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### THIRD SECTOR NEWS

#### **REQUEST FOR SUPPORT: COMMUNITY DAY – SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE (WEST SIDE, SHETLAND)**

##### **Proposed date - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June for a Community Day**

Active Schools are planning to offer a series of sessions from clubs, organisations and services throughout Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June. It is hoped the main venue could be the West Mainland Leisure Centre with some additional activities in other satellite areas depending on what folk can offer.

They are keen to get responses from **voluntary organisations, clubs, services** with regards to whether you could offer a session and if so, which date(s) is/are possible for you and if you have a preferred venue in the West Side.

If you have any other contacts who would wish to be included or would be able to make a contribution to the day please pass this information on.

**For more information and to get in touch about the day please contact Jacqui Murray, Active Schools Co-ordinator: Tel: 01595 74 4011, Mob: 07725091055, email [jacqui.murray@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:jacqui.murray@shetland.gov.uk)**

#### **REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO PARTNER ON RESEARCH**

*NIHR Health Tech Research Centre for Community Healthcare* aims to reduce health inequalities and unequal access to healthcare through health technology implementation at the community level.

They are keen to build long-term partnerships with local organisations across a range of health topics (e.g. cancer, mental health, respiratory diseases, common community infections).

There are paid opportunities for co-facilitated workshops with local partnering organisations (the payment would not only be for the participating people with lived experience but also the partnering organisations for co-facilitating).

The workshops would involve hearing patient and local organisation views on health tech research.

**Our themes:** Respiratory illnesses, Infections, Community-centred Paediatrics, Cancer Diagnosis, Care Homes, Mental Health, Community Healthcare.

**Our Ask:** We are interested in partnering with community organisations who represent and serve people relevant to the above themes to develop a co-facilitated workshop capturing local patient and public representative voices.

**Remuneration:** Co-facilitated events will be remunerated at NIHR rates: £25/hr + £5 supplement, including remuneration for preparatory work.

**If interested, please contact:** [youngjoo.kang@phc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:youngjoo.kang@phc.ox.ac.uk)

### **APPLICATIONS FOR THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS SCOTLAND ARE OPEN**

This year marks the 20th year of Social Enterprise Scotland and the 15th anniversary of the Social Enterprise Awards Scotland, which promise to be our biggest and most inspiring yet! We've introduced some exciting changes, including a more inclusive and accessible application process, a new category and a new venue for our awards ceremony this Autumn!

The awards are the annual celebration of innovation, inclusion, and social impact across Scotland's thriving social enterprise community. With 11 diverse categories for 2025, the programme highlights achievements across the sector including:

- 🌟 Social Enterprise of the Year sponsored by Keegan & Pennykid
- 👁️ One to Watch
- 🏗️ Environmental Social Enterprise sponsored by Morgan Sindall Construction
- ♿️ Building Diversity, Inclusion, Equity & Justice sponsored by Glasgow City Council
- 💙 Health and Social Care
- 💻 Tech for Good sponsored by Breeze Digital
- 💛 IDBM Community Wealth Building sponsored by Balfour Beatty
- 👤 Buy Social Scotland Market Builder
- 🌟 Social Enterprise Employee Champion
- 👤 Social Enterprise Volunteer Champion sponsored by Social Enterprise Academy
- 🏆 People's Choice Award (new for 2025!)

**Applications close at 10am on Monday 7th July. If you're part of Scotland's vibrant social enterprise movement, now is the time to share your story. [Enter or nominate today!](#)**

### **THE SELF MANAGEMENT AWARDS 2025 ARE OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS UNTIL 10AM ON 18 JUNE 2025**

Who do you know who has made a difference for people in Scotland this year? Maybe someone you know has shown exceptional self management in the face of adversity, or a project has provided exceptional support for you to self manage. Celebrate their achievements at the Self

Management Awards by nominating the people and projects you know who have contributed the most to self management in Scotland over the past year.

You can nominate your own people, organisation and projects to any of the Awards so please take a look at the criteria for each Award and see if anything comes to mind. Please make any partner organisations you are working with aware of the Awards.

