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THIRD SECTOR NEWS
<p><u>UK GOVERNMENT NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE HARMS</u> Deadline for responses: 26th May This consultation on social media and mobile phones wants to know your views on issues such as setting a minimum age for social media use, the digital age of consent, curfews, and addictive design features. There's a useful toolkit available to help you drive responses, information on how you can shape the conversation, key links and guidance.</p>
<p><u>NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR 30 UNDER 30 - THE YOUNG WOMEN'S MOVEMENT</u> Deadline: 9am, 8th June The Young Women's Movement want to recognise young women and girls in Scotland who are creating change in their own lives, their communities and in society. This could be through their job, their school, a voluntary role or in their day-to-day life.</p>
<p><u>EUROPEAN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE MONITOR SURVEY</u> The Euclid Network are looking for Scottish social enterprises to inform the European Social Enterprise Monitor 2026! It takes just 15 minutes to have your voice heard and will help maintain Scotland's position as one of the leading ecosystems in Europe for social entrepreneurship.</p>
<p><u>Scottish Children's Health Awards 2026</u> Deadline: 30th June Nominations are now open for the Scottish Children's Health Awards 2026, celebrating the grown-ups, children and young people across Scotland who are making a real difference to children's lives and helping to make children's rights real in practice.</p>

LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY GROUP – FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN SCOTLAND

Would you like to help improve the response to missing people in Scotland?

Have you or someone you love been affected by missing?

Would you like to help make a difference in how missing people and their loved ones receive support in Scotland?

Missing People is inviting individuals with lived experience to join our online groups.

Who is it for?

- People with direct experience of being missing
- loved ones affected by someone going missing

Separate groups will be offered to help everyone feel comfortable sharing their experiences.

What's involved?

- Online meetings
- Approximately every 4-6 weeks
- Connecting with others who have had similar experiences
- Sharing insights to help improve responses and support

Who can take part?

- People aged 18 and over
- Living in Scotland

If you are interested in finding out more or joining express your interest by emailing Scotland@missingpeople.org.uk
Closing date: 25th May 2026.

SCOTTISH FAMILIES COORDINATING POP-UP NALOXONE TRAINING AND DISTRIBUTION EVENTS IN SHETLAND AS PART OF INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS MONTH IN AUGUST 2026

Scottish Families will be in Shetland from **Wednesday 19 to Friday 21 August** and are keen to identify **local partners, community organisations, cafés, businesses or public spaces** that may be sympathetic to the cause and suitable for hosting or supporting pop-up events. If you have any suggestions of:

- Local organisations or services that may wish to partner
- Cafés, businesses or venues that might host a pop-up
- Community spaces or outdoor locations that could work

Please email *Nicky Collins*, Alcohol & Drugs Development Assistant - NHS Shetland
Email: Nicky.Collins@nhs.scot, Website: [Shetland Alcohol & Drug Partnership - Home \(shetlandadp.org.uk\)](http://ShetlandAlcohol&DrugPartnership-Home.shetlandadp.org.uk)

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF SCOTLAND'S LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR CHILDREN'S CARE WORKFORCE SURVEY

Deadline: 25 May 2026

This survey forms part of an independent review of Scotland's legislative framework for children's care led by Professor Norrie, a leading expert on Scottish family law, in partnership with the Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection (CELCIS). Your responses will help inform practical recommendations to the Scottish Government on how children's care legislation could work better in practice. Find out more about the review, the survey and how to get involved here: www.celcis.org/clr

BIPOLAR SCOTLAND - BEYOND DIAGNOSIS SERVICE

Bipolar Scotland is a national charity supporting people across Scotland who are living with bipolar, as well as their families and carers. Beyond Diagnosis is a free one-to-one peer support service, delivered by trained peer workers with lived experience of bipolar. It offers a safe, non-judgemental space for people to talk openly about and understand their experiences and build confidence in managing their mental health. People engaging in peer support find it immensely helpful in accepting their diagnosis and planning for the future. The service is available across Scotland via phone or online, making it accessible regardless of location.

NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR (OSCR)

MANAGING DISPUTES IN CHARITIES AND THE ROLE OF MEDIATION

OSCR's role is to ensure that charities comply with charities law and that trustees are meeting their legal duties in line with their governing documents. OSCR does not intervene in internal disagreements or attempt to resolve disputes where trustees are acting within their powers.

While OSCR may take action where there is evidence of misconduct, mismanagement or risk to charitable assets, we do not help to settle disputes between individuals within a charity. You can read more about OSCR's role when dealing with disputes in our previous news article: [OSCR: A regulator, not a mediator](#)

As part of wider support available to the sector, [Scottish Mediation](#) is running an online course, [Managing Relationships in the Third Sector](#), on **Wednesday 23 September 2026**. The course is aimed at those working or volunteering in charities and voluntary organisations and focuses on managing relationships effectively and addressing issues before they escalate.

RESOURCES

SOCIAL VALUE LAB: NEW TOOL TO RECORD IMPACT

Social Value Lab has developed a tool to record impact called Signals of Change. Join a demo on 20 May, by [clicking here](#). Frontline workers and volunteers can record what they notice in seconds - by voice, text, or photo. The platform then organises this data against your aims, turning it into clear summaries.

RESEARCH PAPER: [SOCIAL PRESCRIBING LINK WORKERS IN THE UK](#)

An NIHR funded study, led by Manchester University on embedding social prescribing in primary care in England and Scotland has been published in the Lancet.

STATE OF SCOTTISH VOLUNTEERING 2025 REPORT (PDF)

Volunteer Scotland's latest report highlights five key trends shaping volunteering in Scotland, drawing on national surveys and sector insights to explore the challenges and opportunities facing the sector

WISE GROUP: FULLY FUNDED “HEAT” SERVICE

The HEAT service provides free one-to-one tailored support to households across the UK struggling with energy bills or at risk/experiencing an energy crisis. We offer end-to-end support from advice right through to advocacy to help stabilise household energy pressures and prevent issues escalating. The HEAT service is available to households in Scotland, England and Wales experiencing energy-related difficulties, with a particular focus on supporting the most vulnerable households.

They can provide:

- Immediate, personalised support – referrals picked up within 1 working day with a dedicated energy mentor providing 1-to-1 expert support
- Crisis support – fuel vouchers or food vouchers (if eligible) for those at risk or off supply
- Energy debt help – direct negotiation with energy suppliers to reduce debt and agree manageable repayment plans (last year alone we reduced £371,000 of customer fuel debt)
- Billing support – help to resolve incorrect, complex or disputed energy bills
- Prevent disconnection – support to keep households on energy supply
- Money-saving energy advice – practical support to reduce energy use, cut waste and keep bills as low as possible
- Access to grants & schemes – help applying for financial support and energy schemes
- Stabilising households – supporting households from crisis to a more stable situation

Quick, easy and immediate referral process!

- Online: [CLICK HERE to refer a customer for support](#)
- Free Phone: 0800 092 9002
- Email: HEAT@thewisegroup.co.uk

PRINCIPLES FOR MUSEUMS AND NEURODIVERSITY

The Neurodiverse Museum has outlined principles to guide what the museum and wider heritage sector must work to achieve to create equitable experiences for neurodivergent people in our spaces.

VOLUNTEER SCOTLAND: LAUNCH OF THE KNOWLEDGE GATEWAY

Volunteer Scotland has launched the [Knowledge Gateway](#), a new hub bringing together guidance, training, tools and insights to support and strengthen volunteering practice across Scotland.

GUIDE: KNOW YOUR COST BASE

Charity Finance Group (CFG) and HaysMac have jointly published 'Know Your Cost Base', a publication that helps charity leaders understand and calculate their organisation's cost base, leading to greater clarity and more informed conversations and decisions.

CHARITY COMMISSION ENGLAND AND WALES (CCEW) CONFLICT OF INTEREST GUIDANCE

The Charity Commission recently announced that they had seen a rise in conflict of interest cases which, they state, represents an 'ongoing risk' to public trust in the charity sector. The Commission has now updated their guidance on identifying and managing conflicts of interest in a charity, as well as publishing a blog post which explains what charity trustees often get wrong in this regard.

