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### THIRD SECTOR NEWS

#### [ERASMUS+ IS BACK](#)

The UK will be part of the Erasmus+ programme from 2027. [Erasmus+](#) provides funding to support mobility opportunities for young people and adults to gain international experience and develop skills; and providers to develop partnerships with relevant organisations in different countries.

The programme offers fantastic opportunities for community learning and development (CLD) organisations and groups in the public and third sectors, particularly through the strands for [Adult Education](#) and for [Youth](#).

CLD organisations can apply to fund projects that contribute to the [Programme Priorities](#) to:

- promote equal opportunities and access, inclusion, diversity and fairness
- support digital transformation and address societal challenges such as AI or disinformation
- build knowledge, skills, and attitudes on the environment, climate change and supporting sustainable development
- address the challenges and barriers that limit citizens' participation in democratic life

Applications for funding will be open from November 2026 to February 2027. Look out for opportunities between now and then to find out more about how to get involved

## JOIN SCVO'S GOVERNANCE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

SCVO is developing a Governance Community of Practice exclusively for SCVO members and supporters. This will be a new, inclusive network for people with an interest in shaping voluntary sector governance in Scotland. Dedicated to trustees, staff, advisors and professionals with a responsibility for governance, it will provide a space for deeper engagement, networking and influencing, and sharing practice and experience. If you'd like to be kept up to date and join us, please [email Tracey Bird to register your interest](#).

## NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR (OSCR)

### [OSCR | CHARITIES ACT 2023](#)

The final changes brought about by the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023 were implemented in March. Here are three changes you need to know about:

- The first and last names of charity trustee are now displayed on each charity's entry on the Scottish Charity Register. Charities should make trustees aware that their names will be publicly accessible and should ensure that trustee information is accurate and up to date via OSCR online. Exemptions may apply where there is a legitimate personal safety concern.
- All annual accounts submitted as part of a charity's annual return will be published in full, unredacted on the Scottish Charity Register. Charities should therefore scrutinise their annual reports and accounts carefully before submission, taking care to avoid including unnecessary personal data or information that is not required for statutory reporting.
- Additional operational information will gradually be shown on the Scottish Charity Register, including a description of what each charity does in its own words, the number of trustees, staff and volunteers involved.

## RESOURCES

### TSI NETWORK: [FULL COST RECOVERY GUIDANCE](#)

The TSI Scotland Network launched guidance for both funders and providers applying for funding on Full Cost Recovery. Full Cost Recovery refers to the process of ensuring that all direct or indirect costs relating to delivering a funded service are included in budget and funding requests. Read the guide for more information on what it is, why it matters and how it can be applied in practice.

## [LEARN NORTH CLD CONFERENCE MARCH 2026](#)

Learn North held a recent in person Conference which brought together CLD organisations, including local authority and third sector for an in person Connect and Reflect CLD Conference, alleviating professional isolation in Scotland's biggest geographical area, whilst supporting networking and sharing of professional learning on a huge range of topics!

## [TFN GUIDE TO RUNNING A CHARITY OR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE](#)

The TFN Guide is Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisation's (SCVO) annual free publication packed with advice and information from experts from the voluntary sector and beyond to help both staff and organisations to survive - and thrive! - despite all that's going on just now.

The Guide covers insurance, workplace wellbeing, finances, energy costs, management, cyber security, the climate crisis, and much, much more... It also includes an at-a-glance guide to charity bank accounts which we know from feedback from previous years has proved invaluable for helping organisations to make the most of their banking relationships.

## TRAINING AND EVENTS

### **VOLUNTARY ACTION SHETLAND – FORTHCOMING IN-PERSON TRAINING**

#### **Legal Structures, Saturday 9th May, 10am - 12pm**

This course will discuss common structures for third sector and voluntary organisations and help you choose the right structure for your organisation.