This year's Self Management Awards categories are:

- Self Management in the Community
- Self Management Resource
- Self Management Digital Innovator
- Audrey Birt Self Management Champion
- Empowering Self Management Project
- Sensory Loss: Positive Self Management
- Self Management through the Arts

### SCOTTISH CHILDREN'S HEALTH AWARDS 2025

Don't miss the chance to nominate someone for the [Scottish Children's Health Awards 2025](#), celebrating the remarkable achievements in children's health across Scotland. The awards will feature inspiring stories, networking opportunities, and recognition of those making a difference. **Nominate deserving individuals by 5pm on July 11th.**



### PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND (PHS) SURVEY ABOUT RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION SUPPORT IN SCOTLAND

This research is being conducted by IFF Research, an independent market research company. In 2023, IFF carried out a baseline study of the residential rehabilitation programme. This new survey will explore how perceptions of residential rehabilitation have changed since 2023 and assess the organisation, accessibility, and effectiveness of residential rehabilitation services for individuals with substance use issues across Scotland.

It does not matter if you have not made a referral or recommendation to residential rehab before, just that you can do so in your professional capacity. **Your views are very important and by sharing your experiences, you can help PHS to better understand referrers' perceptions of residential rehab to support programme design and evaluation.**

**If you are not able to take part** but another colleague at your organisation is available, please forward this invitation on to them or let us know so we can contact them directly.

We would be very grateful for you taking part in the survey. The survey will take around 15 minutes. All responses are confidential and will be held securely under strict adherence to data protection and GDPR guidelines.

For more information about the survey – including participant anonymity, data linking and GDPR – please visit <http://www.iffresearch.com/gdpr/>.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch with the project team at IFF Research at [residentialrehabresearch@iffresearch.com](mailto:residentialrehabresearch@iffresearch.com).

### **WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND AWARDS 2025**

These awards from Women's Enterprise Scotland recognise the success of Scotland's inspiring women-led businesses across 10 categories, so you can apply whatever your sector, business stage or location. Choose up to two categories and complete the online form to enter for free.

**Closes: 11:59pm on the 23rd June**

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

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: GET READY TO SUBMIT CHARITY TRUSTEE INFORMATION FROM 30 JUNE 2025**

From 30 June 2025, OSCR will begin collecting charity trustee information through OSCR Online. Providing this information will become a legal requirement for all charities.

Charity users must submit trustee details using OSCR Online. Any charity completing a new online annual return created on or after 30 June 2025 will be required to have trustee information as part of the submission.

This data will support OSCR's regulatory work, and the names of trustees will be published on the [Scottish Charity Register](#) from the end of 2025 to promote transparency and strengthen public trust in the sector.

This change is part of the [Charities \(Regulation and Administration\) \(Scotland\) Act 2023](#). Other measures under the Act, such as OSCR's expanded inquiry powers, are already in effect.

### **CHARITIES STATEMENT OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE (SORP) CONSULTATION**

Good financial reporting positively contributes to the trust and confidence in charities. All views on how well the SORP supports this are important to help us make further improvements before finalising the SORP and publishing it in the autumn. Please take this opportunity to share your opinions and suggestions with us – every single one is valued and appreciated.

**CONTRIBUTE YOUR VIEWS AT [CHARITYSORP.ORG](https://charitySORP.org) BY NOON ON FRIDAY 20 JUNE**

## RESOURCES

### VIKING COMMUNITY FUND – BURSARY FUND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Viking Community Fund has now opened the Bursary Fund for young people up to the age of 25, studying locally at UHI Shetland or undertaking a local apprenticeship. The fund will be advertised through the local media from Friday this week (6<sup>th</sup> June). The online application form and guidelines can be accessed on our website: [Apprenticeships, Bursary & Training Funds](#).

### SCOTTISH INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY ALLIANCE (SIAA) POSITION PAPER ON PROTECTING COLLECTIVE AND CITIZEN ADVOCACY

A new [position paper](#) documents substantial challenges in independent advocacy provision, highlighting particular concerns in funding and commissioning collective and citizen advocacy. An example of this is recent proposed funding cuts to collective advocacy in Edinburgh. [Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership](#) recently informed several SIAA member organisations that they intend to defund collective advocacy across Edinburgh City.



Eradicating child poverty / Growing the economy / Tackling the climate emergency / Ensuring high quality and sustainable public services. We are looking for innovative social enterprise ideas that tackle these themes.

**The main winner will receive a £50,000 grant and a package of tailored support.**  
**Two further finalists will receive £25,000 each in grant funding.**

**Deadline for submitting Expressions of Interest:**  
28 June 2025

**Final Deadline for applications:**  
28 August 2025

**Finalists announced:**  
mid-October 2025

**The challenge winner will be announced on**  
6 November

**For more information or to submit your Expression of Interest visit:**

[firstport.org.uk/funding/social-innovation-challenge](https://firstport.org.uk/funding/social-innovation-challenge)  
or scan the QR code below



Building Futures Galloway  
Social Innovation Challenge Award Winner 2024

### **GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERYONE (GIRFE) TOOLKIT**

The Scottish Government has launched a [Getting it Right for Everyone \(GIRFE\) practitioner toolkit](#) which provides guidance on embedding the GIRFE principles into practice. GIRFE is Scotland's approach to designing and delivering public services that focus on people's needs, and this toolkit focuses on health and social care services.