YOUTHLINK SCOTLAND: [BUILDING ETHICAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE TECH SECTOR - TOOLKIT](#)

A new set of tools has been launched, designed to support youth work organisations to make ethical alliances with technology companies. The toolset is free to use, and the tools are presented as both pdfs and word files, so that you can select and adapt the elements that will work for you.

TRAINING AND EVENTS



Invitation to:
'SHARING OUR ART'

An open exhibition of participants art.

Drop-in anytime between

Mon 18th May: 11-7pm

Tue 19th May: 10-2pm

Conference Room, Market House,
Lerwick.

Everyone welcome!

INTER-ISLAND TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY PUBLIC DROP-IN PROMOTION

[SESSIONS UPDATING ISLANDERS ON POTENTIAL FIXED LINKS](#)

A series of public drop-in sessions will be taking place later this month to update islanders on the ongoing work into future connectivity options.

Representatives from the Council's Programme Team, as well as consultants Stantec, Mott MacDonald and COWI, will be there to update residents on recent work and answer questions in the lead up to the next key decision-making meeting of the full Council on 30th June. Elected members will decide on the preferred options for each of the eight island routes based on the evidence and appraisal set out in the Inter-island Transport Connectivity Network Strategy Outline Business Case (OBC).

The drop-ins will take place:

- Bressay Hall – Monday 25th May 3.30-7.30 p.m.
- Mid Yell Hall – Tuesday 26th May 3.30-7.30 p.m.
- Fetlar Hall – Wednesday 27th May 4.00-7.00 p.m.
- Baltasound Hall – Wednesday 27th May 3.30-7.30 p.m.
- Symbister Hall – Thursday 28th May 3.30-7.30 p.m.

Sessions are also being arranged for Foula, Papa Stour and Skerries.

FREE WEBINAR: GROWING INCOME FOR COMMUNITIES, 21 MAY

Nature Towns and Cities are hosting 'Growing income for communities' on 21 May, exploring how community organisations can use green social enterprise to generate income while supporting the environment.

FREE ONLINE WEBINAR - USING DIGITAL TOOLS TO HELP YOU SUPPORT PEOPLE TO STAY SAFE ONLINE, THURSDAY 21ST MAY 11AM-12PM

To celebrate Global Accessibility Awareness Day 2026, Lead Scotland are running a free online webinar. The webinar is **aimed at carers, volunteers and staff**. Suitable for anyone whether you work in care, education, or community support. It will give you clear steps to help the people you support stay safe, independent, and in control online.

This webinar explores practical, easy-to-use tools to help build safer online habits. It will cover tools that are effective, user-friendly, and empowering. As well as how to introduce them in a way that builds confidence rather than confusion. Sign up for now at:

www.lead.org.uk/upcoming-webinars



Join us at

Remote and Rural Support Cafe Online via Zoom Tuesday, 19th May, 2:30–3:30pm

This monthly online session is for anyone who has, or knows someone with Parkinson's, and finds it difficult to attend in-person support group meetings.

This month, hear from Neil on what its like to be a PPI Volunteer. What is PPI? What does a PPI volunteer do? How do I get involved? Hear it all firsthand from Neil, followed by some time for a chat. We hope you can join us!

New members are always welcome

For the link to join, or for more information, please contact
Lyndsay Taylor (Community Support Officer) on:
ltaylor@parkinsons.org.uk or call 07815 610 129



Parkinson's UK is the operating name of the Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom. A registered charity in England and Wales (269197) and in Scotland (SC037661).



[SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SUMMIT SCOTLAND 26, IN PERSON, DUNDEE, 17 JUNE 2026](#)

This year's theme is 'Building Wealth, Building Community'. Our title for this year's event mirrors our 2026 Manifesto, accessible here. We are eager to shine a light on the importance of the work that is done by social enterprises following the upcoming Scottish election. It is crucial to celebrate and platform the incredible work being done by social enterprises, the impact-led enterprises, to lead Scotland to a fairer, greener future.

