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THIRD SECTOR NEWS
<p><u>DELAY TO THE LAUNCH OF SCOTLAND’S DEPOSIT RETURN SCHEME UNTIL OCTOBER 2025 AT THE EARLIEST</u></p> <p>On 7 June, the Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity delivered a statement and answered questions from MSPs on the deposit return scheme. The launch of the Scheme has now been delayed to October 2025 at the earliest.</p>
<p><u>THIRD SECTOR TO GET FEE FOR SUPPORTING PEOPLE APPLYING FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS</u></p> <p>Third sector organisations are to be paid a fee by Social Security Scotland for helping to provide supporting information on behalf of people applying for Child Disability or Adult Disability Payments. The £33.50 fee will be paid if asked to complete a supporting information request form. Charities who have already provided information requested by Social Security Scotland can backdate requests for this fee.</p>
<p><u>COMMUNITY BENEFIT GATEWAY SUPPORT</u></p> <p>Have you visited the Community Benefit Gateway? The Gateway is an online, free and easy-to-use platform which matches community needs, submitted by third sector organisations, with NHS Scotland’s suppliers. Voluntary organisations can register a need on the portal and NHS suppliers may then bid to offer their support.</p>

[SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT INQUIRY - HEALTHCARE IN REMOTE AND RURAL AREAS, TUESDAY 25 JULY 2023, 10AM - 11AM](#)

The Scottish Parliament's Health, Social Care and Sport Committee have committed to conducting an inquiry into Healthcare in Remote and Rural Areas. In order to inform the focus of that inquiry they are gathering views on what the key issues are.

Ewan Masson from the Parliament's Participation and Communities Team will speak to us about the upcoming inquiry, gather views and explain how you can stay involved.

If you would like to attend the meeting please [register at this link](#).

[SCOTTISH THIRD SECTOR SALARY SURVEY](#)

Find out more and sign up for a reminder of the survey opening: www.3sd.scot/survey

How does your organisation measure up against its peers?

3SD is running a 2023 Scottish Third Sector Salary Survey. We think it's more important than ever to understand compensation in our sector and to use data to make smart decisions but it only works if YOU participate!

You can find out more and sign up for a reminder for when the survey opens at:

www.3sd.scot/survey

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SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Grow
your climate confidence
Learn more at
climateconfident.scot



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.

This month sees the launch of the [Growing Climate Confidence website](#) and [Net Zero Scorecard](#), new resources designed to help non-environmental third sector organisations to take their very first steps in reducing their carbon emissions.

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.

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.

NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR

No Updates.

RESOURCES

JOSEPH ROWNTREE FOUNDATION [‘TALKING ABOUT POVERTY: LESSONS LEARNT’](#)

This report evaluates the Talking about Poverty project, which ran from 2016 to 2021, and aimed to develop a more effective way of communicating about UK poverty through ‘framing’ – an evidence-based communications strategy.

MENTAL WELFARE COMMISSION REPORT: [THE RIGHT TO ADVOCACY - A REVIEW OF ADVOCACY PLANNING ACROSS SCOTLAND](#)

The report from the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland shows that the planning and provision of advocacy services is progressing, but also finds issues with planning, with budgets and staffing and highlights a difficulty in recruiting and retaining advocacy staff in the third sector.

REPORT: [ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION: EVERYONE’S BUSINESS](#)

Adult Support and Protection: everyone's business is for you and everyone else with a part to play in keeping adults at risk safe – whether you work in Local Authorities, Health, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service or the Third Sector. This report is an overview of Adult Support and Protection (ASP), why it matters, and an introduction to key definitions and processes reflecting updated guidance and the revised Code of Practice (2022).

[NOURISH SCOTLAND – A MAP OF THE FOOD POLICY LANDSCAPE](#)

Agriculture and land use are only part of the food system – and so much more is currently happening in Scotland’s food policy landscape. Circular economy, community wealth building, food environment are just some of the areas currently being scrutinised. And the Good Food Nation Act tries to bring all these agendas into greater coherence. This [policy map](#) shows the potential connectivity of food policy initiatives and how to make the most of them.

[VIDEO: IMPACT MEASUREMENT FOR TRUSTEES](#)

NPC is hosted this free online event—run in partnership with The Clothworkers’ Company— to explore the questions trustees should be asking to form insights that will enhance decision-making. The event is suited for anyone with an interest in trusteeship and improving best-practices for impact in your organisation.

[WORKBOOK: IMPROVING SLEEP FOR BETTER WELLBEING](#)

COPE Scotland have created a workbook on sleep as a tool for self-reflection. The workbook is broken into several sections. COPE know it will not cover every scenario that people may face; however, they hope it creates curiosity and an understanding of why our sleep may be disturbed and some ideas that may help overcome this.

[USED ELECTRIC VEHICLE LOAN FOR BUSINESSES](#)

The Used Electric Vehicle Loan offers businesses of all sizes in Scotland interest-free loans to purchase a used electric vehicle.

