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### THIRD SECTOR NEWS

#### **JOIN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND IN NOVEMBER FOR THE THREE DAY SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SUMMIT! – INCLUDING FULLY FUNDED COMMUNITY LEARNING EXCHANGES**

The Social Enterprise Scotland Summit is a three-day programme of events, from the 6th to the 8th of November.

On the **6th of November**, SES will be hosting three community learning exchanges, offering a fully-funded focused learning experience. The CLEs are initially open to applications until Tuesday 1 October.

**Priority will be given to social enterprises, particularly those where travel costs are a barrier to attending. Travel, accommodation and subsistence will be funded up to a certain amount, please see the link below for more details on this. [Click here to find out more and apply](#),**

On the **7th of November**, the **Annual Social Enterprise Summit and Social Enterprise Awards Scotland Reception** will be taking place. Come along during the day for the Summit, and later that evening, at the Scottish Parliament for the Awards Reception, hosted by Paul Sweeney MSP. This event celebrates the outstanding contributions of social enterprises across Scotland. Social Enterprise Scotland will be announcing the winners of their awards, recognising excellence and innovation in the sector. [Tickets for both events are available now.](#)

On the **8th of November**, there will be a special event celebrating the incredible work within Scotland's diverse social enterprise community at the **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion – Social Enterprise Celebration and Showcase**. [Click here to book your ticket now.](#)

## NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR

No updates

## RESOURCES

### [VOLUNTEERING FOR ALL: NATIONAL RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN LAUNCH](#)

Recruiting new volunteers is not always straightforward or easy. This national campaign from Volunteer Scotland has resources and some very helpful training opportunities and tips on best practice when recruiting volunteers. More information available at: [Support - Volunteering Action Plan](#)

### [OPEN LEARN: INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS SHORT COURSE](#)

This short course on volunteering has been developed by Volunteer Scotland and the Centre for Voluntary Sector Leadership (CVSL) and the main driving spirit comes from the volunteer's perspective. The course is about the essential things you need to consider to ensure a positive experience for individuals engaging in volunteering.

- By the end of this course you should be able to:
- Be clear about how volunteering fits into your context and the opportunities it provides
- Develop an appropriate way of getting to know volunteers and for volunteers to get to know you
- Understand the importance of supporting volunteers and communicating the difference their contribution makes
- Identify the volunteers' voice in order to learn from volunteers' experiences and ensure that they have a positive volunteering journey.

### [HOW TO GUIDE: LEGACIES](#)

Start your journey to a successful legacy campaign with the second edition of Fundraising Magazine's new "How to Guide" series, the [How to Guide: Legacies](#), which aims to educate and share knowledge between fundraisers. This is a completely free resource published with the purpose of sharing the learning as widely as possible.

### [COMMUNITY INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORT DIRECTORY](#)

A directory of organisations across Scotland delivering a wide range of support relating to community justice. These organisations support communities and provide a vital resource in tackling the underlying causes of crime. Whether accessed individually, or alongside an appropriate community intervention, this support can help reduce re-offending. You can add your organisation and relevant services [here](#).

## [THE ASPIRE \(ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION\) HUB](#)

Iriss and the National Adult Support and Protection Co-Ordinator announce the launch of the [ASPIre Hub](#). It's a place where everyone working in Adult Support and Protection can find and share resources. The ASPIre Hub has been designed as a user-friendly space to share the most useful learnings from local and national ASP work, all in order to support best practice. You can [browse the resources](#), and even [suggest new ones](#) – helping the ASPIre Hub to further grow and evolve.

## [SHETLAND IN STATISTICS](#)

This document has been recently published and includes a key section on the Third Sector pages 25-26. First published in 1972, as a guide to record facts and figures about Shetland, the publication has grown and changed over the years, reflecting changes in the islands.

## FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

### **[THEMATIC WORKSHOP: COMMISSIONING WITH COMMUNITIES, WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER | 10:30 – 12:00 | ONLINE, FREE. AN ONLINE EVENT HOSTED BY SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND AND THE TSI NETWORK, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TSEF](#)**

The recently launched No One Left Behind Strategic Action Plan continues to emphasise the importance of Service Design approaches in shaping local relevant employability strategy, commissioning and services across Scotland. Engaging meaningfully with those we aim to support through co-production and collaboration is central to doing Service Design well.

This session will provide an introduction to the value and importance of commissioning with communities. Participants will hear examples of different approaches to involving community voices in both designing and implementing commissioning strategies and what difference this can make to the resultant services. It will also touch on common challenges, and how to work with them.

The session welcomes Amy Hurst from Collaborate CIC and Helen Sharp from the Ideas Alliance both of whom have a wealth of experience in this arena in commissioning, strategy development and systems thinking.

### **[CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK WORKSHOP: COMMUNITIES AND VOLUNTEERING, 11TH OCTOBER: 09.30 TO 12.00](#)**

CLD Standards Council & Volunteer Scotland invites you to an online workshop that we are co-hosting with Volunteer Scotland, for Challenge Poverty Week, focusing on volunteering and communities.

