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**THIRD SECTOR NEWS**

**On Behalf of the Living Well Hub**

**VISIT TO SHETLAND FROM THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL CARE, MENTAL WELLBEING AND SPORT**

The Minister will be coming to Shetland on 16 August. While she is here she will be visiting the **Living Well Hub at Scalloway Youth and Community Centre between 11:00 and 12:00**, where she hopes to be able to speak with people who use the Wellbeing hub, what it means to them and their families, and what the Scottish Government should be doing to improve social care services on our islands. She would be delighted to meet local people, so please come along and take the opportunity to speak with her directly.

**LET'S BE HEARD ON COVID LESSONS**

The Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry has launched its listening project, Let's Be Heard, inviting the public to share their experiences of the pandemic and any lessons they believe should be learned. Find out how individuals and groups can participate by visiting [lbh.covid19inquiry.scot](http://lbh.covid19inquiry.scot). The project is asking for experiences to be submitted by 31 October 2023

## **[SHETLAND AREA LICENSING BOARD CONSULTING ON A NEW 'STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY](#)**

**Closes: 15 August 2023**

SHETLAND'S licensing board has opened a consultation on a new statement of licensing policy. The policy sets out how the sale of alcohol is regulated and how applications are handled. It must include a statement as to whether the board considers there to be an overprovision of licensed premises in Shetland. The current policy states there is no overprovision.

**Local hall committees, shops and licensees are being asked for their input, along with the general public.**

The draft policy can be viewed [here](#), and comments can also be sent to [licensing@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@shetland.gov.uk) until 15 August.

## **[CIRCULAR ECONOMY \(SCOTLAND\) BILL - PUBLIC DISCUSSION](#)**

**Closes: September 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**

The Bill was introduced by the Scottish Government on Tuesday 13th June 2023 and aims to ensure Scotland makes progress towards a circular economy, which reduces waste and carbon emissions (you can see [here](#) for more background). The main parts in the Circular Economy Bill are: • Additional charges for single use items • New measures around household waste • Recycling targets for local authorities • Disposal of unsold consumer goods • Waste crime – littering from a vehicle

During summer 2023, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport (NZET) Committee would like as many people as possible to share their thoughts and ideas around what is important to them regarding Scotland's circular economy. There is [a site](#) where you can share your ideas with the Committee and answer questions such as:

- Do you agree the Scottish Government should introduce measures to reduce use of single-use items?
- Is littering from vehicles an issue in your area? Do you think this new penalty provides a solution that would reduce littering from vehicles?
- The Bill includes new powers for the Scottish Government to set recycling targets for local authorities. Do you agree with the need for legal targets?

Please register and add your thoughts to [the site](#) and also rate and comment on other ideas.

If you would like to discuss the bill within your organisation and send feedback as an organisation there is a conversation toolkit (see attached).

## NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR

### WHAT DO THE CHANGES TO SCOTTISH CHARITY LAW MEAN FOR YOU?

The new legislation will strengthen and enhance existing Scottish charity law, at the same time as adding some new measures. It will help to promote greater transparency and accountability of charities and their trustees, making sure the public can have confidence in Scotland's charity sector. The timetable for introducing these changes will be announced by The Scottish Government in the next few months. Changes will strengthen and update the current law by:

- increasing transparency and accountability in charities
- making improvements to OSCR's powers
- bringing Scottish charity legislation up to date and more consistent with certain key aspects of charity regulation in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The [Scottish Parliament's website](#) has more information about the changes.

### CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL RETURN PROCESS - SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK!

All charities in Scotland must complete an OSCR Annual Return and file this with the charity's annual report and accounts using our OSCR Online system. The Annual Return allows OSCR to gather information about what is happening within a charity. We then use this information to help us with our regulatory work.

In line with the priorities set out in our new [Corporate Strategy](#), we intend to make improvements to the Annual Return process, and to the support we provide to charities throughout the submission process.

As part of this, we would like to gather feedback from charities and trustees, and those who support charities to complete their Annual Return, before the proposed upgrades are introduced. More information about the changes that we are going to make is published in the [Annual Return Feedback document](#). This includes a copy of the new Annual Return questions.

