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THIRD SECTOR NEWS

[THE DISCLOSURE \(SCOTLAND\) ACT 2020 IS NOW LIVE!](#)

There are big changes for voluntary sector organisations as a result of the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020.

Key updates include:

- Membership of the PVG scheme will be a **legal requirement** from 1st April 2025 for those carrying out a **regulated role**.
- There will be a **3-month grace period from the 1st April, 2025 – 30th June, 2025** to apply for membership of the PVG scheme where required.
- The concept of 'regulated work' has been replaced with 'regulated roles', making it more easily understood. **This includes roles for charity trustees and board or committee members.**

To check out if roles in your organisation/group need to be members of the PVG and for more information, guidance and support please click on the links below for Volunteer Scotland and Disclosure Scotland:

- **Volunteer Scotland:**
<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/news/the-disclosure-scotland-act-2020-disclosure-act-is-now-live>
- **Disclosure Scotland:**
<https://www.mygov.scot/check-role-needs-pvg>

RELAUNCH OF THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SUPPORT MAP

Community Enterprise, Scottish Enterprise, Social Enterprise Scotland, The Scottish AI Alliance and the TSI Network Scotland Social Enterprise Practitioners Forum are delighted to announce the relaunch of the Social Enterprise Support Map, a vital resource for social enterprises, community groups, and other third-sector organisations, (including TSI's and SEN's) across Scotland. The revamped platform now boasts new functionalities and a wealth of additional information, making it easier to navigate the social enterprise support landscape.

NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR

No Updates

RESOURCES

GCVS: QUICK GUIDE TO CO-DESIGNING WITH FAMILIES

Resource for third sector organisations

Following GCVS's [report](#) on co-designing Glasgow's All-Age Child Care, here's a quick guide for anyone in the third sector interested in delivering design and engagement projects within their community. This guide demonstrates how to effectively work with families to design solutions for complex problems.

YOUTHLINK SCOTLAND'S NEW E-LEARNING HUB

A new online learning platform, available through the [YouthLinkScotland website](#). The first e-learning offer we have available are the [Introduction to Youth Work e-learning modules](#), with modules covering the content of the [National Youth Work Induction Checklist](#), providing a rounded introduction to youth work. They can be used to add to initial training within your organisation, or as a standalone introduction to the concepts, values, principles and practice within youth work.

FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT...DISABILITY RELATED EXPENDITURE, TUESDAY 29 APRIL, ONLINE

Join this short online session by [Coalition of Carers in Scotland](#), gain an insight into how charging for social care services works and learn about the Disability Related Expenditure that local authorities should be taking into account when deciding what people can afford to pay.



HOMICIDE TIMELINE, FREE WEBINAR, 13TH MAY FROM 10AM – 12PM
(No Booking Required)

A free webinar on the homicide timeline will take place on. The Homicide Timeline is a framework for understanding risk escalation patterns in intimate partner relationships where Coercive Control and Stalking are present. The Timeline represents a typical journey identified in research which explains how and why risk may be escalating.

The webinar training is designed for professionals who respond to disclosures of domestic abuse or stalking, and those who manage offenders. It explains what Coercive Control and Stalking are, and what the patterns might look like. The training focuses on the perpetrator's thinking and motivations. This taster session is designed to give a brief introduction and overview to the Homicide Timeline.

The training is presented by Professor Jane Monckton Smith and her team and includes Jane explaining the research background to the Homicide Timeline, providing her expertise on Coercive Control and Stalking as well as presentation slides and films from families bereaved through Intimate Partner Homicide.

EXPLORING 'COLD SPOTS' OF COMMUNITY-LED ACTIVITY IN SCOTLAND: A LIVE ZOOM DISCUSSION, MAY 9TH FROM 12:30 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M., ONLINE (ZOOM)

Nick Addington, CEO of William Grant Foundation, will Chair the event and welcome Anthea Coulter, CEO of Clacks Third Sector Interface, and Kate Musgrave, Head of Enterprising Communities at South of Scotland Enterprise to the panel. This event will delve into the findings of recent Cold Spot Research and explore actionable strategies to unlock opportunities in cold spot areas.

Just Enterprise

CHARITABLE TRADING, (ONLINE WORKSHOP) NEXT DATE: 22ND APRIL

More and more charities are trading, or considering trading, as a way to generate income, but it's essential to keep within the law. This session outlines what you can and can't do to trade legally.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES, (ONLINE WORKSHOP), NEXT DATE: 24TH APRIL

This workshop will look at why strategic planning is important for an organisation to help set the overall direction, and it will give you some practical tools and techniques that you can use to develop a strategic plan for your organisation.

DIGITAL MARKETING, (ONLINE WORKSHOP), NEXT DATE: 29TH APRIL

Digital marketing can be a cheap (or even free!) way of reaching new customers to promote what you offer and raise awareness of your business. But it can be confusing to know where to start. In this introductory level course, we will look at the different channels available, how to use them, how to create content, and how to analyse what reach you are getting.

INTRODUCING AI IN YOUR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, (ONLINE WORKSHOP), NEXT DATE: 13TH MAY

Join us for this workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and explore the transformative power of using AI across various elements of social enterprises, revealing new opportunities for growth, efficiency and impact!

FOCUS ON FINANCE: SUPPORT TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS

Strong financial management is essential — and we're here to help. From forecasting and budgeting to business planning and funding strategies, our finance advisers offer free one-to-one support for social enterprises across Scotland. Think you could do with some help?