[LINKING LIVES UK WEBINAR: REDISCOVERING THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP, TUESDAY 16TH JUNE FROM 10-11AM \(FREE\)](#)

Join Sheridan Voysey (BBC Radio 2's Pause for Thought) for what promises to be an inspirational and practical time together during Loneliness Awareness Week.

[THE COMPASS CENTRE, 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE SERVICE, TUESDAY 23RD JUNE, 12-3PM IN PERSON AT ISLESBURGH \(ROOM 16\), LERWICK](#)

The event will include a short walk (for anyone who would like to take part), lunch, presentations and plenty of opportunities to connect with each other, find out more about our work and chat about the different ways you can get involved. The running order and timings can be found on the sign-up page below - feel free to drop in anytime and join us for as much of the afternoon as you would like to. Everybody is welcome! If you are able to come along, we'd appreciate if you could register using the link below to help us keep an eye on numbers. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

[VONNE: COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR BANK WEBINAR, MONDAY 1 JUNE](#)

VONNE are hosting Clare Mills, CFG's co-CEO, for an online session on Monday 1 June discussing banking services and communicating effectively with your bank. This is an issue that continues to present real challenges across the sector, with CFG's previous banking survey finding that 64% of charities have submitted complaints to their bank.

[VOLUNTARY HEALTH SCOTLAND EVENTS](#)

[\(IN\)VISIBLE GENDER AND HEALTH REPORT LAUNCH, 19 MAY, 1-2PM](#)

An exclusive first look at (IN)VISIBLE - our latest research project on Gender and Health. Sarah Latto, our Policy and Public Affairs Lead, will walk us through the publication and we'll hear from some of our member organisations who contributed to this project as well.

[ACCESSING 2022 SCOTTISH CENSUS DATA WITH NATIONAL RECORDS SCOTLAND \(NRS\), 26 MAY, 10AM - 11.30AM](#)

A practical workshop led by the National Records of Scotland, exploring how to access and interrogate 2022 Scottish Census data, as well as other NRS datasets.

[ANTI-RACISM GUIDANCE WORKSHOP WITH CEMVO SCOTLAND, 9 JUNE](#)

This third and final workshop on 9 June, hosted in collaboration with CEMVO Scotland, will bring participants together to brainstorm how to create an anti-racism guidance for the sector, how it will be used and next steps in its co-creation.

[SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND | CICS CONNECT SESSION, THURSDAY 4TH JUNE FROM 12-1PM](#)

Running a Community Interest Company comes with its own set of challenges - and opportunities. Social Enterprise Scotland are hosting an informal, collaborative session designed to bring their CIC members together to share honest experiences, practical insights, and useful connections.

WE WALK AS GIANTS WORKSHOP, JUNE 7TH. 1,30-3,30PM AT MAREEL

Are you over 18 years of age, physically fit and would like to walk like a Giant for a day?! 'Giants dance in Da Simmer Dim' is a celebration of Shetland folklore characters brought to life through puppetry, dance and music. Directed by Alex Purbrick, youth and adult groups have been busy creating two 12ft wearable Giant and Giantess puppets as well as two magical beasties for a carnival event along the St Ninian's tombolo on Sunday 28th June 2026 (weather dependant).

This is an afternoon workshop where you will have the opportunity to meet the giants, Gryla and Flukler, as well as Jormungandr the sea serpent and Nessa the Nyuggle, and become a Giant puppet handler, wearing and moving with the puppets in a rehearsal for the carnival in June. Refreshments provided. Folks can sign up thru Shetland arts or just show up!

SCVO FUNDING COURSES

21 MAY | FUNDING FUNDAMENTALS: GROWING SUPPORT THROUGH GIVING AND EVENTS £85 (£60 for SCVO members)

This session is ideal if your organisation wants to grow sustainable income through individual giving or events.

18 JUNE | FUNDING FUNDAMENTALS: CHOOSING THE RIGHT FUNDS AND THINKING LIKE A FUNDER £85 (£60 for SCVO members)

This session will help you work smarter when it comes to grant funding. You'll learn how to identify the right opportunities, avoid wasting time on low-fit applications, and understand what funders are actually looking for. It also covers how to use search tools like Funding Scotland effectively and digital tools like AI responsibly, to support your funding work and improve the quality of your applications.

SCOTTISH CENTRE FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION WEBINARS

To register your FREE place click [here](#)

Conflict Triggers and Response Styles – Wednesday 20th May (8:30-9:30am)

Anxiety and Resilience – Tuesday 9th June (12noon-1pm)

Understanding Emotions and Anger – Tuesday 23rd June (8:30am-9:30am)

How to have that difficult conversation – Wednesday 8th July (12noon-1pm)

The Cranial Cocktail – Wednesday 22nd July (8:30am-9:30am)

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. Choose from:

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

Social Enterprise Scotland and Scottish Rural Action

CONNECTED HUBS – COMMUNITY SPACES AS VIBRANT WORKSPACES, WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE | 12:00 – 13:00

This session explores how village halls and community spaces across Scotland can become part of a light, connected network of coworking and community hubs. It will look at practical ways spaces can be used better during weekdays through shared working space, digital access, and flexible community services. Participants will explore what a “connected hubs” model could look like in practice, and identify simple, realistic next steps for developing community spaces as part of a wider workspace network.

Courses 2026

DM Training Solutions are currently holding the following courses in Shetland

<p>REHIS Intermediate Food Hygiene</p> <p>Date: 21/22/23 Sept Exam 28 Sept</p> <p>Venue TBC</p> <p>Cost £350 + £38 Reg Cert Exam will be completed via Teams</p>	<p>REHIS Scottish Personal Licence Holder and Refresher</p> <p>Date: 24 Sept 9.30-3.30pm/Refresher 9.30- 1pm</p> <p>Venue TBC</p> <p>Cost £95 + £18 Reg and Cert – Full Course £68 + £18 Reg and Cert Refresher</p>
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We also deliver the following courses in Shetland

- REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene and HACCP
- REHIS Intermediate Certificate for HACCP in Manufacturing
- REHIS Diploma in Advanced Food Hygiene and Advanced HACCP
- WorldHost Principles of Customer Service

To book a place or require any further information. Kind regards, Donna Maver DM Solutions
Tel: 01569 785696 Email: donna@dmtraining.org Web: www.dmtraining.org

CYCLING UK SHOWCASE EVENT IN LERWICK ON WEDNESDAY 27TH 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 Café

Please complete this short form to confirm your attendance, dietary & accessibility requirements:
[Cycling UK Showcase Event - Shetland May 2026 – Fill in form](#). More information email: Duncan Jagger duncan.jagger@CyclingUK.org

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.

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.](#)

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.

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 BRAE

The Living Well Hub is currently at the Brae Boating Club

Friday 22nd May

- 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/>
- Citizens Advice Bureau will be in attendance to provide holistic support and practical advice for members of the public on a range of topics, we will also be able to refer clients on and book further appointments if needed. <https://www.shetlandcab.org.uk/>

CLS Living Well Hub@Community Care Social Work livingwellhub@shetland.gov.uk
The Hub is contactable Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm, 01595744120

CLIMATE RELATED NEWS, EVENTS & TRAINING

THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ALLIANCE SCOTLAND BLOG: [CLIMATE BREAKDOWN IS A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE](#)

CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND

FUNDING, FINANCE & BUSINESS SUPPORT SEMINAR (ONLINE) TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2026, 9.45AM - 12.45PM

Our popular annual funding and finance seminar will provide short, focused presentations from a variety of funders and organisations offering financial and business support to our sector. Please consult the event [webpage](#) for more information and to register click [here](#).

