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<b>THIRD SECTOR NEWS</b>
<p><b><u><a href="#">TAKE PART IN THE 2024 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CENSUS</a></u></b>  <b>Deadline: Friday 6 September</b></p> <p>The Social Enterprise Census is the Scottish Government's regular and comprehensive account of social enterprise activity in Scotland, including the scale, reach and contribution of the sector.</p> <p>If your organisation has social or environmental goals and generates income through contracts or fees of any kind, then we want to hear from you. This could include things like running a business in your community generating energy, providing arts activities, running a hotel which provides housing, or delivering social care services.</p> <p>Join thousands of others contributing to this important source of knowledge about the sector. Take part here: <a href="#">Social Enterprise Census 2024 Survey (research.net)</a></p>
<p><b><u><a href="#">CARERS UK: UNPAID CARERS SURVEY OPEN</a></u></b>  <b>Deadline: 11 August</b></p> <p>The State of Caring survey 2024 is now open. It will gather the views and experiences of unpaid carers in Scotland and the UK.</p>
<p><b><u><a href="#">BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE PLAN PROPOSALS</a></u></b>  <b>Closes: 23 August 2024</b></p> <p>Since the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act was passed in 2015, public bodies such as the Scottish Parliament need to prepare a British Sign Language (BSL) Plan every six years. Our <a href="#">first BSL Plan</a> was published in 2018 and is due to be followed up with a second BSL Plan.</p>

We invite you to share your thoughts on how we intend to use and promote BSL in the Scottish Parliament over the next six years. The [consultation](#) is open until 23 August 2024.

## Young Islander Sports Funding 2024



- Are you aged between 5 and 25 years old living in Shetland?
- Do you participate in a sports which has limited opportunities on island for advancing due to no club, lack of facilities or limited opportunity on island?

If yes then you can apply for funding to help with the cost of traveling off island.

For more information including how to apply, please contact [charis.scott3@shetland.org](mailto:charis.scott3@shetland.org) or contact Ability Shetland directly.

**CLOSING DATE: 11/08/24**



Young Islanders Network, in partnership with Ability Shetland and Shetland Sport and Leisure, have come together to offer young athletes in Shetland the opportunity to apply for funding to further their sporting journey.

If you are aged between 5 and 25 years old and participate in a sport in which you have limited opportunities on island for advancing due to no club, lack of facilities or limited opportunities you can apply for support with funding.

Athletes can apply for up to £500 of funding support. There is a limited pot of funding, therefore all applications will be reviewed by a panel.

Applications can be requested through contacting [charis.scott3@shetland.org](mailto:charis.scott3@shetland.org) or Ability Shetland directly. Deadline for applications is Sunday the 11th of August 2024.

For more information please contact [charis.scott3@shetland.org](mailto:charis.scott3@shetland.org)

## NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR

No Updates

## RESOURCES

### CARERS TRUST SCOTLAND: [CARING FOR YOU' - A WELLBEING TOOLKIT](#)

This toolkit offers practical advice, tips and activities to help support unpaid carers mental health and wellbeing.

## **ALZHEIMER SCOTLAND, SHETLAND ACTIVITIES - AUGUST 2024**

Alzheimer Scotland, Shetland offer a range of support and activities for people with dementia, their partners, families and friends. See events happening in August 2024.

## **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT: COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (CLD): INDEPENDENT REVIEW**

The report from the Independent Review of Community Learning and Development (CLD), recognising the breadth of CLD work that takes place across Scotland.

- [Learning: For All. For Life. A report from the Independent Review of Community Learning and Development \(CLD\)](#)
- [Learning: For All. For Life. A report from the Independent Review of Community Learning and Development \(CLD\) – Learners Summary](#)

## **HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

The New Product Development Programme is aimed at established businesses that have a new product or service they wish to bring to market. The programme consists of 5 sessions spread over 12 weeks and will take businesses through all the stages of bringing a new product or service to market.

## **ASH SCOTLAND - YOUTH INFORMATION HUB - RESOURCES ON VAPING**

ASH Scotland's new Youth Conversations Hub aims to bring together youth organisations to share knowledge, hear from the voices of young people, creating a hub for learning and empowering.

## **PLAYLIST FOR LIFE: DEMENTIA CARE RESOURCES**

Playlist for Life have a great range of resources to support carers in using meaningful music in dementia care, which in turn can offer carers respite.