## **LONELINESS AWARENESS WEEK - JUNE 9TH - 15<sup>TH</sup>**

[Marmalade Trust](#) are founders and organisers of the global [Loneliness Awareness Week](#). This Loneliness Awareness Week thousands of people will be joining together to reduce the stigma surrounding loneliness. View handy loneliness resources [here](#) and find out about [taking part](#).

## **WHO LAUNCHES WORLD REPORT ON SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH**

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has launched its [World Report](#) on the Social Determinants of Health which highlights the lack of political will to implement the structural, longer-term policy solutions needed to improve health for everyone.

## **SCOTTISH NEURODIVERSE PERFORMANCE NETWORK**

Scottish Neurodiverse Performance Network (SNPN) is a new, neurodivergent-led organisation forging space, solidarity, and visibility for neurodivergent creatives working with performance across Scotland. They connect, support, and amplify neurodivergent creatives across disciplines, career stages, and locations—nurturing bold, boundary-pushing practices and cultivating a thriving neurodivergent performance culture in Scotland. SNPN are currently actively building their network.

## **CHARITY DIGITAL: 2025 CHARITY DIGITAL CODE OF PRACTICE**

The Code now includes eight key principles: Leadership, User led, Culture, Strategy, Data, Skills, Risk, and Adaptability. Each one comes with best practices to support informed digital choices.

## **LEARNING ZONE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**

The Learning Zone is a new online resource from the Scottish Centre for Conflict Resolution designed to support families in reducing conflict at home. This free, evidence-based resource offers guidance on adolescent brain development, parental wellbeing, and practical strategies for managing conflict constructively. Conflict at home is one of the primary drivers of youth homelessness in Scotland. These resources will help resolve family arguments before they cause serious harm.

## **CRUSE SCOTLAND LAUNCHES NEW SERVICES FOR WORKPLACES AFFECTED BY SUICIDE**

Cruse Scotland has been funded by the Scottish Government to deliver specialised support for any workplace across Scotland that has been affected by suicide. They recognise how devastating it can be when a colleague, client or patient dies by suicide. The feelings can be overwhelming – some people may experience shock and depression, others report feeling guilt and blame – and managers are often unsure how to navigate the aftermath.

## **RESEARCH SHOWING HOT/COLD SPOTS FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITY (PDF)**

New research is showing areas of lower community activism in Scotland. CTSI Chief Officer, Anthea Coulter joined a panel to discuss the findings that puts Clacks in the top ten – high in some areas and lower in others.

## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 'WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHANGE' NATIONAL PROGRAMME

Working Together for Change is about enabling people to be in control through self-directed support. We will bring together people from across Scotland to make positive change in social care, harnessing the unique skills, insights and knowledge of people using and delivering social care to unlock the potential of self-directed support.

The programme is open to disabled adults and the families and carers of disabled people, people who work in social work, social care, and health and community services across Scotland. The course is delivered to intentionally encourage the building of new alliances and connections between people across Scotland who can make a difference to how self-directed support works.

This programme is **FREE** to attend for anyone who is successful in securing a place as it is fully funded by the Scottish Government. We have 20 places available on this year's programme, which will take place between September 2025 and March 2026.

If you would be interested in finding out more or receiving an application pack, please contact us at: [info@in-controlscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@in-controlscotland.org.uk)

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS IS 1ST JULY 2025**



### Working Together for Change

Applications Now OPEN!

**2025 - 2026  
Programme**

**in Control**  
Scotland

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The 2025-2026 programme will be taking place between **September 2025** and **March 2026** and is **FREE** to attend for everyone who successfully secures a place on the programme as it is fully-funded by the Scottish Government



**Brett  
Rogers**  
Lead Facilitator



**Debbie  
Forsyth**  
Lead Facilitator



**June Dunlop**  
Programme  
Administrator

**Closing Date for Applications is: Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

**If you are interested in finding out more or receiving an application pack,  
contact us at: [info@in-controlscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@in-controlscotland.org.uk)**

## FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

### **INVITE TO THE GOVERNANCE WIKI & VOLUNTEERING WIKI EVENT, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 · 10 - 11AM, ONLINE**

As part of Small Charities Week, you are invited to an information and launch event to find out more about the brand-new [Governance Wiki](#) and refresh your knowledge of the [Volunteer Wiki](#) – both hosted within the TSI Network.