Book here: [Organisation Structures for Third Sector and Voluntary Organisations Tickets, Sat, May 9, 2026 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

### **CYCLING UK SHOWCASE EVENT IN LERWICK ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026, FROM 11AM - 2PM. VENUE: CLICKIMIN LEISURE COMPLEX, N LOCHSIDE, LERWICK, ZE1 0PJ**

Activities on the day will include:

- Teas and coffees on arrival (11am, for an 11.15am start); short presentations from Cycling UK staff and people who have been involved with our project
- Walk and talk or led ride around the local area
- Networking lunch with food provided by the Peerie Shop Cafe

Please complete this short form to confirm your attendance, dietary & accessibility requirements:

[Cycling UK Showcase Event - Shetland May 2026 – Fill in form](#)

#### **Agenda:**

11:00 - 11:15      Teas & coffees on arrival  
11:15 - 12:00      Presentations and Q&A  
12:00 - 13:00      Walk and Led ride  
13:00 - 14:00      Lunch and further networking

More information email: Duncan Jagger [duncan.jagger@CyclingUK.org](mailto:duncan.jagger@CyclingUK.org)



# SAVE THE DATE!

*We're excited to announce our upcoming celebration event to mark the 10 year anniversary of the service - and we'd love you to join us*

*We'll be sharing highlights from our journey so far, launching our new strategy and offering plenty of opportunities to connect with others across the community and partner organisations. Expect connection, community and of course - cake!*

 **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026**  
 **Early afternoon (times TBC)**  
 **Islesburgh, Lerwick**

*Full details and a link to register will follow soon but for now please save the date in your diary!*

## GOOD CONVERSATIONS TRAINING (ONLINE)

'Good Conversations' is a two hour online session offered by Linking Lives UK aimed at improving connection and reducing isolation. It is for anyone who wants to improve their conversation skills, and particularly volunteers who help at community activities.

This training uses enhanced listening, to promote inclusion and increase wellbeing.

- Thursday 7 May 2026, 2.00pm, Online
- Thursday 4 June 2026, 10.00am, Online
- Tuesday 7 July 2026, 2.00pm, Online

## RURAL SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ONLINE NETWORKING SESSION, 20 MAY, 11AM-12PM

This session is all about networking. No agenda, no presentations. Just an hour online to meet fellow rural social enterprises, share what you're working on and hear what others are up to.

**FREE  
TRAINING**



**ASIST**

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

**West  
Mainland**

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

**WHEN:** Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th June 2026

**WHERE:** Whiteness and Weisdale Hall

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

**BOOKING:** Contact Health Improvement Team:

Phone: 01595 74 3330

Email: [shet.healthshetland@nhs.scot](mailto:shet.healthshetland@nhs.scot) OR scan the QR code



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

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



To book a place, please contact Healthy Shetland – the contact details are on the poster.

**[THE CURVE: AI LEADERSHIP READINESS FOR CHARITY LEADERS, WITH MAL MINHAS, 6TH MAY 10AM - 11:30AM, ONLINE](#)**

Ready to lead your charity's AI journey? Join AI specialist Mal Minhas for a practical 75-minute briefing designed to empower charity leaders. This session demystifies AI and focuses on concrete, charity-specific use cases across five sections. [Register here.](#)

**[SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND: AN INTRODUCTION TO DEMOCRATIC FINANCE, TUESDAY 12 MAY | 11AM - 12.30PM](#)**

We'll be joined by Democratic Finance Scotland, who'll share practical, people-powered approaches to raising finance. Covering community shares, crowdfunding, and legacy giving, the workshop will explore how these models can support sustainable, community-driven projects.

**[LAUNCH OF THE YOUTH SOCIAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK - SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND, THURSDAY 21 MAY | 15:00 – 16:00, ONLINE](#)**

Social Enterprise Scotland is launching a new social enterprise network for anyone aged 35 and under with an interest in social enterprise. Whether you are just starting out or already running a social enterprise, this network is a great opportunity to learn, meet like minded people, and connect with others already on the journey.

## MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND TRAINING

Museums Galleries Scotland is the national development body for the museum sector in Scotland. Their role is to work collaboratively to invest in and develop a sustainable museum and galleries sector for Scotland.

### [MANAGING STRESS IN THE WORKPLACE, THURSDAY 28 MAY 2026, 11.00AM – 12.00PM, ONLINE](#)

As part of the Museum Futures Programme explore the definition of stress and its related triggers as well as access stress management tips and tools for the workplace.

### [KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE: CREATING SUSTAINABLE EXHIBITIONS, THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026, 10.30AM – 12.00PM, ONLINE](#)

Learn from examples of sustainable exhibition design and receive tips for materials, suppliers and cost saving.

### [RUNNING A MUSEUM CAFÉ: BALANCING HOSPITALITY AND HERITAGE, WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2026, 12.00PM – 1.00PM, ONLINE](#)

Find out how museum cafés have become attractions in themselves, as well as important revenue streams.