## **CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF FUNDRAISING: [NEW FUNDRAISING RESOURCES FOR SMALL CHARITIES](#)**

The Chartered Institute of Fundraising has just launched a new collection of free resources and information specially created for small charities, small fundraising teams and solo fundraisers. They include a suite of tools, templates and "how to" guides to help community voluntary organisations achieve fundraising success.

## **CYBER RESILIENCE SUPPORT AND RESOURCES**

Cyber Scotland has launched a single source resource hub for third sector organisations to support them with their cyber security and resilience. Whether you're a small, community-based youth centre or a national vol org, there'll be some events, training and resources for you. (NB Link is temporarily out of order)

## **THRE – THIRD SECTOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITIES**

Want to learn about small steps you can take to be more inclusive? [Visit THRE's resource hub](#) on Thinking Beyond Protected Characteristics. You'll find guidance and examples to help bridge the gap between legislation and everyday practices

**THRE GUIDE: BEYOND PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS: THE EQUALITY ACT (2010) IN PRACTICE.** [DOWNLOAD HERE](#) OR [BROWSE](#).

## **THRE GUIDE: THE RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT**

The Scottish Government are introducing the Right to a Healthy Environment, under the new Scottish Human Rights Bill. Read our guide on this right and what it means in practice for the Third Sector.

[DOWNLOAD HERE](#)

## **FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS**

### **VOLUNTARY ACTION SHETLAND TRAINING: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE / TRUSTEES**

Increase your knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of a management committee and the legal duties of a charity trustee. By the end of the session participants will be able to:

- understand the key roles of committee members including Chair, Treasurer and Secretary
- understand the key principles of good governance
- have a knowledge of the duties of a 'charity trustee'
- be aware of the forthcoming changes to charity law as a result of the [Charities \(Regulation and Administration\) \(Scotland\) Act 2023](#)

Choose from one of two dates:

- [THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2024, 6PM – 8.30PM, MARKET HOUSE, LERWICK](#)
- [SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 10.30AM - 1PM, MARKET HOUSE, LERWICK](#)

### **[AGE SCOTLAND - FREE ONLINE TRAINING FOR CARERS DURING AUGUST](#)**

- Intro to the Carers (Scotland) Act
- Hospital Admissions and Discharge
- Power of Attorney

### **[MHSCOT WORKPLACE WELLBEING: ONLINE NETWORKING EVENT, 29 AUGUST, 11AM](#)**

A free Mental Health and Wellbeing in the Workplace online networking event on the 29th of August. This event is the perfect opportunity to connect with others passionate about workplace wellbeing.

**SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST - 1 PM - 4PM - ISLESBURGH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

# WOMEN'S HEALTH & WELLBEING EVENT



Stop by and say hello, and meet a network of healthcare and support services focused on you. Representatives from a number of local organisations and NHS Shetland teams will be attending and be available to discuss:

- Heart Health
- Voluntary Action Shetland
- Citizens Advice
- SANDS
- Health Improvement
- Shetland Resolve
- Hjemli Reflexology
- Menopause
- Parkinson's Shetland
- MS Society Shetland
- Diabetes
- Women's Aid + the Craftivism Club
- The Compass Centre
- Sexual Health
- Pre conception
- Sexual Assault Response Coordination Service (SARCS)
- Breast and Cervical screening
- Falls prevention
- Stroke support

**SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST - 1 PM - 4PM - ISLESBURGH COMMUNITY CENTRE**



## **NATIONAL CARE SERVICES - ISLAND COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT - ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS**

**18th September 2024 – 15.00-16.00pm or 19th September 2024 12.00-13.00pm – Online meetings log in details below**

The Scottish Government is introducing a National Care Service (NCS) to improve community health, social work and social care support in Scotland. We are shaping the NCS with organisations and people who have experience of accessing and delivering services.

We are updating the NCS Island Community Impact Assessment (ICIA) to fully understand the impact of the NCS on island communities. An ICIA gives islanders a platform to voice their opinions, concerns and suggestions. It makes sure that islands and their communities are considered throughout the development and delivery of the NCS.