The Wikis provide an excellent way to navigate the many resources on the web for governance and volunteering, while also providing a range of templates and downloads that will support your work in both these areas. Thank you to everyone in the TSI Network who is contributing! This session will be of interest both to people supporting organisations with governance and volunteering issues, and also to organisations who need to communicate with the sector about these issues.

The Volunteering Wiki is managed by Volunteer Edinburgh, and the Governance Wiki is managed by Midlothian Community Action, with funding from Tyne-Esk LAG Community Led Local Development Fund.

This session will be held on Teams, a link to join will be available once you've registered. [Register here.](#)

### **COMMUNITY SPACES INAUGURAL MEETING, THURSDAY 26 JUNE | 12:00 – 13:00, ONLINE**

This new, informal network is designed for practitioners who run community spaces in both rural and urban settings. Developed by Social Enterprise Scotland in partnership with Scottish Rural Action, the Community Spaces Network is a new, informal network designed for practitioners who run community spaces in both rural and urban settings. It will serve as a dedicated platform to connect, share, learn, and support one another.

Guest Speaker: Carron Tobin from SCOTO (Scottish Community Tourism Network) Additional speakers to be confirmed.

### **FREE ONLINE LEARNING EVENT: PEER SUPPORT GETTING STARTED**

Join [Scottish Recovery Network](#) for an introductory session with Q&A, exploring the foundations of peer support. Practical tips, free resources, and examples of Peer Support in Action. This online event is on June 17th at 10 am. Find out more or book [here](#).

### **FAIR WORK FESTIVAL EVENTS**

This week-long programme of events developed by Scottish Government in collaboration with partner organisations aims to celebrate and promote fair work practices. There is a variety of events hosted by partner organisations such as CIPD, Peer Works, Enterprise Agencies, Timewise and Flexibility Works. The majority of events will be held online and free to attend.

## INSPIREHER: FINDING WORK-LIFE BALANCE

Join Business Gateway and Life Coach Nic for this session to learn how to create balance without burning out. This session will help you take a step back, get clear on what truly matters, and create a version of balance that works for the life you want to live.

Date: **17 June 2025** Time: **12pm - 1pm**

## **THRE - HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITIES TRAINING**

THRE training coming up soon:

[FUNDING AND FUNDRAISING - A HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITIES FIRST APPROACH](#), 10 JUNE, 1PM–4PM, ONLINE ON ZOOM

[VOLUNTEERING - A HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITIES FIRST APPROACH](#), 25 JUNE, 10AM–1PM

[GOVERNANCE - A HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITIES FIRST APPROACH](#), 9 JULY, 3PM–5.30PM, ONLINE ON ZOOM

**SCOTTISH PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUM: [ONLINE EVENT - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION \(REFORM\) BILL - UPDATE](#)**, 16 JUNE, 10.30AM-12.30PM

## **TAKING EFFECTIVE ACTION ON DOMESTIC ABUSE, WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE 2025, 12PM TO 1PM (ONLINE)**

Domestic abuse is not just a personal issue — it's a **workplace issue**, too. It affects **1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men** in the UK, with an estimated cost of **£17 billion** to businesses in England alone. Employers have the power — and responsibility — to support those affected.

The Employers' Initiative on Domestic Abuse (EIDA) is a network of over 1,800 UK employers committed to taking effective action on domestic abuse. This webinar will provide a deeper understanding of the impact of domestic abuse, its relevance to the workplace, and how employers can create a supportive environment for those affected.

Led by **Kristin Thue**, Communications and Engagement Coordinator at EIDA, this session will explore:

- ◆ What EIDA does and how it supports employers
- ◆ Why domestic abuse matters in the workplace
- ◆ Key facts, misconceptions & survivor perspectives
- ◆ Practical steps using the **Recognise, Respond, Refer** framework
- ◆ A live Q&A to ask questions and explore solutions

### [Registration](#)

## **SCVO FREE DIGITAL MASTERCLASSES FOR VOLUNTARY SECTOR JUNE, ONLINE**

- 17 June: [Managing Digital Change](#)
- 24 June: [Collaboration and Teamwork in the Hybrid Office](#)

