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THIRD SECTOR NEWS

SPACE2FACE COMMUNITY SURVEY

Closes 30th September, 5pm

Space2face has launched a community survey to better understand how survivors of sexual violence and assault feel about restorative practices. We've worked with the Compass Centre in the development of the questions.

The survey is anonymous and its findings will guide Space2face to develop our services in Shetland and Orkney to be appropriate and available, should they request it, to survivors of sexual violence. The anonymous results of the survey will also inform the Scottish Govt in policy decisions around restorative justice and sexual violence.

[Take the survey here.](#)

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING

Closes: 23 September

For the first time in over 20 years, you can help write the next chapter in the story of The National Lottery. The UK Government has created a survey on the future of National Lottery good causes funding – and they want to hear from you. Take part to help ensure that funding goes where it matters most to you and your community. Just 10 minutes of your time could have a big impact. The survey is open until 23 September - [please take the survey here.](#)

If you would like to chat about it, please get in touch with Mhairi.snowden@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk.

NO ONE LEFT BEHIND DATA REPORTING SURVEY

Closes: Friday 21 August

This survey invites those involved in the delivery, management and reporting of No One Left Behind (NOLB) funded employability services to feedback their experiences of gathering and recording data on clients and service impact. The aim of the survey is to help identify opportunities to refine and improve data gathering and reporting of employability support in Scotland. We are keen to get responses from all 32 Local Authority areas and understand experiences from a wide range of providers. So please do share throughout your organisation and local networks.

If you work in more than one local authority you can choose to complete one survey for all OR you may wish to complete a separate survey for each area. The survey should take around 10 - 15 minutes to complete and more than one person from an organisation can complete it. [Click here to access this survey](#)

AMBITIOUS YOUTH NETWORK – AMBITIOUS ABOUT AUTISM

A free network for autistic young people aged 13–25 to influence research, services and resources through workshops, surveys and lived-experience projects. No formal autism diagnosis is required to join. **JOIN THE NETWORK** [HERE](#)

THE YOUNG WOMEN’S MOVEMENT: HAVE YOUR SAY: DIGITAL VIOLENCE AGAINST YOUNG WOMEN

The Young Women's Movement is researching how digital violence affects young women in Scotland. The below survey is open to young women, trans women and non-binary people aged 16–30 who currently live in Scotland.

LIFE IN SCOTLAND FOR LGBT+ YOUNG PEOPLE SURVEY

LGBT Youth Scotland wants to hear from LGBTQ+ people aged 13 – 25 in Scotland in their Life in Scotland for LGBTQ+ young people research survey. They are asking about experiences of community, healthcare, education, sport and media, and feelings of safety and happiness as LGBTQ+ young people in Scotland. The research is led by LGBTQ+ young researchers so that it meets the needs of your communities. This survey is open to LGBTQ+ people, and people questioning their gender or sexual orientation, who are aged 13 – 25 and live in Scotland.

TIME TO LIVE GRANT AND CARERS REGISTER (SHETLAND CARE ATTENDANT SCHEME)

A carer is someone that cares for a family member, partner, or friend who cannot manage without their support due to illness, disability, mental health issues, or addiction. Caring activities can range from personal care, emotional support, managing medications, shopping and more.

The Time to Live grant is available for all carers as an individual short break. Carers have used Time to Live funding in a variety of ways to support their wellbeing, take a break from caring, pursue interests, and improve their quality of life. This could be anything from a gym membership to an overnight hotel stay, streaming subscriptions, gardening equipment, classes and more. Please see full details [here](#).

If you are a carer, please consider joining the carers register to receive support, advice and information [here](#).

ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL CONSULTATION EVENTS FOR RURAL AND ISLAND COMMUNITIES

Transport Scotland is revising Scotland's Accessible Travel Policy to improve travel experiences for disabled people and remove barriers across the transport network. As part of this work, lived experience is being gathered through surveys and online engagement sessions, with a particular focus on people living in rural and island communities.

[Disability Equality Scotland](#) is hosting five Zoom consultation events between June and September 2026 covering topics including ferry and aviation travel, transport to healthcare, rural transport networks and community transport.

Upcoming sessions:

- 2 September – [Community Transport in Rural and Remote Areas](#)
- 7 September – [Transport Network in Island Communities](#)

Disability Equality Scotland is keen to hear from disabled people living in rural, remote and island communities across Scotland, and welcomes support from local organisations in promoting the events.

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)

NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR (OSCR)

[KEEPING YOUR CHARITY'S INFORMATION UP TO DATE IN OSCR ONLINE](#)

Earlier this year, OSCR began publishing the names of charity trustees on the Scottish Charity Register, along with the accounts documents for all charities. It's therefore vital that charities [keep their details up to date in OSCR Online](#). Accurate information supports effective regulation and a reliable Scottish Charity Register. There is a variety of guidance and how-to guides on the OSCR website to help you understand what information you need to provide, and how to update your charity's information using OSCR Online.

RESOURCES

FILM MAKING COURSES IN UK: PROFESSIONAL CHARITY PRODUCTION TRAINING - THE SALTWAYS

A range of free workshops is available for community groups and voluntary organisations to boost confidence and skills in creating more effective video content essential for fundraising, communication, and impact reporting.

SINGLE-SEX SERVICES AND THE NEW EHRC CODE OF PRACTICE

The draft Equality and Human Rights Commission's Code of Practice on Services, Public Functions and Associations has now been published and laid before Parliament for approval.

This updated Services Code will provide guidance on the application of the Equality Act 2010 in light of the Supreme Court's landmark judgment 'For Women Scotland', including how the Act applies to the provision of single-sex services and spaces. The Code officially comes into force on 5 August, and is significant for charities and voluntary organisations, particularly in relation to the provision of single-sex services and facilities.

If you've got questions around this, [listen to this podcast](#) from Morton Fraser MacRoberts, one of the partners in [SCVO's Legal Advice Service](#), where [David Hossack](#) talks to [Sarah Gilzean](#) about what this means for organisations.

See also: [Equality Act 2010: Code of Practice for services, public functions and associations, 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

STEP ON BOARD – HERITAGE TRUST NETWORK

Developed with advice from the Young Trustees Movement and Board Racial Diversity UK, Step on Board matches young people aged 18–30 with heritage organisations as Shadow Trustees, helping build confidence, governance experience, and pathways into trusteeship.

NEW CARES FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

The Community Energy Growth Fund is now open through the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES), delivered by Local Energy Scotland. Funding is available to help communities take projects from development through to ownership, supporting local action on climate change and helping retain the benefits of renewable energy within communities. Eligible Scottish community organisations can access support to develop, build and own renewable energy generation projects. Applications are open until 14 September 2026

[The fund](#) is aimed at organisations that:

- Are a non-profit distributing Scottish charity or company and is [eligible](#) for CARES funding.
- Have identified a community energy opportunity or project idea.
- Have identified a potential sites or locations for the project.
- Are seeking support to assess feasibility, develop or construct the project.

Applications close at 12 noon on Monday 14 September.

SCVO/TSI: [SUBSIDY CONTROL GUIDE](#)

Subsidy control is the legal framework that applies to certain forms of financial assistance provided by public authorities to organisations. SCVO have produced this [guide](#) with [Broodies LLP](#) and Third Sector Interfaces (TSIs), to explain what the framework means in practice for voluntary organisations and public authority commissioning teams.

POSITIVE PATHWAYS: [NEW GUIDE LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE](#)

Scottish charity [Include Me 2 Club](#) has launched Positive Pathways, a free guide to help young people with additional support needs navigate the transition from school to adulthood. Covering education, employment, adult services and community opportunities, the resource provides practical information and support for young people and their families. A companion My Transitions Passport toolkit is also available to help young people plan for their future. [Access the free resources here.](#)

[SCVO: FAIR FUNDING RESOURCE](#)

Fair Funding means a funding landscape that is fair, flexible, sustainable and accessible. It includes longer-term funding, unrestricted funding, timely payments, processes that are easier to navigate, funding that keeps pace with rising costs, and proportionate reporting requirements.

This new resource from SCVO highlights the impact of current funding practices across a wide range of policy areas and sectors, while amplifying the voices of organisations experiencing these challenges every day. It also showcases the growing support for Fair Funding from organisations across Scotland and demonstrates why progress on this issue matters for communities, public services and the people who rely on them.

[YOUNG PERFORMERS LICENSING GUIDE](#)

A UK Government guide to organising performances, licensed sporting or modelling activities involving children and young people. It explains the licencing system that protects the welfare of young performers and participants in activities.

[NPC TRUSTEE LEARNING SERIES - BUILDING STRONGER CHARITIES](#)

Explore NPC's free trustee learning series, including upcoming sessions on Influencing the Political Landscape and Collaboration for Trustees, designed to help trustees navigate today's governance challenges.

[POVERTY & INEQUALITY COMMISSION'S ANNUAL REPORT \(PDF\)](#)

The Poverty and Inequality Commission has published its Annual Report 2025–26. The report sets out the range of work that has been undertaken by the Commission as well as advice to the Scottish Government on their progress towards tackling child poverty.

[FAIR WORK FIRST EVALUATION: KEY FINDINGS \(PDF\)](#)

Fair Work First is the Scottish Government's flagship policy, and this independent evaluation set out to understand whether Fair Work First has delivered as intended. Explore the evaluation and recommendations for the Scottish Government in this document, outlining the key findings.

THRE – THIRD SECTOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITIES

THRE is a nationwide project led by [GCVS](#) in partnership with [HTSI](#). THRE is funded by the Scottish Government Equality and Human Rights Fund which is managed by [Inspiring Scotland](#).

WEBINAR RECORDING: COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

This video is a recording from one of THRE's Lunchtime Webinars. This webinar focused on the topic of community wealth building and how this ties in with human rights and equalities. The guest speaker was Evelyn Henderson-Child, a senior researcher at CLES (Centre for Local Economies). Evelyn has worked on previous projects that drive and promote community wealth building in Scotland.

CORE CONCEPTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS HANDOUT

Want to learn more about our human rights in law? Haven't had time to join one of Core Concepts in Human Rights training sessions? Download the Core Concepts handout which covers all the learning from the live training sessions in one handy place. Use the resource to get an overview of the Core Concepts of Human Rights in your own time.

NEW UNCRC RESOURCE: PUTTING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AT THE HEART OF YOUR SERVICE

SCVO: SMALL CHARITY WEEK WEBINARS CATCH UP

SCVO ran a series of practical 'Ask the Expert' webinars during Small Charity Week at the end of June. There were lots of great questions and useful discussion. If you missed any, you can catch up with the recordings on the [SCVO YouTube channel](#).

Two key webinars were:

- [Ensuring legal compliance through difficult times](#) outlining the steps charities should be taking to monitor risk and maximise financial resilience.
- [SORP 2026](#) which is the most significant overhaul to charity accounting in more than a decade.

TRAINING AND EVENTS



VOLUNTARY ACTION SHETLAND SC017286 AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Voluntary Action Shetland will be held at Market House in the Conference Room in a face-to-face capacity on:

Tuesday 25TH August 2026 - 12noon to 1.30pm

Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be provided after the AGM.

To allow us to confirm numbers and to ensure we are quorate please telephone Market House reception on 01595 743900 or email: vas@shetland.org to confirm your attendance or that of a representative for your organisation.

Thank you.

FREE DEMENTIA AND SOCIAL CONNECTION TRAINING

Befriending Networks is delivering free trainings where you'll learn how to plan and deliver dementia-friendly events, activities and services. These are being offered in 20 locations around Scotland AND [ONLINE](#), find out more and sign up [here](#).

Shetland Befriending Scheme Tea & Cake at Islesburgh

**A free group for adults
to meet, eat cake, chat
and make new friends!**

**Friday 21st August
2.30–4.00pm**

Featuring a chance to
try your hand at Boccia

Future Dates:
18th September &
16th October

For more details contact Ian Edwards on 01595 743 964



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE SCOTLAND (CDAS), ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026, GLASGOW, 23RD SEPTEMBER 2026

This year's conference will be held on in the Renfield Centre, Bath Street, Glasgow. Full programme details can be found in this [Bulletin](#).

MAP OF HEALTH BEHAVIOUR CHANGE LEARNING PROGRAMME

The MAP of Health Behaviour Change Learning Programme is a person-centred behaviour change resource which can be used to support people make positive changes in their lives.

MAP stands for Motivation, Action and Prompts. For change in any behaviour to occur and be maintained there needs to be some motivation to make that change, and to take action that will result in change. We also need to be aware of the prompts and cues which can stop or hinder us making that change and to sticking to it.

This learning programme aims to equip health, care and 3rd sector staff with the knowledge, skills and confidence to talk to individuals about behaviour change and support them make positive health and wellbeing changes in a way which suits them best.

Training in the MAP of Health Behaviour Change Learning Programme is available through Healthy Shetland. The next available dates to book are:

- Tuesday, 25 August 2026, 9.30 - 4.30, Islesburgh Community Centre, Lerwick
- Thursday 26 November 2026, 9.30 - 4.30, Islesburgh Community Centre, Lerwick

To book a place at a workshop or find out more information email shet.healthyshetland@nhs.scot or call 01595 743330.

MENTALLY HEALTHY WORKPLACE TRAINING FOR MANAGERS

9.00am – 4.30pm, Thursday 3rd September 2026, Islesburgh Community Centre, Lerwick
9.00am – 4.30pm, Tuesday 17th November 2026, Islesburgh Community Centre, Lerwick

Mentally Healthy Workplace Training for Managers is aimed at improving the awareness and understanding of mental health for those with management responsibility for staff. It provides the knowledge and skills to support employees who may be experiencing mental ill health, helping them remain in work. The objectives of the course are to:

- Identify the key factors that contribute to a mentally healthy workplace
- Give line managers a broad understanding of mental health in the workplace
- Ensure managers are aware of their responsibilities in relation to health and wellbeing
- Improve managers skills and confidence in dealing with mental health in the workplace

For more information please contact Kathleen Anderson (kathleen.anderson4@nhs.scot) or Laura Russell (laura.russell4@nhs.scot).

GENERATIONS WORKING TOGETHER: GLOBAL INTERGENERATIONAL CONGRESS, GLASGOW, 29TH SEPT TO 1ST OCT 2026

See [Edition 3](#) of the Congress Programme and Synopsis, providing the latest updates on the daily Agendas and details on all the available sessions.

DWP PATHWAYS TO WORK INNOVATION FUND WEBINAR | TUESDAY 25 AUGUST | 2PM - 2:45PM (ONLINE)

The UK Government's [Pathways to Work Innovation Fund](#) is a 'call to action' for the private, voluntary and public sectors to come forward with the most ambitious, creative ideas to help disabled people and those with health conditions get into and on at work.

The Fund will open for bids in September, with organisations across the UK invited to compete for funding to test genuinely new approaches to employment support. The Fund forms part of the Government's commitment to break down barriers to opportunity for disabled people backed by £3.5 billion in tailored employment support. This includes intensive, one-to-one job help from specialist advisers in their own communities, meeting people where they are, alongside a joined-up work and health offer.

Ahead of the fund opening for bids, DWP in Scotland, alongside DWP Pathways to Work Policy Teams are hosting a webinar for any third sector organisations looking to find out more information or ask any questions about the fund. [Book here](#)

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND: EMPLOYABILITY AND GREEN SKILLS WORKSHOP, THU, 24 SEP, 10:30AM - 12PM, ONLINE

[Scottish Government policy](#) talks about growing Green Skills in many contexts including its commitment to net zero and growing our economy. It is an emerging priority in the NOLB Strategic Plan 2024-27 which commits to recognising the role of green skills in future job roles, and ensuring employability training is aligned where relevant/possible.

But what does the term 'green skills' actually mean? And how can employability providers make the most of opportunities aligning with the green skills agenda, supporting our clients in a way which is both person-centred and relevant to our local economies? Come along to this workshop to learn more and hear from areas and organisations who are already engaging with this issue.

This event is being held in partnership with TSEF and the TSI Network: [Book your place here](#)

SCVO: MEET THE FUNDER

SCVO **Meet the Funder** sessions take place on the **first Tuesday of each month at 10am**. They're a great chance to hear directly from funders, learn more about their programmes and ask any questions you may have.

Coming up:

- [Meet the Funder with Foundation Scotland: Social Investment Fund - SCVO](#) (1 Sept, 10am – 11am)
- [Meet the Funder with easyfundraising - SCVO](#) (10:00-11:00, 6 October 2026)
- [Meet the Funder Event with the Corra Foundation: Boost Fund - SCVO](#) (10:00-11:00, 3 November 2026)
- [Meet the Funder with the Aviva Foundation - SCVO](#) (10:00-11:00, 1 December 2026)

HANDLING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS TRAINING, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 10AM-12PM

This online session, aimed at CLD leaders and practitioners, will explore tools and approaches to help participants navigate conversations where there is deep disagreement, and potentially high emotion.

**NEURODIVERSITY, PLACE & COMMUNITY FROM THE CLD STANDARDS COUNCIL,
ONLINE, THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM 15:00 TO 17:00**

This member only online session is a fantastic opportunity for CLD practitioners to learn more about an exciting and developing area of work being led by Aberdeen University. (If folk aren't members, then they can join for free [here](#) and still attend!) The session aims to:

- Increase understanding of neurodiversity, with a particular focus on autism, ADHD and dyslexia.
- Explore the strengths, talents and unique perspectives that neurodivergent individuals can bring to learning, work and community settings.
- Provide practical guidance on how organisations can use a simple sensory audit to create more inclusive, welcoming and accessible environments.

For CLD practitioners, this session offers valuable insight into how we can better support participation, reduce barriers to engagement and ensure our services, programmes and spaces are responsive to the diverse needs of the communities we work with.

**COMMUNITY SPACES NETWORK SESSION - COMMUNITY SPACES, BRIGHTER
FUTURES: COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTIONS TO CHILD POVERTY AND CHILDCARE, ONLINE,
9TH OF SEPTEMBER, 12PM - 1PM**

Communities across Scotland are developing innovative, place-based solutions to support children and families in areas where access to childcare and family services can be limited. This session will explore how village halls, community hubs and other local spaces can become trusted centres for affordable childcare and family support, helping parents access employment while strengthening community resilience, particularly in rural and low-population areas.

Drawing on innovative examples such as the 'Work and Play Club', we'll learn how community ownership, strong local partnerships and the flexible use of shared spaces can challenge traditional approaches and overcome barriers to access. We will also learn about pilot projects adopting the Single Care Model, where adult and childcare are brought together to create intergenerational opportunities, reduce social isolation, and deliver wider benefits for individuals, families and communities. [Register here.](#)

READY TO RISE PROGRAMME | UPCOMING INFO SESSIONS

Ready to RISE is a training programme designed to support women and non-binary people across Scotland learn about social enterprise and discover their potential to use entrepreneurship to make a living, work flexibly, and positively impact their communities. Participants may also be eligible to apply for up to £1,000 in grant funding to help develop and progress their idea. Two new info sessions have been added to learn about the programme. Booking is currently open for an [online session](#) 21 September and an [in-person session](#) 22 October.

**SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND: DWP PATHWAYS TO WORK INNOVATION FUND
WEBINAR TUESDAY 25 AUGUST | 14:00 – 14:45**

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**SHETLAND ISLANDS
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

Annual General Meeting

**WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST 2026 AT 7:00PM
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT
MARKET HOUSE, 14 MARKET STREET, LERWICK**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Anyone wishing to become a Member of Shetland Islands
CAB may apply for this prior to the meeting or ask a
member of staff for an application form

Membership denotes a person's support for the CAB in Shetland and does not commit them
to training as an adviser

CRUSE SCOTLAND TRAINING: GRIEF AND NEURODIVERSITY, 2 HR 30 MIN, £50 GBP, 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026, 9.30AM

Grief is experienced differently by everyone, and for neurodivergent people, including those with autism and ADHD, those experiences and expressions of grief may not always align with neurotypical expectations.

Cruse Scotland's Grief and Neurodiversity training draws on the insights of people with lived experience to explore these differences and provide practical strategies for offering more inclusive, compassionate, and effective support. To book, please click [here](#).

MAKING VOLUNTEERING COUNT: DEMONSTRATING THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING, 1 SEPTEMBER 2026, 10:00AM – 11:30AM, ONLINE (ZOOM), FREE

Join Volunteer Scotland for a free online session exploring how to measure and communicate the impact of volunteering more effectively. The workshop will cover practical ways to use data and storytelling to strengthen funding applications, influence stakeholders and showcase the value of volunteer programmes.

SCVO: MEET THE FUNDER WITH SOCIAL INVESTMENT SCOTLAND (SIS), 1ST SEPTEMBER 2026, 10:00-11:00, ONLINE (FREE)

Join SCVO for an online session with [Social Investment Scotland](#) to find out more about the funding and finance options they offer to support charities, social enterprises and community organisations across Scotland.

FREE SUBSTANCE USE AND HARM REDUCTION TRAINING

The Scottish Drugs Forum (SDF) offers a range of free training courses and e-learning opportunities for anyone working with or supporting people affected by substance use.

Popular courses include:

- Drug Awareness
- Trauma
- Stigma
- Everyone Has a Story
- Enhancing Core Communication Skills
- Principles of Harm Reduction
- Staying Alive

Additional specialist training covers topics such as wound care, naloxone, ketamine, cocaine and psychostimulants, cannabis, mental health and substance use, and multiple risk.

Courses are available online and in person, with a wide range of learning options to suit different roles and experience levels.

Find out more and access training: <https://sdflearningcentre.org.uk/>

Motivational Interviewing training: <https://sdflearningcentre.org.uk/motivational-interviewing/>

This training is ideal for staff, volunteers and community organisations looking to strengthen their knowledge and skills around substance use, harm reduction and trauma-informed practice.

THRE TRAINING COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

- The Basics: A Human Rights and Equalities First Approach: [September 21 and 22, 2pm-4pm \(2 half days\)](#)
- Governance: [September 7, 2pm-4pm](#)
- PANEL Workshop: Human Rights and Equalities in Practice: [August 24, 1pm-4pm](#)

There is a suite of [E-Learning resources](#) available to access for free at anytime and anywhere as well as an [email course on AI](#).

ABILITY SHETLAND PARTNERING UP WITH BRESSAY PARKRUN, SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Parkrun is a 5km route in Bressay which people can run or walk! Details below:

- Saturday 12th September
- 9am ferry for a 9.30am start
- cash or card accepted on the ferry and blue badge holders access the ferry for free
- pop along Speldiburn after for a hot drink and cake

If you would like to help with a volunteer role or have any further questions, please contact abilityshetland@shetland.org. For volunteer roles, you shadow an existing Parkrun volunteer to learn the ropes! Roles available include three marshal points to guide people along the course and cheer them on, timekeepers, barcode scanners, people to give out finish tokens, tailwalkers and giving out sweeties at the end!

For more information on the Bressay Parkrun please see:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/bressay/>

To register for Parkrun to get your barcode, times and proof of volunteering see:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/?eventName=bressay>



SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER - 9AM FERRY

For more information contact us at abilityshetland@shetland.org

JUST ENTERPRISE: 2026-27 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES RECRUITING NOW

[ASPIRING LEADERS | 6 DAYS | ONLINE AND CENTRAL GLASGOW](#)

Start date 29 September 2026 and 14 January 2027

[DEVELOPING A COACHING APPROACH TO LEADERSHIP | 6 DAYS | ONLINE](#)

Start date 18 January 2027

[DEVELOPING SUSTAINABILITY | 6 DAYS | HYBRID DELIVERY EDINBURGH & ONLINE](#)

Start date 27 November 2026

[SENIOR LEADERS | 10 DAYS | HYBRID DELIVERY EDINBURGH & ONLINE](#)

Start date 16 September 2026

[CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS | 10 DAYS | HYBRID DELIVERY GLASGOW & ONLINE](#)

Start date 13 October 2026

ONE-TO-ONE LEADERSHIP COACHING | 3 X 60 MINUTE SESSIONS | ONLINE

Accepting applications now

JUST ENTERPRISE TRAINING

Recruiting Board Members, (Online Workshop), Next date: 24th August

Are you planning to recruit new/additional members to join the board of your social enterprise? This workshop will look at the steps you need to take when recruiting board members including how to find the right people for your organisation and the ways in which you can approach them.

Pricing Your Services, (Online Workshop), Next date: 27th August

One of the hardest parts of running your own social enterprise is deciding how much to charge. This workshop will help you understand the factors to consider when setting a price for your services, along with understanding the profit on what you sell.

Establishing a Trading Subsidiary, (Online Workshop), Next date: 31st August

If you are considering setting up a trading subsidiary for your charity, this workshop will help you understand the different options for legal structures, choose the most appropriate one for your situation and how to manage the relationship between the charity and its trading subsidiary.

****IN PERSON TRAINING OPPORTUNITY****

GAMBLING HARM AND HOMELESSNESS – 2HR SESSION, TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 10 AM - 12 PM, MARKET HOUSE, LERWICK

A representative from [Simon Community Scotland](#) will be in Shetland to deliver this training session in September. Simon Community Scotland is a charity that provides information, advice, care, support, accommodation and homes for people affected by homelessness or at risk of losing their home.

This training will support professionals to understand gambling harm and its links to homelessness, including risk factors and signs. This training aims to improve the confidence of the workforce to recognise signs and risk factors of gambling harm and know how to respond in a supportive way. We aim to encourage people to ask about gambling and feel confident in responding.

THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND: GRANTHOLDER SUPPORT PROGRAMME - DEVELOPING SUSTAINABILITY

Programme dates for cohort 4 (online course, 10.00am - 4.00pm)

- Wednesday 9 - Thursday 10 September 2026
- Wednesday 7 - Thursday 8 October 2026

Groups and organisations that receive a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund can benefit from their Grantholder Support Programme. If your organisation has an environmental purpose and/or is running a project with environmental benefits, you can take part in this 'Developing Sustainability' training delivered by Social Enterprise Academy.

CLD STANDARDS COUNCIL: REFLECTIVE PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

This training is being run by the CLD Standards Council. It is the professional body for people who work or volunteer in Community Learning and Development. Anyone who works in Community Learning and Development (CLD) can learn how 'Reflective Practice' can help them in their professional work and try out some practical techniques on this course which will be delivered between August – October 2026. There are two course cohorts for participants to choose from [and registration to take part](#) must be completed by 31 July 2026.

Group A

- Wednesday 26 August, 9 September, 23 September and 7 October
- 1.00pm -3.00 pm
- Online

Group B:

- Thursday 27 August, 10 September, 24 September and 8 October
- 6.00pm– 8.00pm
- Online

The course consists of four online workshops with the rest of the work to be done in your own time. By the end you will be able to:

- appreciate the need for and benefit of reflection in professional practice
- explain the main features of Reflective Practice
- use three different practical techniques of reflection

For more information contact: kirsty.gemmell@cldstandardscouncil.org.uk

SCOTTISH FORUM ON ISOLATION AND LONELINESS, WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 1-3PM, ONLINE, ZOOM

Join this Forum with Befriending Networks and connect, share, and discuss practice, policy and research linked to social isolation and loneliness in Scotland. This session will focus on inequalities in loneliness specific to the experiences of children and young people. The event will be a mix of discussion, breakout rooms, and presentations.

CLIMATE RELATED NEWS, EVENTS & TRAINING

SSCAN: CLIMATE ACTION AND A WORLD ON FIRE: BLETHER ROOMS, ONLINE, WED, SEP 30 • 12 PM

An online gathering to talk about what is happening, how it impacts our communities, sharing our wins as well as our struggles. If you're confused, upset, angry or afraid, you're invited to join us for an informal hour, to chat with other folk experiencing similar things; let's support each other, be in solidarity, and maybe find a bit of hope together in the maelstrom of climate breakdown, war and threat of more, exploitation of fear, and injustice.

If you come across this and you're a community group or organisation in Scotland but not a SSCAN Member, you're more than welcome to sign up for membership [here](#) (it's free!) and join this session.

TRY CLIMATACTICAL WITH YOUR TEAM - A GAME OF CLIMATE CHOICES AND ORGANISATIONAL STRATEGY

If you've been looking for a way to start conversations about climate in your organisation, [climatACTical](#) is designed for you. Created by SCVO for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations, this facilitated game gives you the chance to step back from day-to-day pressures and look at the bigger picture. It helps you explore how climate resilience connects to what you already do, from your mission to your operations and your long-term sustainability.

You don't need to have all the answers. It's simply a space to think together and take a first or next step. Visit [our website](#) to learn more and access the Print & Play resources

Enquire about facilitation support or request to borrow a Game Kit via our [enquiry form](#)

Interested in learning more about the development of climatACTical? We've shared some of [our reflections on how the game came about](#) with insights from Small 99 & Verture.

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE (HIE) CLIMATE SPRINGBOARD

Social enterprises, community organisations and charities can apply to be part of the Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) Climate Springboard delivered by Edinburgh Climate Change Institute (ECCI). It offers around 8 -12 hours of free expert-led, guided support to help you understand, plan, and act on climate change.

The programme is suitable for beginners who have been operating for a year and those already on their sustainability journey. By the end participants will have:

- a compliant carbon footprint
- a clear, achievable net zero action plan
- a tailored to-do list of quick wins to lower emissions and costs
- a resource pack containing step-by-step guides
- access to a growing network of over 275 organisations on similar journeys

The next round of the programme begins on Thursday August 2026.

Cohort 7: Thursdays - 27 Aug; 10 and 14 Sept; 1 Oct

JOB OPPORTUNITIES/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

CYCLING UK: [CYCLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – SHETLAND](#)

Closing date: August 31, 2026

As our Cycling Development Officer, you will manage key relationships in Shetland with stakeholders who have an interest in, or an affiliation to cycling. Our ideal candidate will have a good understanding of the local community to develop and deliver projects which meet local need to address health, social and economic inequalities across Shetland. [Find out more.](#)

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS
REPORTS/GUIDANCE
<u>CARE HOME AND 'CARE AT HOME' SERVICE PROVIDERS</u> The Scottish Government has published analysis of consultation responses on extending Freedom of Information legislation to private and third sector providers of care home and care-at-home services. Review the findings here.
<u>PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND PROPERTY UPDATED GUIDANCE TO SUPPORT THE USE OF COMMUNITY BENEFITS IN PROCUREMENT - PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND PROPERTY</u>
LEGISLATION
CALLS FOR VIEWS: <u>THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT IS OPEN TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON A RANGE OF TOPICS:</u>
<u>LEGAL AID REFORM: CONSULTATION</u> Closes: 13 October The Scottish Government is consulting on a new Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill, which aims to modernise Scotland's legal aid system and create a simpler, more sustainable and user-focused framework for publicly funded legal assistance.
<u>SCOTTISH SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL - REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES</u> Closes: 24 September 2026 The Scottish Government is seeking views on proposed changes to registration requirements for the Scottish Social Services Council. Organisations delivering care, support, youth work, or related services may wish to review the proposals and respond here by 24 September.
<u>PROTECTIONS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS</u> Closes 31 Aug 2026 This consultation focuses on the potential role that changes to criminal law can play in preventing and addressing violence against women and girls.