This engagement event is for people who live on Scottish islands to share their views on how the NCS may impact island communities. We are looking to understand the benefits to health and wellbeing of living on an island, barriers in accessing community health and social care and how we can ensure the NCS meets the needs of island communities.

During this event, Scottish Government officials will provide an overview of the NCS and there will be an opportunity for attendees to provide their views on how the NCS may affect island areas.

Please contact [Debbie.Maguire@gov.scot](mailto:Debbie.Maguire@gov.scot) or [Diane.Eadie@gov.scot](mailto:Diane.Eadie@gov.scot) with any questions.

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**18th September 2024 15.00-16.00pm**, [Join the meeting now](#), Meeting ID: 317 855 950 595, Passcode: WBox5J

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Dial in by phone, [+44 131 376 2847,856397476#](tel:+441313762847856397476) United Kingdom, Edinburgh, Phone conference ID: 856 397 476#

OR

**19th September 2024 12.00-13.00pm**, [Join the meeting now](#), Meeting ID: 386 261 919 56, Passcode: 5udXBw

OR

Dial in by phone, [+44 131 376 2847,859209642#](tel:+441313762847859209642) United Kingdom, Edinburgh, Phone conference ID: 859 209 642#

## **SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND: ONLINE SESSIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL AND FREE TO ATTEND**

### **[GET YOUR VOICE HEARD: FUNDING FOR THE THIRD SECTOR, THURSDAY 8 AUGUST | 11:00](#)**

Join our policy team for a session exploring funding challenges for social enterprises and the wider third sector. Hear from the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on the 2025-26 budget and calls for longer-term, flexible funding, fair wages, and streamlined processes.

### **[THIRD SECTOR 101: UNDERSTANDING EMPLOYABILITY POLICY & FUNDING IN SCOTLAND, THURSDAY 22 AUGUST | 13:00](#)**

Join us for a joint event hosted in partnership with the TSI Network, and TSEF to explore the latest in employability policy and funding. Hear from experts on the "No One Left Behind" strategy, local authority roles, third sector impact, and funding opportunities from UKSPF and DWP.

### **[UNLOCKING PROCUREMENT: INTRODUCTION TO THE SCOTTISH CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST | 11:00](#)**

This session is design to help social enterprises navigate and explore procurement opportunities with the Scottish construction industry. Hear from industry experts about supply chain opportunities, gain insights and connect with potential partners.

### **[SOCIAL ECONOMY TODAY, THURSDAY 22 AUGUST | 17:00](#)**

Join us for the Social Economy Today public lecture, jointly hosted with the Yunus Centre at Glasgow Caledonian University. At this free, hybrid event, we'll welcome Neil McInroy, Chair of EDAS, who will discuss advancing social and democratic business models to create a fair and sustainable economy.

### **[THIRD SECTOR LAB: CREATING AND MANAGING EFFECTIVE CHARITY EMAIL CAMPAIGNS USING MAILCHIMP](#)** **[8 AUGUST, 2024](#)**

Mailchimp is an email marketing platform designed to help you manage mailing lists and create

email marketing campaigns. In this session, we'll cover the basics of keeping a tidy and compliant Mailchimp account, an overview of how to create and design your first campaign and the tools provided by Mailchimp to help you analyse your campaigns.

### **[NATIONAL RURAL MENTAL HEALTH FORUM'S ONLINE SEMINAR IS AUGUST 28TH AT 11 AM](#)**

Presentations will be from [Farmstrong](#), a new initiative to support the farming community and [Distress Brief Intervention](#) who support individuals who present themselves to frontline services in distress. [Book here.](#)

### **SCVO DIGISHIFT 83: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION ESSENTIALS FOR CHARITIES, [28 AUGUST, 2024](#)**

Transform your digital strategy and enhance your charity's impact.

### **[MAKE YOUR MARK WEBINAR: CREATING VOLUNTEERING PATHWAYS FOR PEOPLE ACCESSING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, THU, 22 AUG 2024 14:00 - 15:00 BST, ZOOM](#)**

Do you organise volunteers within Scotland's heritage sector? Join us for a session about widening access to volunteering. Bekki Gorgon, Engagement Officer at [St Andrews Botanic Garden](#), will be sharing the impact that the "Planting For Your Piece" project has had on their volunteer programme and garden community.