Please provide your thoughts and feedback to us by 6 October 2023 – your contribution will help us to refine the changes we want to make to ensure that the end result is positive for both charities and OSCR. You can submit your feedback by email to [feedback@oscr.org.uk](mailto:feedback@oscr.org.uk) or by post to:

OSCR  
2nd Floor  
Quadrant House  
9 Riverside Drive  
Dundee  
DD1 4NY

## [HOW TO PREPARE A GOOD TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT](#)

The Trustees' Annual Report (TAR) is part of the legal reporting requirements for all Scottish charities. There is certain information that must be included in a Trustees' Annual Report. Read OSCR's [guidance and good practice for Trustees' Annual Reports](#) to find out more about this. The type of accounts you prepare will determine what information you must include in the report. The guidance sets out the legal requirements for both Receipts and Payments accounts and Fully Accrued accounts.

## RESOURCES

### **[NCVO BLOG: CONSUMER DUTY: WHAT IS IT AND HOW WILL CHARITIES BENEFIT? | NCVO](#)**

A new duty for UK banks and other financial businesses “to deliver good outcomes for retail customers” came into force on 31 July 2023. The new rules set a higher standard of consumer protection in financial services. Under the new duty you should get:

- the support you need, when you need it
- communications you understand
- products and services that meet your needs and offer fair value

## FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

### **[NATIONAL CARE SERVICE NATIONAL FORUM 2023, MON, 30 OCT 2023 10:30 - 15:30, IN PERSON \(GLASGOW\) AND ONLINE](#)**

The National Care Service Forum is an opportunity for stakeholders, people who access social care support, the social care workforce, carers and unpaid carers to share their thoughts about the National Care Service. The forum will talk about what the National Care Service is all about, why it matters so much we make it happen together, and how we will do that. This event is open to everyone with experience or views they'd like to share on social care support and community healthcare.

**Those unable to attend in-person can still attend online.** Please click on the [link to register for the National Care Service Forum online](#).

#### **Travel and expenses**

If you are attending as a member of the public the National Care Service may cover agreed costs for travel, accommodation and replacement care, to enable you to attend. We can also book travel and accommodation for you. Please contact the National Care Service Communications mailbox once you have booked your space but before booking any travel or accommodation to discuss: [NCSCcommunications@gov.scot](mailto:NCSCcommunications@gov.scot).

**[INNOVATION FUNDING WEBINAR: ENERGY SYSTEMS, GRIDS, STORAGE AND GENERATION, MON, 21 AUG 2023 10:00 - 11:30AM, ONLINE](#)**

Discover the latest innovation funding opportunities for energy systems, grids, storage, and generation projects. The webinar, run by the Scottish European Green Energy Centre (SEGEC), Scottish Enterprise Innovation Collaboration and Funding team and Innovate UK, will provide an overview of current and future opportunities in these areas.

You'll learn about everything from grants and support for single SME's applications, to large-scale international collaborative projects.

You'll benefit from this webinar will be if your job involves supporting and developing innovative products and services, as a business owner, a researcher, or a public sector employee.

**[PEER CONNECTS: PEER-LED LEARNING AND THE DIFFERENCE IT MAKES TICKETS, THU 21 SEP 2023 AT 11:00 | EVENTBRITE](#)**

A Peer Connects online event from Scottish Recovery Network

This participatory online event is a chance to connect, share and learn with people passionate about the power of peer support! It's an opportunity to look at some of the different ways people use to enhance their confidence, skills, and experience through learning in the community. A chance to explore what difference it makes if the opportunities are peer-led?

**THRE – THIRD SECTOR HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITIES - [TRAINING DATES COMING UP](#)**

[Scottish Human Rights Bill: THRE Connectors Webinar](#)

Wednesday 13th September 12pm - 1pm with guest speaker Mhairi Snowden, Director, Human Rights Consortium Scotland

[Climate Change and Human Rights for the Third Sector](#)

Wednesday 20th September 10am – 1pm

This online conference will explore the overlaps of human rights and climate change while contextualising both of these topics for third sector organisations in Scotland. The session will feature guest speakers from environmental rights organisations and third sector sustainability experts.