[CAN DO INNOVATION GREEN HEAT FEASIBILITY CALL](#)

The Can Do Innovation Green Heat Feasibility Call provides grants to help Scotland-based companies carry out detailed analysis and design work to assess the technical and commercial feasibility of a proposed green heat solution for Scotland's homes and buildings. The deadline to apply is midday on **7 July 2023**.

[GREEN NETWORK FOR BUSINESSES](#)

The Green Network for Businesses helps companies in Scotland to develop more sustainable business practices. You can join the network, or read their online case studies to find out how other businesses have taken positive steps to reduce their environmental impact.

[GRANT SCHEMES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE](#)

The Office for Zero-Emission Vehicles (OZEV) currently has several EV Charging Infrastructure grant scheme available for eligible applicants including businesses, small accommodation businesses and charities. Applicants can get up to 75% off the cost of purchasing and installing a chargepoint and SME’s can benefit from money off the cost of the enabling infrastructure.

WATCH: SOCIAL INVESTMENT SCOTLAND CIRCULAR ECONOMY 360+ PROGRAMME IN CONJUNCTION WITH ZERO WASTE SCOTLAND

The webinars in this programme explore current circular economy best practice to help you support people, place and planet. They are available free to watch.

- [Circular Economy 360 plus - Partnerships for Impact](#)
- [Circular Economy 360 plus - Retail Trends in Sustainability](#)
- [Circular Economy 360 plus - Adapting to Changing Legislation](#)
- [Circular Economy 360 plus - Business Development & Innovation](#)

JOSEPH ROWNTREE FOUNDATION BLOG: ON THE 'FRONTLINE' OF POVERTY: HOW PUBLIC SERVICES REINFORCE STIGMA

It is vital that we build stigma-free, trauma-informed and person-centred public services. Council and housing association worker Alex, a member of the Exploring Poverty and Stigma Design Team, reflects on this in this blog.

HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT SCOTLAND REPORT: ELEVENTH CITIZENS' PANEL SURVEY

Panel members, who come from all 32 local authority areas across Scotland, answered questions on the following topics:

- The Tobacco Action Plan: to inform a refreshed plan to be published in Autumn 2023, which will support a tobacco-free Scotland
- Vaccination Motivations: to understand motivations behind continued uptake of COVID-19 vaccination
- Digital health and social care: to understand how people feel about the use of digital tools in health and social care.

EVERYONE'S ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

A collaboration of over 40 social and environmental charities and funders to empower people from different social groups to have their needs reflected in environmental decision making and policy.

BAIRNS' HOOSE STANDARDS

Bairns' Hoose is a model that Scotland is testing to provide holistic support to children who have been victims or witnesses of abuse, or are under the age of criminal responsibility whose behaviours may have caused harm. This is based on the European "Barnahus" (child house) model.

The Bairns' Hoose model brings together in one setting:

- Child protection
- Health
- Recovery support/whole family support
- Justice

FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF FUNDRAISING – FUNDRAISING CONVENTION, 3-4 JULY 2023, IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

The Chartered Institute of Fundraising’s Fundraising Convention is coming up with a packed programme of 73 sessions and 150 speakers.

[Book your live virtual tickets](#) [Book your in-person tickets](#)



WEBINAR: [VOLUNTEERING IN NHS SCOTLAND: ENHANCING PATIENT CARE AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE, WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE AT 2PM \(FREE\)](#)

At the next Healthcare Improvement Scotland Community Engagement webinar presenters will talk about the benefits of volunteering and how it contributes to improving patient care in NHS Scotland. The session will feature speakers from volunteer services in NHS Dumfries & Galloway and the NHS Golden Jubilee who will share their experiences and provide valuable insights into their work. You’ll also have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in the conversation. The webinar will be held on MS Teams. You will be able to access the event if you are not registered with MS Teams.

For more information and to book your free ticket click [here](#).

To listen to the recording of the May Webinar, which focused on ‘What matters to you?’ Turning ideas into purposeful action please click [here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES TO INFLUENCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW NATIONAL CARE SERVICE

The Scottish Government is hosting a programme of regional forums that are happening this summer, as part of the development of the National Care Service. These mark the beginning in the next steps of the co-design process.

These local forums will take place across Scotland, from June to August, and are an opportunity for people with lived experience of accessing or delivering community health and social care support to take part in the next phase of evidence gathering.