### **INCLUSION SCOTLAND: THURSDAY, 8TH AUGUST: [WEBINAR: WHAT ARE DISABLED PEOPLE'S PRIORITIES FOR CHANGE IN SCOTLAND?](#)**

### **[UNDER PRESSURE TRAINING](#)**

Young people are living in highly pressurised times, with a range of factors impacting on their ability to have healthy relationships. Under Pressure training supports practitioners to have open discussions about some of the challenges and pressures young people may be facing around relationships and gender roles. These sessions are free and designed for anyone working closely with young people.

- [Sign up for 6th August](#)
- [Sign up for 15th August](#)

### **VOLUNTARY HEALTH SCOTLAND EVENTS**

#### [Festival of Politics: Health Creators- Health Inequalities in Scotland, 11am-1pm, Tuesday 20th August 2024, The Scottish Parliament](#)

VHS and the Cross Party Group on Health Inequalities are hosting an event as part of the 2024 Festival of Politics to discuss health creation and health inequalities in Scotland. Find out more about our speakers and book below. [Book here.](#)

#### [Members Meet up: August 2024, 10.30 am-12 pm, Wednesday 28th August 2024, Online](#)

2024 is a year of celebration for VHS as we mark 20 years of our charity. The theme of 2024 is "Vital Health Sector" as this captures the role that our members play in the health of people across Scotland. We want to offer a space to connect and share with other VHS members about the challenges we face together. [Book here.](#)

#### [Cross Party Group on Health Inequalities: September 2024, 6pm- 7.30pm, Tuesday 11 September 2024, Hybrid](#)

Topic: Third Sector and Health Inequalities. Join us on the 11 September at 6pm, either in person or online, for our next meeting of the Cross Party Group on Health Inequalities. The meeting will be chaired by co-convenor Emma Harper MSP. [Book here.](#)

[VHS Annual Conference 2024: Scotland's Vital Health Sector, Wednesday 23rd October 2024, Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh](#)

VHS are delighted to announce that our annual conference is back for a very special 20th Anniversary event. Please contact [Lauren Blair](#) if you have any questions.

### **2024 DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

The [Raspberry Pi Foundation](#) is a UK-based charity with the mission to enable young people to realise their full potential through the power of computing and digital technologies.

Since 2020, they have partnered with over 100 youth and community organisations in the UK to develop programmes that increase opportunities for young people experiencing educational disadvantage to engage and create with digital technology.

In September and October they'll be running a series of free training workshops for youth organisations in underserved communities in the UK and Ireland, designed to equip their staff with the necessary skills to run free, regular coding clubs for young people in their centres.

The training course will consist of two 90 minute online workshops, followed by an in-person training day with the Raspberry Pi Foundation's team of experienced educators.

These are the provisional dates for the training:

- 18th September – session 1 (online)
- 25th September – session 2 (online)
- 23rd October – (in person)

**[YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN TRAINING CAN REGISTER THEIR INTEREST VIA THIS FORM.](#)**

## CLIMATE NEWS

### CLIMATE OUTREACH

**[WATCH CLIMATE OUTREACH WEBINAR RECORDING: THE NEW PARLIAMENT'S CLIMATE STORY](#)**

**NEW RESOURCE: [THE NEW PARLIAMENT'S CLIMATE STORY](#)**

The Climate Outreach webinar insights can be found in our new short guide ' [The new parliament's climate story](#)'. Whether you work in government, private or non-profit sectors, this guide can help you talk about climate change with your audiences

**[VALUES 101: CREATING THE CULTURAL CONDITIONS FOR CHANGE, TUE 13 AUG 2024 9:00 AM - TUE 10 SEP 2024 11:00 AM BST, ONLINE, ZOOM](#)**



Common Cause Foundation run the workshop series [Values 101: Creating the Cultural Conditions for Change](#) starting Tue 13th Aug. It is free for unpaid activists and volunteers attending as part of a larger organisation.