**[SCVO: MAKING DIGITAL GREENER: DEVICE REUSE AND DIGITAL INCLUSION, 10:00-11:00, 23 AUGUST 2023, ONLINE](#)**

Martina Johnston-Gray and Elaine Brown share their experience of scaling up device reuse in different settings, and they'll highlight the benefits of making it easier for people and organisations to reuse and repurpose devices – enabling people to get online while reducing waste to landfill.

**[CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE THIRD SECTOR, WED, 20 SEP 2023 10:00 - 13:00 BST, ONLINE](#)**

This online conference will explore the overlaps of human rights and climate change while contextualising both of these topics for third sector organisations in Scotland. The session will feature guest speakers from environmental rights organisations and third sector sustainability experts.

**[INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMUNITY HEAT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - LOCAL ENERGY SCOTLAND, TUESDAY 29 AUGUST 2PM, ONLINE](#)**

This event is free to attend, but please book your space in advance.

Do you have an idea for a climate-friendly way to heat your community?

Join us to find out more about the [Community Heat Development Programme](#). This programme is funded by the Scottish Government through the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) and delivered by us at Local Energy Scotland. The programme aims to learn how communities and groups of householders can work together to make buildings in their communities more environmentally friendly to heat. You won't need to stay for the whole session – you can pop in to find out more and leave once you've had your questions answered.

**Book your space by emailing [info@localenergy.scot](mailto:info@localenergy.scot). Please write 'August Community Heat Development Programme' in the subject line of your email.**

**[HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS CLIMATE FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 2023](#)**

The theme of the Highland & Islands Climate Festival 2023 is Think Local, Be Local (Eat Local, Travel Local, Grow Local, Share Local, Protect Local). Communities from Shetland to Skye are encouraged to hold events celebrating their local communities culminating in a region wide local picnic celebration on Saturday 30th September, which will coincide with Scottish Governments [Scottish Climate Week](#).

Communities are welcome and encouraged to get involved now by applying to one of the festivals **two small grant funds, the Event Fund and the Big Local Picnic Fund**.

[Details of both are available here](#). Events which celebrate community-led climate action are welcome to be submitted to the website for free promotion across the platforms and within our digital programme of events which in 2022, saw over 150 events take place both in person and online. [See how to submit an event here](#).

**[NO ONE LEFT BEHIND: NATIONAL DISCUSSIONS \(ONLINE EVENT\) TICKETS, TUE 29 AUG 2023 AT 09:30 | EVENTBRITE](#)**

Scottish and Local government are offering the opportunity to discuss and influence how the No One Left Behind employability approach develops in coming years.

\*\* We kindly ask that individuals only sign up to one event and limit the number of individuals from each organisation attending to a maximum of two \*\*

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES



**VOLUNTARY ACTION SHETLAND  
SCO17286**

**Market House Receptionist - Part time**

**13 hours per week  
Thursdays and Fridays (2 days)**

**Contracted to 31st March 2025 (renewed subject to ongoing funding)**

**Salary: £19,838 plus Distant Islands Allowance (£2,541) pro rata**

**We are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and highly self-motivated individual to provide Reception duties and clerical duties for Voluntary Action Shetland.**

**The Receptionist will provide reception duties for Market House. Welcoming visitors, answering the telephone, ensuring confidentiality and maintaining building security and access. Clerical duties will include room booking, receiving, sorting and distribution of mail, logging maintenance queries and performing other relevant administrative duties.**

**The successful candidate 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.**

**Additional hours will also be available to cover holidays and sickness absence.**

**For an application pack, please e-mail: [vas@shetland.org](mailto:vas@shetland.org)**

**For an informal discussion please contact Wendy Hand on Tel: 01595 743902, E-mail: [wendy.hand@shetland.org](mailto:wendy.hand@shetland.org)**

**Closing Date for all applications: Thursday 17th August 2023 12noon**

**Interviews will be held on Thursday 24th August 23**

## SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

### [EQUITY IN SCREENING STRATEGY](#)

The Scottish Government has published the Scottish Equity in Screening Strategy 2023-26. VHS contributed to the development of the strategy through a reference group alongside other third sector voices. The strategy includes six long-term outcomes around making all eligible people aware of relevant national screening programmes, ensuring screening professionals are aware of inequalities, developing a strategic approach to removing barriers to screening, collecting data on a wider range of person characteristics, evaluating the impact of interventions taken, and establishing a whole system approach to tackling inequalities.