## **LIVING WELL HUB BRESSAY, SPELDIBURN, WEDNESDAY MORNING 9.15AM – 11.15AM**

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> June

- MYH Wellbeing 1000 **10am – 12 noon**
- **Voluntary Action Shetland Volunteering:** For anyone interested in finding out more about the benefits of volunteering and support to find a suitable volunteering opportunity pop along between **10am and 2pm**. We also help organisations who would like to recruit volunteers. We can offer training to volunteers and volunteer managers. Voluntary Action Shetland Volunteering also administer the Saltire and local volunteering awards. <https://www.voluntaryactionsketland.com/>
- Lesley from Sport & Leisure will be along with sportswear “**kit for all**” boxes between **10am and 330pm**, 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/>
- **Shetland Employability Pathway** will be at the Hub between **10.00 and 12.00** (may be longer, will confirm for next week’s email). Come in for a blether with Mark and Daniel from our team. If you are looking for work we can help you to: update your CV, apply for jobs or courses, prepare for interviews, access free training etc. Or perhaps you are considering the world of work and would benefit from support with your health and wellbeing? You

might be asking on behalf of a friend or a family member, if not for yourself? We work with people at all stages of their working life, both in work and out. We're happy to help.

- 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. Menu to be confirmed, cash only payments, made to order. There will be a small selection so first come first served!
- **RNID (Royal National Institute for Deaf People)** will be at the Living Well Hub between **12 noon and 130pm**, this will be a free drop-in-service. No appointment needed. The friendly volunteers can help with Information on hearing loss and tinnitus, how to do a hearing check, hearing aids and how to access support and services in your area. Please see poster attached re information. [RNID - National hearing loss charity](#)

CLS Living Well Hub@Community Care Social Work [livingwellhub@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:livingwellhub@shetland.gov.uk)  
The Hub is contactable Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm, 01595744120

**Shetland Befriending Scheme**  
**25th Anniversary High Tea**  
**Sunday 15th June**  
**Cunningsburgh Hall**

**First sitting 12.00pm to 1.30pm**

**Second sitting 2.30pm to 4.00pm**

**Tickets £10 pp**

**To book tickets please call 01595 743907 (Mon-Fri)**  
**Find us on Facebook**

**Live Music**

## CLIMATE RELATED NEWS, EVENTS & TRAINING

### 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.**

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES



**JOIN US !**



### **Job Opportunity for a DRIVER**

part-time, permanent basis, 20 hours  
salary of £13,727.43 (£24,022.92 FTE)

The Shetland Community Transport Service provides transport to social and medical appointments for adults across Shetland. It serves clients who are lonely or isolated and have mobility or health problems. The role will work closely with and provide operational support to the Shetland Community Transport Service. The service also has volunteer drivers so you will work closely with them, building relationships to find the best solution for the client.

**The service operates Monday to Friday and appointments can be early or later, so flexibility is required.**

**Hours: Mon-Fri, 5 x 4 hour days with some flexibility required**

**To apply and for more info use the QR code below**



Funded by  
 Shetland  
Charitable Trust

**Deadline for applications: 2 July 2025**

## SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

### REPORTS

#### **BEST PRACTICE PLANNING APPROACHES FOR AN AGEING POPULATION**

The Scottish Government has published a [research report](#) on identifying emerging needs and best practice approaches to the design of cities, towns, neighbourhoods and streets in Scotland for an ageing population. It makes a series of recommendations around urbanisation and ruralisation, community-level interventions, integrated place policy and placemaking for older adults.

<b>LEGISLATION</b>
<b><u><a href="#">CALLS FOR VIEWS: THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT IS OPEN TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON A RANGE OF TOPICS:</a></u></b>
<p><b><u><a href="#">CONSULTATION ON TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES REGARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS</a></u></b>  <b>Closes: 4 July 2025</b></p> <p>The Scottish Government has recently opened a <a href="#">consultation</a> on appropriate qualifications and competencies for teachers of children and young people who are blind or partially sighted, deaf, or deafblind. This consultation seeks to capture views on proposed changes to the current guidance on this topic.</p>
<p><b><u><a href="#">HEALTH: LONG TERM CONDITIONS FRAMEWORK</a></u></b>  <b>Closes: 20th July 2025</b></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b><u><a href="#">RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION IN SCHOOLS (SCOTLAND) BILL</a></u></b>  <b>Closes: 11 July 2025</b></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b><u><a href="#">THE HARM CAUSED BY SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN SCOTTISH PRISONS</a></u></b>  <b>Closes: 22 August 2025</b></p>