Common Cause invites you to join the Values 101 workshop series, taking place between 9am - 11am BST every Tuesday between 13th August and 10th September. If you're frustrated by the pace and scale of social and environmental transformation, this 5-week programme outlines an alternative approach to change, rooted in an understanding of values and what motivates people to care about injustice in all of its many forms. We'll explore how we can collectively elevate different values in our mainstream culture - values of care, equality, creativity and togetherness, instead of power, wealth and individual success - in order to achieve durable, systemic change

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS CENTRE FOR SCOTLAND'S: LUNCHTIME 101: RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT**

### **[WHAT WOULD A LEGAL RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT MEAN FOR SCOTLAND? WED, 28 AUG 2024 13:00 - 14:00 BST, ZOOM](#)**

What is the right to a healthy environment and what would legal environmental rights mean for Scotland? Join ERCS's Chief Officer Dr Shivali Fifield for a lunchtime conversation. Guests to be confirmed soon.

## **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH SCOTLAND - [CLIMATE JUSTICE RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE](#)**

### **[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT: CLIMATE CHANGE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY SURVEY](#)**

**Call for feedback - Climate Change Public Engagement Strategy  
Deadline: 31 August 2024**

The Scottish Government is currently seeking views on the Climate Change Public Engagement Strategy as part of a midpoint review process. We are keen to hear your candid reflections on what aspects of the strategy you think are working well so far and how we can improve delivery against the strategy for the remainder of the strategy's implementation.

### **[BBC ARTICLE - HOW GLOBAL WARMING IS CHANGING THE OLYMPICS](#)**

### **[CHARITY DIGITAL WEBINAR: HOW TO LOWER YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT, THURSDAY 15 AUGUST AT 1PM \(BST\)](#)**

Speakers from digital environmental coalition DIMPACT, the Carbon Literacy Trust, WWF, and the National Trust to discuss how charities can tackle digital's carbon footprint and consider the sustainability of the technology they use.

### **[BUSINESS GATEWAY: NET ZERO SUPPORT](#)**

Rising energy costs, the climate emergency and increasing consumer pressure continue to impact businesses. Business Gateway have launched a new webpage with information and support to help businesses on their journey as they transition to net zero.

### **[SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN SCOTLAND THIS SUMMER](#)**

Visit Scotland's [quick guide to taking climate action](#) also has some simple tips for any organisation involved in tourism on sustainable and responsible tourism in Scotland. You might also find the [SCOTO network](#) a useful source of support and inspiration for greener community tourism ideas.

### [REPORT ON ETHNICITY AND UK CLIMATE PERCEPTIONS](#)

This report brings together insights on how people of colour in Britain experience, perceive and engage with climate change and climate policy. It outlines why UK climate discourse must better consider the perspectives of different ethnicities and recommends actions that researchers, research funders, insights commissioners and campaigners can take.

### [ACTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNS TO GET INVOLVED WITH](#)

Take a look at Scottish Environment LINK's website for opportunities to join their campaigns and lend the voice of your organisation and community.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

**VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY**

**HEARING AID SUPPORT WORKER**

**RNID**

Provide support to NHS hearing aid users at our hearing aid maintenance clinics, helping with basic maintenance and support of hearing aids.

hearing aid support volunteer role includes:

- undertake basic maintenance on hearing aids, cleaning or changing tubing and replacing batteries
- offer practical support to optimise hearing aids

Full training will be provided by NHS Shetland audiology dept, with ongoing support provided by locally based project co-ordinator.

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### **HEARING AID SUPPORT WORKER, RNID**

Volunteers are required throughout Shetland (**particularly UNST, YELL and WHALSAY**)

#### **ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY:**

Provide support to NHS hearing aid users at our hearing aid maintenance clinics, helping with basic maintenance and support of hearing aids. As a hearing aid support volunteer, you will:

- undertake basic maintenance on hearing aids, cleaning or changing tubing and replacing batteries
- offer practical support to optimise hearing aids
- signpost other agencies that may be beneficial to the service user
- monitor the number of visits to drop-in service and feedback to the Project Co-ordinator
- Meet with other RNID volunteers and staff to discuss the project and suggest any improvements.

Full training will be provided by NHS Shetland audiology dept, with ongoing support provided by locally based project co-ordinator.

As an RNID volunteer, you will:

- make a real difference to the people you support

- help us run this important service
- receive training and learn new skills
- meet people in different situations
- raise awareness of deafness in the community
- have reasonable, out-of-pocket and pre-approved travel expenses repaid.