### [CULTURAL ENTERPRISES ACADEMY](#)

Museums Galleries Scotland have teamed up with the Association for Cultural Enterprises to provide museums with free access to the Cultural Enterprises Academy. This includes over 40 units of expert-led training which usually costs £2000, free of charge. All courses are available on demand, so you can learn at your own pace, in your own time. [More information here.](#)

### [SCVO: MEET THE FUNDER WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND, TUESDAY 5 MAY 2026, 10.00AM – 11.00AM, ONLINE](#)

Join the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) to hear from the Architectural Heritage Fund. Learn about their combination of grants, advice and support for groups working to revitalise historic buildings and strengthen community-led regeneration across Scotland.

## SMALL CHARITY WEEK (22-29 JUNE)

Join SCVO during [Small Charity Week](#) is a national celebration of the vital role small charities play in communities across the UK. It's a chance to shine a light on the organisations creating connection, opportunity and hope where it's needed most. You can now book your free places for the two sessions we'll be hosting during Small Charity Week with our expert partners Wbg, and Anderson Strathern.

**24 JUNE** [ASK THE EXPERTS: ARE YOU READY FOR SORP 2026?](#)

**25 JUNE** [ASK THE EXPERTS: CHARITY LAW AND GOVERNANCE](#)

### [SCOTTISH RECOVERY NETWORK :TRANSFORMING SCOTLAND'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM, WEBINAR: 26 MAY, 10AM – 11AM](#)

A one-hour webinar featuring filmed insights from peer support and lived experience leadership expert Julie Repper (Imroc) on building a recovery-focused mental health workforce. We'll also hear from Scottish Recovery Network Director Louise Christie, who will reflect on how to turn these insights into action to transform Scotland's mental health system.

## THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND | DEVELOPING SUSTAINABILITY FOR GRANTHOLDERS

The National Lottery Community Fund gives grants to hundreds of organisations in Scotland. The Lottery is now extending the help it gives by inviting funded organisations to be part of a 'Developing Sustainability' programme, facilitated by Social Enterprise Academy.

If your organisation has received Lottery funding, you are warmly invited to join. Together with people from around eight other Lottery funded organisations, Social Enterprise Academy will help you develop your organisation so it is more sustainable in every sense. You can share experiences, develop new ideas and connect with people in the same position as you.

The programme will look at new ways to increase income, and create more change in your community to enable your environmental and nature-based aims. Working with others in social enterprises, development trusts, community land trusts, charities, and place-based organisations, we will introduce you to design thinking, solution circles and action learning sets to help you work out a vision for the future and a new way forward.

The residential will give you lots of time to connect with people running similar organisations and projects. You will be working on your ideas and challenges during the programme. You will leave the residential with new ideas, new connections, and new energy to address the opportunities and the challenges you face. You will also be better able to support others in the community with their enterprise ideas. You will be better placed to access more income and funding from all sources.

### Who is it for?

This suite of support is open to staff, board members, volunteers and other representatives of organisations funded by the National Lottery Community Fund. Specifically, it is aimed at organisations that have an environmental purpose **OR** are running a project with environmental benefits. We are inviting Registrations of Interest to various formats of learning - please complete the form below and select all that may be of interest.

**Programme Details** - Two cohorts of this programme are currently scheduled to take place in May and/or June 2026:

#### Option 1

**Start** | 12 noon Monday 18 May 2026

**Finish** | 12 noon Thursday 21 May 2026

**Where** | Dundreggan Rewilding Centre | Glenmoriston, Highland

#### Option 2

**Residential 1** | 12 noon Thursday 14 May 2026 - 16:00 Friday 15 May 2026

**Residential 2** | 12 noon Thursday 18 June 2026 - 16:00 Friday 19 June 2026

**Where** | Glasgow Westerwood Spa & Golf Resort | Cumbernauld

Fully funded programme, with meals, accommodation, materials and your place on the programme included thanks to funding from the National Lottery Community Fund.

For more information, please contact Iain Boyd by emailing [iain@socialenterprise.academy](mailto:iain@socialenterprise.academy) or phoning 07939 316166.

Click [here](#) to register your interest.