[Apply for fully-funded support now!](#)

FREE E-LEARNING FROM JUST ENTERPRISE

Prefer to learn at a time, place and pace of your own choosing? [Just Enterprise eLearning programmes](#) are split into short, focused modules that help you fit essential training into your busy schedule. Choose the courses that are relevant to you and your organisation and learn at your own pace via desktop, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS: ONLINE WORKSHOPS

School for Social Entrepreneurs are a social enterprise focused on helping social entrepreneurs to develop the skills, strengths and networks they need to tackle society's biggest problems. They are hosting several online workshops throughout the summer, including Measuring Social Impact, Creating a Theory of Change, and Measuring Social Value. Learn more about their wide range of workshops [here](#).

**SCVO: [CONNECTING COMMUNITIES: VILLAGE HALLS CONFERENCE](#)
SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY 29 MAY 2025**

This free, one-day event will give people like you running village and community halls across Scotland the chance to connect, learn, share ideas, and inspire each other. **In person and online**

★ [Connecting communities: village halls conference](#)

📅 Thursday 29 May 2025 - save the date!

📍 Birnam Arts, Dunkeld

Places for the conference will be limited, so if you'd like to join us, look out for bookings opening on Monday 14 April to secure your place. Don't worry if you won't be able to make it in-person - you'll be able to join us remotely online too.

Missed last year's conference? Visit our website to [learn more about the day and to watch back some of our sessions](#).

NEW FUTURES - FORMER PLACES OF WORSHIP, FREE WORKSHOPS, APRIL TO JULY, ONLINE

Calling community groups considering taking on a church across Scotland! Join this great series of insightful and informative workshops with Church Advisors, Community Ownership Support Service and guest speakers for enhanced support when taking on a place of worship.

Find out more about each workshop and register via links below:

- [Workshop 1: Place Planning and Engaging with your Community](#)
- [Workshop 2: Community Right to Buy](#)
- [Workshop 3: Churches into Community Ownership – First Steps](#)
- [Workshop 4: Finance and Fundraising](#)
- [Workshop 5: Business Planning](#)

**[TECHNOLOGY IN MODERN SOCIETY: HOW DO WE TACKLE DIGITAL EXCLUSION?](#)
[THURSDAY 1 MAY, 12:30-1:30PM, ONLINE](#)**

Join [Third Sector Human Rights & Equalities](#) for their lunchtime webinar, gain some insight into what they mean by digital exclusion, how they achieve digital inclusion and doing so through a human rights and equalities perspective. Learn from [Mhor Collective](#), a social enterprise, whose aim as an organisation is to challenge digital inequality and do so by treating it as a human rights issue.

[NATIONAL RURAL MENTAL HEALTH FORUM: ONLINE SEMINAR - HOW IS METABOLISM CONNECTED TO MENTAL HEALTH, METABOLIC PSYCHIATRY HUB, THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, TUESDAY, 30TH APRIL AT 11AM](#)

The next National Rural Mental Health Forum, featuring insights from the University of Edinburgh on metabolism and mental health, plus a session from the Ukrainian Mental Health Foundation, UCARE, on supporting the Ukrainian community.

CLIMATE RELATED NEWS, EVENTS & TRAINING

COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM RENEWABLES: HAVE YOUR SAY! TICKETS, TUE 8 APR 2025 AT 16:00 | EVENTBRITE

Open to individual community members, community organisations and community businesses. Scotland's commercial renewable energy projects can bring community benefit funds—but are they fair? The Scottish Government is updating its guidance, with a consultation open, and your input is needed.

- Should there be a national wealth fund?
- Is £5,000/MW for onshore projects the correct rate?
- How should offshore projects contribute?
- What's the potential of shared ownership?
- And more!

View the full Scottish Government consultation here: [Community benefits consultation - gov.scot / community-benefits-net-zero-energy-developments-consultation.pdf](https://www.gov.scot/publications/community-benefits-net-zero-energy-developments-consultation/pages/consultation.aspx)

This session hosted by Scottish Community Coalition on Energy will introduce the Scottish Government consultation, gather input from members to form a response, offer suggestions of points to raise in your response, and include time for questions and discussion.

More information on the consultation can be viewed at [Community benefits from net zero energy developments - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](https://www.citizen-space.org.uk/consultations/community-benefits-from-net-zero-energy-developments).

Please register to attend.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

No updates

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

REPORTS

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT SECTOR-LED REVIEW OF CHARITY REGULATION

The Scottish Government has [published an independent analysis report](#) for the consultation on a review of charity regulation. It asked whether a review of charity regulation was needed and if so, what should be reviewed and why.

LEGISLATION
<u>CALLS FOR VIEWS: THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT IS OPEN TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON A RANGE OF TOPICS:</u>
<p><u>BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015 INQUIRY</u> Closes: 2 May 2025</p> <p><u>The Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee</u> will be considering the impact of the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015. It would like to find out your views on whether the act, the current BSL National Plan and listed authority plans are improving the lives of BSL users; and on what changes could be made in the shorter and longer term to improve the lives of BSL users.</p>
<p><u>COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLIC INQUIRIES</u> Closes: 9 May 2025</p> <p>The <u>Finance and Public Administration Committee</u> like to hear your views on the cost-effectiveness of public inquiries. The committee's investigation will include how and why public inquiries are established, whether they deliver value for money and the extent to which spending controls are necessary.</p>
<p><u>COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING (SCOTLAND) BILL</u> Closes: 23 May 2025</p> <p>The <u>Economy and Fair Work Committee</u> wants to hear your views on the <u>Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill</u>. The committee would like to know whether the bill will achieve its aim, whether there are potential unintended consequences to the bill and how the bill could benefit local communities and small businesses.</p>
<p><u>NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (SCOTLAND) BILL</u> Closes: 9 May 2025</p> <p>The Rural Affairs and Islands Committee is looking for your views on the <u>Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill</u> which aims to help restore nature and protect biodiversity in Scotland.</p>