Here are the sessions planned for Shetland:

Shetland, Valuing the Workforce: 16 August, 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm at Islesburgh, Lerwick. Register at: [Shetland, Valuing the workforce Tickets, Wed 16 Aug 2023 at 17:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Shetland, Keeping care support Local: 17 August, 10 am – 12 noon at Islesburgh, Lerwick. Register at: [Shetland, Keeping care support local Tickets, Thu 17 Aug 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Shetland, Realising rights and responsibilities: 17 August, 2pm – 4 pm at Islesburgh, Lerwick. Register at: [Shetland, Realising rights and responsibilities Tickets, Thu 17 Aug 2023 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Each forum will also have a drop-in briefing and discussion session, held over lunch time. These will be open to anyone who wants to attend, including stakeholder organisations and elected representatives. There is no need to register for this lunchtime session and the time is indicated next to the date and venue of each forum below.

Shetland - Thursday 17 August - Islesburgh Community Centre, Lerwick (lunchtime drop in briefing: 1230-1330)

In addition to the regional forums there are online forums which are also available on [Eventbrite](#).

The Scottish Government is keen that these sessions will be adaptive to people's needs so if you have any queries or requests please email: NCSCcommunications@gov.scot



THIRD SECTOR LAB - FREE DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING FOR THE THIRD SECTOR

DIGITAL STRATEGY, TUE 27TH JUNE, 10.00AM - 11.30AM

This interactive session will help you develop a clear vision of digital and what it can do for your organisation. We will explore the key elements that underpin a digital strategy as well as looking at themes such as leadership, culture, data, cybersecurity, service design and flexible technology.

WEBINAR – 14TH JUNE – THE CHEMICAL POLLUTION CRISIS, 11AM-12PM

CHEM Trust, Fidra and Breast Cancer UK would like to invite you to our upcoming webinar 'The Chemical Pollution Crisis – opportunities for NGO impact', on Wednesday 14th June at 11am-12pm.

The UK Government intends to publish its Chemicals Strategy by the end of the year, and while a formal public consultation will no longer take place, there are opportunities to input. The UK is diverging from EU standards at an alarming rate, particularly on hormone disrupting chemicals, and the Health and Safety Executive is recommending action on fewer PFAS – the 'forever chemicals' – compared to the EU. It is vital that the UK sets out a plan to protect people, wildlife, and the environment from hazardous chemicals, and prevent future pollution.

SCVO UPCOMING COURSES (FEE MAY APPLY)



[Developing your fundraising skills: thriving funds in difficult times, 12 and 14 June](#)



[How to win contracts and Service Level Agreements, 14 & 21 June](#)



[Building personal resilience and self confidence, 14 June](#)



[Time management in the workplace, 15 June](#)



[Social media fundamentals, 21 June](#)



[Effective minute taking, 13 September](#)



[Introduction to project management, 19 September](#)



[Introduction to safeguarding, 21 September](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND: [SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH, FOCUS ON MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH, 15 JUNE, 9.30AM, ONLINE](#)

The second event of the Supporting Mentally Healthy Workplaces Network will take place on Thursday, 15 June from 9:30am – 11am on MS Teams, with a focus on men's mental health in the workplace. Employers of any size across Scotland can join for free to learn what employers are doing to support mental health and wellbeing in the workplace, and share your experiences with others in a dedicated peer learning space.



Dr Tom Russ
co-author of book &
University of Edinburgh
expert in dementia
is visiting Shetland and would like to welcome
you to a Q&A on dementia



Come along to ask any questions and find out what is
happening with Dementia Research in Scotland

Monday 19th June 2-3.30pm
Refreshments provided
Venue: Islesburgh Complex

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: SAFE AND TOGETHER CORE TRAINING

Please see attached document for more information.

Safe & Together is a [practice model](#) that aims to improve how child and adult protection systems and practitioners respond to the issue of domestic abuse. It provides a common framework for practitioners to consider and discuss concerns, challenges and solutions for families experiencing domestic abuse.

NB Attendance at all six sessions is required.

To book a place on the Core Training courses contact mary.cameron@highland.gov.uk

If you have any queries about the Safe and Together training, please don't hesitate to contact Mike: mike.mawby@highland.gov.uk

Shetland Befriending Scheme Tea & Cake at Islesburgh

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

Friday 16th June
2.30-4pm

Dorothy Jamieson will
be popping by for a
cuppa and to tell us a
about the work of CLAN



For more details contact Ian Edwards on 01595 743 964



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.

[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

UNTANGLING THE KNOTS COURSE SEPTEMBER DATES – Monday 4th (10:00 - 11:00), Tuesday 5th, Tuesday 12th Tuesday and 19th September (all 10:00 - 12:30). You must attend all 4 sessions. Flyer attached for more info and criteria outlined in order to apply for a space. To register your interest for a space or for any further questions about

the Untangling the Knots Course please reply to this email by contacting sccr@cyrenians.scot.

Other courses:

[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

[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.

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

- 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

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

[PROPOSED LAND OWNERSHIP AND PUBLIC INTEREST \(SCOTLAND\) BILL](#)

Closes: 12 September 2023

Mercedes Villalba MSP is looking for your views on her [proposal for a bill](#) to limit the amount of land any person can own.

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.