Volunteers support work to address poverty in communities across Scotland. This interactive workshop will provide information about the current policy landscape around CLD, volunteering and poverty, as well as some useful sources of support for volunteer involving organisations in this space. It will also offer an insight into how different organisations successfully recruit and support volunteers engaged in anti-poverty roles. Finally, there will be opportunities to ask questions and discuss the key issues.

**CHALLENGE POVERTY & PROMOTE ANTI-RACISM WITH SRC & DUNDEE CLD TICKETS, TUE 8 OCT 2024 AT 13:30 | EVENTBRITE**

An online event during Challenge Poverty Week with Education Scotland, Scottish Refugee Council and Dundee CLD Tuesday 8th October, 1:30 – 3pm

The Scottish Refugee Council will give an input on terminology, structures and misconceptions in relation to New Scots who are refugees and asylum seekers living in Scotland. This will be followed by Dundee CLD Team who will highlight how poverty impacts ESOL learners in Dundee from an anti-racist perspective discussing structural inequalities, barriers and areas of exclusion.

They will discuss the importance of high quality adult guidance, and clearly defined pathways for ESOL learners, underpinned by strong partnerships at a strategic and locality level.

Participants will have an opportunity to reflect on the impacts of poverty and how CLD supports this, and resources on anti-racist practise and challenging poverty will be shared as part of the session.

shared Lives shetland presents



A Celebration of Shared Lives Art Making

Thursday 10th of October

at Hymhus, Bigton



Our exhibition is open 2pm to 6pm

Hot drinks & cakes available



Shared Lives Shetland Presents 'Sharing our Art' – a celebration of the art and creativity that Shared Lives Participants have created during their time with their matched Shared Lives Support Worker. The Exhibition will be open from 2pm-6pm at Hymhus, Bigton. With a special guest performance from Sea Shanty's at 3pm. Donations are gratefully welcomed to Alzheimer Shetland.

Please pop along for a cuppa and cake and to admire all of the lovely work that will be on display! Also a great chance to learn more about Shared Lives and our Reminiscing Sessions if you'd like to know more about the services.

**GIVING TUESDAY IS 3 DECEMBER 2024**

Giving Tuesday UK is a global giving campaign for everyone – charities, community groups, social enterprises, individuals and businesses. They provide communication resources to showcase your work, attract donations, recruit volunteers and thank supporters. [There's a webinar for CIOF members on 31 October for top tips on boosting online engagement.](#)

**VOLUNTEER SCOTLAND 40TH AGM, ONLINE BY ZOOM, TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2024, 10 AM – 11.30 AM**

This AGM marks an important milestone of 40 years of working with our members, stakeholders, partners and colleagues to help to make a difference through volunteering. In addition to our formal AGM business, we're delighted to host our annual AGM Event which this year will explore 'The Value of Volunteering'. We'll have sessions from David Bomark who will present findings from his doctoral research on volunteering and associational life, and Will Watt from State of Life who will consider the social value of volunteering.

We'll be sending out notice of our AGM and details of how to book your place on 11th October and there will be a preferential booking period for our members to ensure that they don't miss out on a place. In the meantime, please save this date/time for your diary via the button below.

**SAVE THE DATE TO YOUR CALENDAR HERE**



**Shetland Women's Aid Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 9th October 6.00pm  
This year's AGM will be held online.

To register your interest and receive an invitation to join the meeting virtually, please contact [office@shetlandwa.org](mailto:office@shetlandwa.org) before Monday 7th October 2024.

**SVN WORKSHOP | [LEGAL PANEL FOR SCOTLAND'S CHARITY SECTOR WITH BRODIES LLP SOLICITORS, NOV 07, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM GMT, ONLINE EVENT](#)**

Are you a charity or third sector organisation operating in Scotland seeking high-level legal advice to move forward and build resilience? Inspiring Scotland's Specialist Volunteer Network are hosting a panel of experts from Brodies LLP Solicitors to share their insights across themes including Charity Law and Governance, Commercial Contracts, Mergers and Acquisitions, Intellectual Property, Tech and Data, Employment Law and Tax and Real Estate.

**SCVO FREE WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS**

- [How trustees can help improve their organisation's cyber resilience](#), 2 October
- [Digital wellbeing in the workplace](#), 15 October

**MAKE YOUR MARK: [INCLUSIVE VOLUNTEERING WORKSHOP, THU, 17 OCT 2024 10:30 - 12:00 BST, ONLINE](#)**

Discuss how to develop inclusive volunteering programmes and support a diverse range of volunteers. Join Make your Mark for a workshop reviewing key learnings from our [Inclusive Volunteering Toolkit](#), including identifying barriers and enablers for volunteering.