 Cost: £95 per person [BOOK HERE](#)

By the end of the training session, participants should be able to:

- Better understand the impact of imprisonment on children and families, including the most prevalent issues facing families
- Understand and give examples of how a family might be affected at each stage of the criminal justice process
- Understand the emotional and practical needs of children affected by imprisonment
- Understand the most relevant articles within the UNCRC which relate to children with a parent in prison
- Understand and implement Child Impact Assessments as a tool for supporting children with a family member involved in the justice system
- Apply their learning when supporting families affected by imprisonment and feel confident when supporting families in their own role

**NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY AND SCOTTISH RURAL ACTION: [RURAL WATER AGENDA LUNCHTIME LEARNING EXCHANGE, 14 MAY, 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM, ONLINE \(FREE EVENT\)](#)**

This session is the first of two online sessions in the build-up to the Rural Water Agenda "Big Launch" planned for the end of the year in Edinburgh, where we will bring our collective asks regarding support for private water supplies and private wastewaters systems, directly to policy teams and decisionmakers.

**[SCVO CONFERENCE: CREATING COMMUNITY: VILLAGE HALLS AND COMMUNITY SPACES CONFERENCE, WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2026, GLASGOW](#)**

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) is holding their 'Creating Community' conference on Wednesday 27 May 2026 at The Pyramid at Anderston, Glasgow. This free, one-day event will give people running village halls and community spaces across Scotland the chance to connect, share ideas, and inspire each other. It is **in-person only and bursaries are available to assist travel costs**.

**LIVING WELL HUB BRESSAY, SPELDIBURN, WEDNESDAY MORNING 9.15AM – 11.15AM  
AND LIVING WELL HUB SCALLOWAY - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 2-4PM**

Due to current restraints these Living Well Hubs will be suspended for the rest of 2026

**LIVING WELL HUB, BRAE HALL, FRIDAY 10AM – 4PM**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May- Back at the Brae Hall

- Come along for a cuppa and reminisce about your sporting memories with Danny and Jack between 10am and 12 noon. They will have some old photos and resources to look at – feel free to bring along anything you have, photos, trophies etc. They will also be taking along some fun activities to help us replay and reconnect with our sporting memories! <https://www.sportingmemories.uk/>
- RNID (Royal National Institute for Deaf People) will be at the Living Well Hub between 12 noon and 1.30pm, 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.
- Voluntary Action Shetland Volunteering: For anyone interested in finding out more about the benefits of volunteering and support to find a suitable volunteering opportunity. 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.
- SIC Housing- We also have Richard- SIC Housing Officer with us this week, so if you have any Housing related queries, please stop along and have a chat with him.

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

## CLIMATE RELATED NEWS, EVENTS & TRAINING

### [SCOTTISH BUSINESS CLIMATE COLLABORATION CLIMATE ACTION HUB](#)

The Scottish Business Climate Collaboration Climate Action Hub is a free e-learning platform to help small and medium enterprises in Scotland to better understand their carbon emissions and reporting. Businesses can access resources including 12 short e-learning modules, a tracking dashboard and tools to help calculate and reduce their carbon emissions.

### [VISITSCOTLAND CLIMATE ACCELERATOR PROGRAMME](#)

The Climate Action Accelerator Programme, from VisitScotland and Climate Action, can guide you in how to reduce emissions and take practical action. This free programme involves 3 short training sessions and an online peer-to-peer learning session over a six week period, as well as a one-to-one mentor session. Register for the next round of sessions starting 12 May or 8 September.

### [NET ZERO ACCELERATOR TOOL](#)

The Net Zero Accelerator, from Scottish Enterprise, is a simple, free, online tool that will help your business assess its current level of sustainability and develop a plan on how to improve it.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

### THE COMPASS CENTRE - [SEXUAL VIOLENCE COUNSELLING PRACTITIONER](#)

This is a fixed term post until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027. The post may be extended, subject to funding.

If you are passionate about a Shetland free from sexual violence, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch to request an application pack at [contact@compasscentre.org](mailto:contact@compasscentre.org).

The closing date for applications is 9.00am on Monday 18 May.

### [SHETLAND BEFRIENDING SCHEME - BEFRIENDER ADULTS AGED16+](#)

Volunteers are matched up on a one-to-one basis with a vulnerable adult. The matches meet regularly either weekly or fortnightly for a few hours at a time. The aim is to engage in purposeful activities within the community which will help to reduce social isolation and feelings of loneliness. It is also about continuing to support the adult to engage in their own community and have positive social connections.

## SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

### REPORTS

### LEGISLATION

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