### [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT PAPER ON DECRIMINALISATION OF ALL DRUGS FOR PERSONAL SUPPLY](#)

The Scottish Government has published an [evidence paper](#) on drug law reform which calls for the decriminalisation of all drugs for personal supply. Other [proposals](#) include for legislative changes to all the full implementation of harm reduction measures such as supervised drug consumption facilities and a roadmap for the further exploration of drug law reform. In a [letter](#) to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee regarding the publication, the Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy confirmed she would bring a debate to the parliament after the summer recess to allow for scrutiny of the proposals.

### **CALLS FOR VIEWS: THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT IS OPEN TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON A RANGE OF TOPICS, INCLUDING:**

### [COMMITTEE LAUNCHES CALL FOR VIEWS ON PRE-BUDGET SCRUTINY](#)

The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee has launched a consultation on its pre-budget scrutiny for 2024-25. The committee is seeking stakeholder views on the budget context, longer-term outlooks, financial sustainability, and health and social care outcomes. The call for views closes on Friday 25 August.

### [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION AUTHORITY PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING STATUTORY GUIDANCE: CONSULTATION](#) **Closes 27 Oct 2023**

The Scottish Government brought together a working group, including partners from across health and social care, to refresh the statutory guidance on strategic plans and annual performance reports. The working group included organisations that represent supported people, carer organisations, provider organisation, those who plan and oversee the delivery of services, and many more partner organisations.

Re-drafts of the guidance have been produced through engagement with the working group. We are seeking to capture further feedback and views on these revised guidance documents. Your feedback will help us further improve the guidance and make it more helpful for integration authorities as they plan services. Your contribution could help improve services in your local area and across the rest of Scotland.

### [VICTIMS, WITNESSES AND JUSTICE REFORM \(SCOTLAND\) BILL](#)

**Closes: 8 September 2023**

The [Criminal Justice Committee](#) is seeking your views on a bill which proposes a number of changes to the justice system, including the introduction of a new Victims and Witnesses



Commissioner, changes to the size of juries, the abolition of the not proven verdict, a new Sexual Offences Court and a pilot of rape trials conducted by a single judge without a jury. This call for views is also available in [easy read](#) and in [BSL](#).

### **JUST TRANSITION FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR: A DISCUSSION PAPER**

This discussion paper is intended to support engagement on a just transition for the built environment and construction sector. Building on this engagement, a draft targeted action plan and route map (late 23/24) will outline the key steps to delivering a fair transition for the sector.

### **VISITOR LEVY BILL**

**Closes: 1 September 2023**

The Scottish Government has proposed a new law which would allow local authorities to introduce an additional charge when someone pays for overnight accommodation. MSPs on the Scottish Parliament's [Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee](#) are looking at the details of the proposals, and want to know what people think about them.

### **PROPOSED COMMISSIONER FOR OLDER PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) BILL**

**Closing date: 12 September 2023**

Colin Smyth MSP is looking for your views on his proposal for a bill to establish an independent commissioner to promote and safeguard the rights and interests of older people.

### **HEALTHCARE IN REMOTE AND RURAL AREAS**

**Closing date: 11 August 2023**

The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee wants to hear from members of the public and staff about their experiences of remote and rural healthcare services. They are keen to find out what specific challenges people in these areas face and what can be done to improve services in these areas.

### **A HUMAN RIGHTS BILL FOR SCOTLAND: CONSULTATION**

**Closes: 5 October 2023**

The Scottish Government is gathering views to help inform how we will take forward the Human Rights Bill. The Bill will incorporate a range of economic, social and cultural rights into Scots law for the first time, as far as possible within the limits of devolved competence.

### **NATIONAL ISLANDS PLAN REVIEW – CONSULTATION**

**Closes: 9 October 2023**

Scotland's first ever National Islands Plan was published in 2019. It is now being reviewed as required by the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018, which may lead to the publication of a new National Islands Plan. The Scottish Government wants to work together with local authorities, island communities and relevant sectors and partners to ensure this process is as thorough and effective as possible, providing vital feedback from those most impacted by the National Islands Plan.

This consultation provides everyone with an interest in Scotland's islands the chance to provide their views and, if required, to shape the next iteration of the National Islands Plan. It takes about 30-40 minutes to complete.