**GETTING ON BOARD: [FESTIVAL OF TRUSTEESHIP 2024 – 4TH – 8TH NOVEMBER, ONLINE](#)**

The Festival of Trusteeship 2024 will be happening from Monday 4th November to Friday 8th November 2024. Getting on Board has a week of online events to help you consider, become and be brilliant and effective trustees. The full price for the weekly pass will be £25. You can secure your weekly pass now for just £15. The weekly pass will give you access to all events during the week, as well as access to the recordings and accompanying session information.

**CLIMATE NEWS**

**BUSINESS ENERGY SCOTLAND: [TRAIN TO BECOME A CPD-CERTIFIED GREEN CHAMPION](#)**

Join this free training webinar to become a CPD-certified Green Champion  
October 30, 2024, Time: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm, Online

This free webinar, designed for small and medium sized enterprises, will pack the entire Green Champions foundation course into one session. Join and get the skills and knowledge that over 4,500 other professionals have already learnt through the Green Champions training course.

You'll find out about the changing resource landscape and the growing need to be resource efficient, before learning how to gather valuable data from around your organisation to help you plan improvement projects.

You'll also learn a range of techniques that can be used to interpret and visualise the information you have collected on your resource use, and how to use that knowledge to set realistic environmental goals for your organisation.

**BUSINESS ENERGY SCOTLAND: [MEASURE AND MONITOR YOUR ENERGY USE](#)**

Measuring and monitoring your energy usage is the essential first stage in any bid to save energy. It's a skill that every business – from the quirkiest coffee kiosk to the mightiest corporation – should master. The free energy usage tracking spreadsheet can be used to start measuring and monitoring your energy use today.

**CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND'S 2024 AGM, WHICH WILL BE HOSTED ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 2.00 – 3.00 PM. YOU CAN REGISTER TO ATTEND THE AGM [HERE](#).**

The meeting will include an update from our Chair about progress over the last year and we will also receive a financial report, adopt the accounts and appoint new Board members to the organisation. There will also be an opportunity for members to input into Circular Communities Scotland's future Strategic Plan.

Guest speaker attending our AGM: Circular Communities Scotland Board Member, Laura Young, aka '[Less Waste Laura](#)', is an award-winning climate activist, environmental scientist and ethical influencer, and will be joining us for the second half of the meeting. In-keeping with the theme of Circular Communities Scotland's [Annual Conference](#), Laura will be speaking to 'The Difference We Make' as a network of dedicated members working within the circular community sector in Scotland.

The 2024 AGM Pack can be found [here](#).

The Circular Communities Scotland Annual Accounts can be found [here](#).

The Circular Enterprises Ltd. Annual Accounts can be found [here](#)

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Shetland Befriending Scheme presents

### Recipe for a good Befriender

- 2 hrs a week/fortnight
- 1 positive outlook
- 1 ability to be dependable
- a listening ear
- a pinch of fun & humour

#### Method

Currently recruiting volunteers to work with young people aged 7-15 and 16+ adults

For more information contact us on  
Telephone: 01595 743907  
Email: [befriending@shetland.org](mailto:befriending@shetland.org)

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VOLUNTEERS MUST BE OVER 17. WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ORGANISATION. SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SC012286

Shetland Befriending Scheme is currently recruiting new volunteers. Volunteering with us is fun, challenging and can help you gain new skills and experiences. Anyone over the age of 17 can be a befriender. People of all ages and walks of life can volunteer – students, full-time parents, retired folk, people working full or part-time, or unemployed.

We will provide the training and all we ask is that you commit a few hours a fortnight, be caring, tolerant and enthusiastic. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with us, we would be delighted to hear from you!

You can message us on Facebook, email [befriending@shetland.org](mailto:befriending@shetland.org) or call us on 01595 743907. You can read more about our work on our website: [shetlandbefriendingscheme.com](http://shetlandbefriendingscheme.com).

## SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

### REPORTS

#### **ASSISTED DYING BILL**

The [Health, Social Care and Sport Committee](#) issued two calls for views on the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill. It has now published [responses to the detailed call for views](#). A detailed analysis of the responses to both calls for views is still being worked on, but a [summary](#) giving an overview of high-level quantitative results has been published.

### LEGISLATION

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

#### **[FUNDING DEALS TO BOOST ECONOMIES AND CREATE NEW JOBS](#)**

The [Economy and Fair Work Committee](#) is looking at the implementation and effectiveness of City Region Deals and Regional Growth Deals. It is keen to hear a wide range of views, particularly from Scottish businesses, community groups and local authorities involved in the deals.  
Closing date: 14 November 2024

#### **[SCRUTINY OF THE SCOTTISH HOUSING REGULATOR](#)**

The Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) is an independent non-ministerial department, established by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010. The [Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee](#) will be considering the SHR's annual report later this year and, to support this work, it wants to hear from you about your experience of the SHR.  
Closing date: 11 October 2024

#### **[SCRUTINY OF THE SCOTTISH PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN](#)**

The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) is the final stage for complaints about most public services in Scotland. The [Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee](#) will be considering the SPSO's annual report later this year and, to support this work, it wants to hear from you about your experience of the SPSO.  
Closing date: 11 October 2024