gmail.com](mailto:scallowayyouthccentre@gmail.com)

## **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](mailto:vas@shetland.org)

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

Closing Date for all applications: **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 5pm**

| SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
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| REPORTS/GUIDANCE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT: <a href="#">PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| LEGISLATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| CALLS FOR VIEWS: <a href="#">THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT IS OPEN TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON A RANGE OF TOPICS:</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| <p><a href="#">LEGAL AID REFORM: CONSULTATION</a><br/> <b>Closes: 13 October</b></p> <p>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.</p>                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <p><a href="#">SCOTTISH SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL - REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES</a><br/> <b>Closes: 24 September 2026</b></p> <p>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 <a href="#">respond here</a> by 24 September.</p> |  |