Contact us for more information or to express an interest volunteering with the RNID Hearing Aid Support Worker opportunity. Email: [Vasvolunteering@shetland.org](mailto:Vasvolunteering@shetland.org), Tel: 01595 743910

**CORRA SEEKS DECISION-MAKING PANEL MEMBERS FOR THE INDEPENDENT HUMAN RIGHTS FUND FOR SCOTLAND**

Corra is looking for people to work as part of the panel which will make decisions on which applications to the Fund’s open call are awarded grants. They are particularly interested to hear from people who bring certain perspectives because reporting and consultation on human rights tells us that certain groups of people are among those whose rights are furthest from being met or whose rights are most at risk or frequently violated in Scotland.

They are therefore particularly looking for panel members who are (in no order of preference) from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities, Gypsy/Traveller communities, disabled people, including those with learning disabilities and the Deaf/deaf community, women and girls, migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees, LGBTQ+ people, care experienced people, carers, people affected by imprisonment (including of family members), people affected by alcohol and drug use, people who have been trafficked or victims of torture, people affected by homelessness, older people, and people living in remote/rural areas.

They are also looking for children and young people and expect that at least two panel members would bring these perspectives.

Panel members would be paid for their time at the Corra rate of £114 per day for approximately 3 to 4 days work in total, and all travel expenses would be reimbursed. Corra will also provide any necessary support to enable members to contribute and participate fully in their panel role.

See full details of how to apply in the attached document.

**SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS**

**REPORTS**

**LEGISLATION**

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

**INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE ADULT DISABILITY PAYMENT**

Deadline: 23 August

To inform her recommendations and ensure that the Adult Disability Payment meets the needs of

disabled people, the Chair of the Independent Review of the Adult Disability Payment has announced a call for evidence with a deadline of 23 August for responses. There are two elements to this consultation, one which is [seeking views from organisations](#) and one which is [seeking views from individuals](#).

### **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT: CLIMATE CHANGE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY SURVEY**

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The Scottish Government is currently seeking views on the Climate Change Public Engagement Strategy as part of a midpoint review process. We are keen to hear your candid reflections on what aspects of the strategy you think are working well so far and how we can improve delivery against the strategy for the remainder of the strategy's implementation.

### **NATIONAL CARE SERVICE (SCOTLAND) BILL AMENDMENTS**

The [Health, Social Care and Sport Committee](#) backed the [National Care Service \(Scotland\) Bill](#) at stage 1 (by a majority). It is now seeking your views on the draft amendments at stage 2 that have been proposed by the Scottish Government. The main changes to the bill will be the creation of a National Care Service Board and greater consistency of local planning and delivery of reformed integration authorities rather than Care Boards. **Closing date: 30 August 2024**

### **IMPACT OF THE CHILD POVERTY ACT**

The [Social Justice and Social Security Committee](#) has opened a consultation to consider the impact of the [Child Poverty \(Scotland\) Act 2017](#), in particular the difference that has been made by having the framework for reducing child poverty set in law. In addition to interested individuals or groups, it would like to hear from local authorities, health boards, academics with expertise in this area and private and third sector organisations that are working to reduce child poverty. **Closing date: 13 September 2024**

### **CLIMATE CHANGE TARGETS BILL – Closing Date: 16 August 2024**

### **2025-26 CULTURE BUDGET**

**Closing date: 9 August 2024**

The [Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee](#) wants to hear from individuals, groups and businesses operating within the culture sector. These views will help the committee to make recommendations to the Scottish Government ahead of its budget for 2025-26.

### **THIRD SECTOR FUNDING PRINCIPLES**

**Closing date: 16 August 2024**

The [Social Justice and Social Security Committee](#) will be examining how the Scottish Government's approach to fair and efficient funding can contribute to the continued effectiveness of the third sector. It wants to hear from third sector organisations, private and public sector organisations that fund the third sector, and academics with an understanding of third sector funding.

### **ASSISTED DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (SCOTLAND) BILL**

**Closing Date: 16 August 2024**

The [Health, Social Care and Sport Committee](#) would like to hear your views on a bill to enable competent adults who are terminally ill to be provided, at their request, with assistance to end their life. This call for views is available in easy read and BSL, as well as English and Gaelic.

**EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) BILL**  
**Closing Date: 30 August 2024**

The [Education, Children and Young People Committee](#) would like to hear your views on a bill that is seeking to establish a new body called Qualifications Scotland. The bill would also create a new office of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland.