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<b>THIRD SECTOR NEWS</b>	
	<p><b>IT'S VOLUNTEERS' WEEK!</b></p> <p>Volunteers' Week runs across the country from the 1st to the 7th of June and is a time to say thank you to all of our great volunteers in Shetland.</p> <p>If your organisation would like to get involved by sharing 'thank you' posts or volunteering stories on social media don't forget the hashtag #VolunteersWeek or get in touch with us directly at VAS - contact Lavinia Schmidt at <a href="mailto:Lavinia.schmidt@shetland.org">Lavinia.schmidt@shetland.org</a>.</p> <p>The official <a href="#">Volunteers' Week website</a> is filled with useful information on how to get involved with the celebration, plus links to helpful resources on the Weeks organiser's website, NCVO.</p>
<p><b><u><a href="#">CARERS WEEK 2023 IS 5-12 JUNE 2023</a></u></b></p> <p>Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring and help people who don't think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support.</p> <p>Shetland Carers are hosting events for Carers Week 2023:</p>	

- 📅 Tuesday 6th-Sunday 11th June 2023  
📍 Cuppa and cake - Fjara Cafe, Lerwick
- 📅 Tuesday 6th June 2023 10:30am - 11:30am  
📍 Rebel Fitness session - Gilbertson Park Hall, Lerwick
- 📅 Wednesday 7th June 2023 2:00pm - 3:00pm  
📍 Pre-recorded Guided Meditation to watch at your leisure
- 📅 Thursday 8th June 2023 11:30am - 12:30pm  
📍 Himalayan Sound Therapy - Staneyhill Hall, Lerwick
- 📅 Friday 9th June 2023 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
📍 Pottery Painting - Aa Fired Up, Commercial Street, Lerwick

For more information [click here](#)



## GROWING CLIMATE CONFIDENCE A NEW WEBSITE

SCVO has launched a new website for voluntary sector organisations in Scotland looking for help to reduce emissions and engage your communities.

There are helpful resources from top tips to policy reports, so they're all in one place. It also provides information about what the climate crisis is and actions that voluntary sector organisations like yours can take to tackle it.

The [Growing Climate Confidence scorecard](#) takes two minutes to complete and will help you to assess where you are on your net zero journey and where you can find funding and support to make changes.

To learn more about how you can grow your climate confidence and how to make a start, come along to a **FREE ONLINE [GROWING CLIMATE CONFIDENCE LAUNCH EVENT ON 14TH JUNE AT 2PM](#)**, where we will hear from people working across the sector about action they are taking, and how they are overcoming challenges.

## [FAIR WORK FIRST GUIDANCE](#)

From the 1 July all recipients of public sector grants will be required to pay at least the real Living Wage and provide effective workers' voice as a minimum standard. These changes are part of the Scottish Government's commitment to become a Fair Work Nation by 2025.

[SCVO](#) have been working in this area for some time - read their blog: [Organisations seeking public sector grants to pay real Living Wage and provide effective workers' voice from 1 July 2023](#)

## **COMMUNITY HEAT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

Do you have an idea for a climate-friendly way to heat your community? Support is available from Local Energy Scotland through the CARES scheme for communities and groups of householders across Scotland to develop their ideas about locally generated, low and zero carbon heat projects to tackle climate change. The programme, funded by the Scottish Government, aims to learn how communities and groups of householders can work together to make buildings in their communities more environmentally friendly to heat.

## **FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION HUBS**

A national network of climate action hubs is being set up across Scotland to support communities to take forward climate action in their areas. As well as helping to co-ordinate and build on existing activity, hubs will work together to learn from each other and share good practice.

[The Scottish Government has announced](#) that community groups, charities and social enterprises can apply for funding to set up and lead a climate action hub. A total of £4.3 million has been allocated for 2023 to 2024 to set up around 20 hubs. You can apply any time up to the end of 2023.

## **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE UPDATE - REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SIGNALS (UFAS)**

On 1 July 2023, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) will stop attending automatic fire alarm (AFA) call outs to commercial business and workplace premises, such as factories, offices, shops and leisure facilities unless a fire has been confirmed.

From 1 July 2023, duty-holders should ensure the safe evacuation of people from the building, safely investigate the cause of the alarm, then notify SFRS if they discover an actual fire or signs of fire. Their control room operators will now be asking anyone who reports a fire alarm to check whether there is an actual fire or signs of fire, before sending the nearest resource.

This change does not apply to sleeping premises, such as hospitals, care homes, hotels or domestic dwellings who will continue to receive an automatic emergency response.

For more information you can [watch a recording of a virtual duty-holder engagement session](#) which provides an overview of the change in response to automatic fire alarms, what that means and the impact it will have upon duty-holders. There is also a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on our website which will continue to evolve as we answer dutyholder enquiries.

## NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR

### [OSCR LAUNCHES NEW INQUIRY POLICY](#)

OSCR has launched its new Inquiry Policy, which updates how it will handle concerns raised about charities in Scotland. They aim to ensure that people who have concerns can raise their issue quickly with the correct authority, without being passed pillar to post. In addition, they hope to prioritise their own resources more effectively to deal with the most important issues in charities as quickly as possible. Finally, we want to only contact busy charity trustees about concerns when we really need to.

### **BLOG: [WHEN DO YOUR CHARITY'S ACCOUNTS HAVE TO BE AUDITED?](#)**

A common issues identified is failing to ensure that the accounts are subject to the appropriate external scrutiny and independent review of the financial information. The [Charities Accounts \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(as amended\)](#) sets out two different forms of external scrutiny that can be carried out on charity accounts – audit and independent examination.

## RESOURCES

### **ASSOCIATION OF CHAIRS BLOG: [5 LEADERSHIP ROLES FOR CHAIRS ON FINANCE](#)**

### [RURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME](#)

The Scottish Rural Leadership Programme helps Scottish rural business owners develop themselves and their business through one-to-one coaching, peer-to-peer mentoring, innovation, and an inspirational learning journey to London and Edinburgh. Applications for the 2023/2024 programme are now open.

### [THE KING'S AWARDS FOR ENTERPRISE](#)

The King's Awards for Enterprise are the most prestigious awards for businesses, recognising and celebrating business excellence across the UK. In 2023, 10 Scottish businesses were selected for outstanding achievements in the fields of innovation, international trade, sustainable development and promoting opportunity (through social mobility). Nominations for the 2024 King's Awards are open until 12 September 2023.

## FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

### **DIGITAL SKILLS EDUCATION: [PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM ONLINE SCAMS AND FRAUD, THURSDAY 15 JUNE, AT 10AM, ON MICROSOFT TEAMS](#)**

A free one-hour course that is designed to [help older adults stay safe online](#). Filled it with practical tips to avoid online scams and help you protect personal information.

We know that older people can be particularly vulnerable to online scams and fraud. So we've made these workshops to help improve their cyber resilience skills, security knowledge and confidence. There's no technical jargon, and the course is suitable for everyone aged 50 and up in Scotland.

### **YOUTHLINK SCOTLAND, [CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN YOUTH WORK: LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION, TUESDAY 20TH JUNE, 10 – 11.30AM, TEAMS](#)**

This event is for youth work practitioners (paid and voluntary) who want an introductory overview to children's rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

### **GENERATIONS WORKING TOGETHER: [INTERGENERATIONAL INTERVENTIONS - AN EVIDENCE GAP MAP: BRINGING THE RESEARCH TO YOU, 7TH JUNE, ONLINE, 2.30PM – 4PM](#)**

In this session the researchers will present their recently produced evidence gap map of research on intergenerational interventions. The map contains all the published and unpublished studies evaluating the effectiveness of intergenerational interventions using a randomised controlled trial design. The map contains 500 studies.

### **[NORTH HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS CLIMATE HUB: FUNDING, FINANCE AND BUSINESS SUPPORT SEMINAR WITH CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND THURSDAY, 15 JUNE 2023, 09:45 12:45, ONLINE](#)**

Join the Circular Communities Scotland team for the opportunity to hear from and put questions to funders and providers of financial and developmental support in our sector. Learn about potential sources of grant and loan funding, and discover business support opportunities for charities and social enterprises in Scotland.

### **[BUSINESS ENERGY SCOTLAND – TRAINING SESSION “HOW TO MONITOR YOUR ENERGY BILLS”, 21ST JUNE, 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM, ONLINE](#)**

Good measuring and monitoring helps you stay in control of your business's energy use, costs and environmental impact. Knowing how to effectively measure and monitor energy use is a valuable skill that all organisations should learn, regardless of size or type of operation. Join this webinar and learn how to start measuring and monitoring your energy use (or to improve your current methods).

### **YOUTH WORK PDA – SEPTEMBER 2023 START**

Course is delivered online, with flexibility around study times.

If you would like to work or volunteer in a Youth club this would be an excellent qualification to introduce you to youth work or working with young people. The award could also be utilised for the continuing professional development of staff and volunteers from other professions:

This is a beginner's course for full time or part time Youth Workers and volunteers. The course would suit candidates who may have little or no knowledge or experience of youth work, and also those working in the sector whom may have considerable experience of youth work in a paid or volunteering capacity but who have no formal qualifications in youth work. [Find out more](#)

### **GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR THE CARES COMMUNITY BUILDINGS FUND? YOU CAN ATTEND A FUNDING SURGERY FOR THE LETS DO NET ZERO COMMUNITY BUILDINGS FUND TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2023 AT 10AM OR 2PM**

The Fund helps community organisations to reduce their building energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions by installing renewable technologies such as heat pumps. The fund is open and is planned to run until the end of March 2025, subject to funding availability.

Join a funding surgery to ask your questions about the [Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund](#) and how the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) can help your community in the transition to net zero.

Find out more by reading the [Let's Do Net Zero Community Building Fund guidance](#) and our answers to [frequently asked questions](#). The funding surgeries will be held on Zoom. They are free to attend, but you will need to register in advance.

### **SCOTTISH CENTRE FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION - ONLINE EVENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS, PRACTITIONERS, VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES**

[Understanding Anger - Lunchtime session \(Wednesday 7 June – 12:00noon\)](#)

[Cranial Cocktail - Lunchtime session \(Wednesday 14 June – 12:00noon\)](#)

[Difficult Conversations - Breakfast session \(Wednesday 21 June – 08:30am\)](#)

[Conflict Response Styles - Lunchtime session \(Wednesday 5 July – 12:00noon\)](#)

[Understanding Emotions – Anxious & Afraid - Lunchtime session \(Thursday 27 May – 12:00noon\)](#)

[Growing up is Never Easy - Lunchtime session \(Wednesday 9 August – 12:00noon\)](#)

[Feeling Connected - Breakfast session \(Thursday 17 August – 08:30am\)](#)

[Family Conflict Triggers - Breakfast session \(Wednesday 13 September – 08:30am\)](#)

## **ONLINE EVENTS FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

[Conflict Response Styles - Lunchtime session \(Tuesday 6 June – 12:00noon\)](#)

[Resilience: Bouncing Back - Lunchtime session \(Thursday 22 June – 12:00noon\)](#)

[Cranial Cocktail - Lunchtime session \(Wednesday 19 July – 12:00noon\)](#)

[Family Conflict Triggers - Lunchtime session \(Tuesday 25 July - 12noon\)](#)

[Difficult Conversations - Lunchtime session \(Tuesday 1 August – 12noon\)](#)

[Understanding Anger - Lunchtime session \(Thursday 10 August – 12:00noon\)](#)

[Understanding Emotions – Anxious & Afraid - Lunchtime session \(Wednesday 6 September – 12:00noon\)](#)

[Growing up is Never Easy - Lunchtime session \(Thursday 21 September – 12:00noon\)](#)

## **CLIMATE ACTION FOR BUSINESS PROGRAMME**

**Dates: 1, 8, 15 and 22 June 2023 Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm (BST)**

Business in the Community and Be the Business are hosting a series of free online workshops that offer climate action advice and training to small and medium-sized business owners in Scotland. You can learn how to develop a climate action plan for your business, measure your carbon footprint and reduce your emissions.

## **SCOTTISH RURAL & ISLANDS PARLIAMENT: 1ST - 3RD NOVEMBER 2023**

The Scottish Rural and Islands Parliament is a grassroots participatory democratic assembly, bringing together people who live and work in rural and island Scotland to debate the issues that matter.

A member of the [European-wide network of Rural Parliaments](#), the Scottish Rural Parliament takes place every two years, each time hosted by a different rural community. The fifth Scottish Rural and Islands Parliament will take place from the 1st to the 3rd of November in Fort William at the Nevis Centre. This year's main theme is '**village halls and community spaces**'.

## **PLAN AHEAD - SMALL CHARITY WEEK, 19 – 23 JUNE**

19-23 June is Small Charity Week. If you're a small charity that has done brilliant things you want to share with your peers, or, if you have an event planned, share it here on the [Campaign Site](#) and they will amplify and celebrate it to a wider audience. They also offer more advice on how to get involved.

## **CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN YOUTH WORK – LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION, TUESDAY 20 JUNE, 10.00 – 11.30AM, TEAMS**

This event is for youth work practitioners (paid and voluntary) who want an introductory overview to children's rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. A revised 90-minute training developed in partnership by YouthLink Scotland and Education Scotland, this session is an introduction to children's rights for youth workers in Scotland. Participants will gain:

- Understanding of the definition of children's rights
- Understanding the basics of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Understanding of the links to youth work and CLD practice

## **HMRC WEBINARS/TUTORIALS IN JUNE**

- STATUTORY SICK PAY, [TUESDAY 6 JUNE – 9.45AM TO 10.45AM](#)  
Find out who qualifies, what to pay, key dates and record keeping.
- STATUTORY MATERNITY AND PATERNITY PAY, [WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE – 11.45AM TO 12.45PM](#)  
We'll look at entitlement, how much to pay, terminology, key dates and record keeping.
- EXPENSES AND BENEFITS FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES – TRIVIAL BENEFITS, [THURSDAY 8 JUNE – 9.45AM TO 10.45AM](#)  
This webinar looks at what counts as a trivial benefit, conditions to be met and exemptions.
- EXPENSES AND BENEFITS FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES – SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AND PARTIES, [FRIDAY 9 JUNE – 9.45AM TO 10.45AM](#)  
If you provide annual functions for your employees, find out what information must be reported.
- EXPENSES AND BENEFITS FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES – COMPANY CARS, VANS AND FUEL, [THURSDAY 15 JUNE – 11.45AM TO 12.45PM](#)  
Join us for the latest rates and how to work out what to include in your payroll or on form P11D.
- EXPENSES AND BENEFITS FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES – IF YOUR EMPLOYEES HAVE MORE THAN ONE WORKPLACE, [FRIDAY 16 JUNE – 11.45AM TO 12.45PM](#)  
This webinar looks at different workplaces, geographical locations and the 24-month rule.
- EXPENSES AND BENEFITS FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES – TRAVEL, [FRIDAY 23 JUNE – 9.45AM TO 10.45AM](#)  
From reimbursing travel and subsistence costs to paying flat rates – find out more in this webinar.
- EXPENSES AND BENEFITS FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES – PHONES, INTERNET AND HOMEWORKING, [TUESDAY 27 JUNE – 11.45AM TO 12.45PM](#)  
Get information about providing mobile phones, internet connection and more during this webinar.



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

No Updates

## SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

### SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT BLOGS

[Cost crisis: constituency support for enquiries related to the cost of living and the cost of doing business](#)

[Scottish climate change adaptation policy](#)

[Climate change impacts in Scotland](#)

[Net zero: what does it mean and what happens afterwards?](#)

[Global climate change targets and terminology](#)

[Developing a model for parliamentary scrutiny of climate change](#)

[The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Bill – what will be revoked?](#)

[Medium-term financial strategy – decisions pushed back](#)

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

### **BANKRUPTCY AND DILIGENCE (SCOTLAND) BILL**

**Closes: 21 July 2023**

The [Economy and Fair Work Committee](#) wants to know your views about the proposals in a new [bill](#) that aims to change the laws around bankruptcy in Scotland. It particularly wants to hear from people with experience of severe financial difficulties.

### **WINTER PLANNING 2023-24**

**Closes: 14 July 2023**

The [Health, Social Care and Sport Committee](#) is undertaking a short inquiry into winter preparedness and planning within health and social care. The committee wants to hear your views on how successful the Scottish Government has been in implementing actions from its eight priorities to support winter resilience across health and care systems

### **REGULATION OF LEGAL SERVICES (SCOTLAND) BILL**

Closing date: 9 August 2023

The [Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee](#) is looking for your views on a [bill](#), which seeks to update the regulation of legal services in Scotland and provide a modernised regulatory framework.

### **LOCAL LIVING AND 20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOODS: DRAFT PLANNING GUIDANCE**

**Deadline: 20 July 2023**

People are being asked for their views on local living and 20-minute neighbourhood planning guidance as part of a consultation launched by the Scottish Government.

To support the implementation of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), draft guidance has been prepared to support people to meet the majority of their daily needs within a reasonable distance of their home, preferably through active travel or by using public transport.

### **REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL OUTCOMES**

**Closes: 5 June 2023**

The Scottish Government is undertaking a review of the National Outcomes. This is a requirement within every five years, under the Community Empowerment Act (2015). The National Outcomes are laid out in the National Performance Framework. This is Scotland's wellbeing framework, which sets out the type of Scotland we want to see, and measures progress towards the National Outcomes.