POST-ELECTION MEMBERS WEBINAR (ONLINE) TUESDAY 26 MAY 2026, 1.00PM – 2.00PM

Join us to discuss the election results and what this might mean for the transition to a circular economy. Fraser McMillan, Lecturer in Scottish Electoral Politics at the University of Edinburgh and a Co-Investigator on the 2026 Scottish Election Study will also be attending to contribute to discussions. For more information and to register please click [here](#).

Events are free for CCS members with a nominal charge for non-members

REPORT: [ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY: BEHAVIOUR CHANGES NEEDED TO ACHIEVE SCOTLAND'S GOALS FOR BIODIVERSITY](#)

This independent research report by JHI explores opportunities for the Scottish Government to support the public behaviour changes needed to achieve Scotland's goals for tackling the biodiversity crisis. It was commissioned to support the delivery of the Environment Strategy for Scotland. It highlights the role of environmental volunteering and citizen science in delivering biodiversity action and wider community benefits.

SCVO LAUNCH [CLIMATACTICAL](#)

ClimatACTical is a new learning tool designed to support practical, confidence-building climate action. We're also sharing opportunities to reflect, reconnect and learn from how organisations and communities across Scotland are already responding to change

[LAUNCH OF CLIMATACTICAL - A GAME OF CLIMATE CHOICES AND ORGANISATIONAL STRATEGY, 20 MAY | 12:00–12:45 | ONLINE | FREE](#)

How does climate action fit into the day-to-day reality of voluntary sector work? Join SCVO for a short, interactive lunchtime session marking the launch of ClimatACTical, a new gamified learning resource that helps organisations explore climate action in a practical and manageable way.

Designed for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations, ClimatACTical is a facilitated game that creates space to step back from constant operational pressure and explore how climate resilience connects to organisational mission, operations and long-term sustainability.

NPC REPORT : [MAKING GREEN JOBS ACCESSIBLE](#)

This research brings together evidence from young people, employers and existing studies to explore why access to green economy opportunities remains uneven, and what needs to change. Alongside the main report, an accompanying employer action plan sets out practical steps employers can take to widen access and build more inclusive pathways into the green workforce.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

SHETLAND ISLANDS CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU, [WELFARE RIGHTS ADVISER](#)

Fixed-term contract to end June 2029 (extension subject to funding)
Salary £35,325 - £38,661 per annum

We are looking for an enthusiastic and highly motivated individual with experience of providing advice and supporting vulnerable people to join us as a Welfare Rights Adviser. The post has a particular focus on the provision of benefits advice, with the aim of supporting vulnerable clients. If you are interested in helping those most in need within the Shetland community, we'd like to hear from you. For full details and to apply see: www.shetlandcab.org.uk/careers. Please note that CVs will not be accepted.

For an informal discussion call Della Armstrong, Bureau Manager, on 01595 743981.
Closing date: Noon on Wednesday 27th May 2026
Interviews: Will be held on Monday 8th June 2026

FUTURE ROUTES FUND FOR NATURE 2026 - YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDED TO JOIN JUDGING PANEL

The Future Routes for Nature Fund – a fund for young people by young people is now open for applications. NatureScot – Scotland’s Nature Agency would like to offer young people on your panel, or whom you work, with an opportunity to be key contributors to the decision-making process of this year’s fund. The deadline for applications for the judging panel is 5th June.

THE COMPASS CENTRE - SEXUAL VIOLENCE COUNSELLING PRACTITIONER

This is a fixed term post until 31st 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.

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

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

REPORTS

LEGISLATION

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

HAVE YOUR SAY: RIGHT TO BREAKS CONSULTATION

Closes: 22 May 2026

There are an estimated 700,000 to 800,000 adult unpaid carers and around 27,000 young carers in Scotland. It is crucial that carers are supported to have a life alongside caring, and that they are able to sustain and improve their own health and wellbeing.

The Scottish Government wants to understand the views of carers and others on key issues to be set in regulations and guidance, and what these might mean to people in relation to their experience of providing or receiving unpaid care. A consultation for people to share their views is now open. These answers will be used to inform the new regulations and guidance which is needed to make sure the right to breaks is delivered effectively and consistently.