



Annandale & Eskdale
Council for
Voluntary Service

AECVS News

February 2010

REMEMBER!

Our Funding & Information Roadshow takes place on **THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2010** in the **Queens Hotel, Lockerbie**. No need to book—just come along between **2.30 pm and 5.30 pm** and meet the funders and organisations attending. There will be a presentation from the National Officer from Children in Need between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm.

AECVS will have its usual table in the marketplace to answer queries eg. on constitutions, funding, and charity regulations. Marie Jackson from Stewartry CVS will also be present to answer questions on disclosures and protection of vulnerable people. **Do come along and see what information you can glean for the benefit of your organisation. We look forward to seeing you there!**

AECVS NEW MANAGER

We are indeed sorry that over the past few months we have been without a Manager and thus not able to provide our usual high standard of service. We hope that this will be remedied *very soon* and we will keep our membership informed.

ANNANDALE & ESKDALE WARD FORUMS: 2010 (Start 7.00 pm)

SOUTH

13 May: Nelson House, Eastriggs

EAST & ESKDALE

23 March: Canonbie Village Hall

25 May: Ecclefechan Day Centre

DUMFRIES HISTORICAL DANCE GROUP

Beginners Classes—*free*.

March 2nd, 9th & 16th, from 7.00-9.00 pm at St Joseph's College Sports Complex, Dumfries (car park—Aldermanhill Road). If interested and wish to know more, contact Sue on 01387 810868.

MOFFAT CAN

Moffat CAN grew from a small-scale community recycling project and is now a community-owned charity and company limited by guarantee. Any resident of Annandale can join, free of charge.

From March 2010, it will be starting its **Grow Allot** project (**Greatly Reduce/reuse/recycle Our Waste and Lead Local Organic Trade**). CAN will be starting doorstep collections of recyclate from Moffat, Lockerbie and Lochmaben when the Council's blue bin collections end in April 2010.

The old Church Depot building in Moffat is being renovated to provide a store and low tech workshop for CAN's recycling operations, and attached land will provide allotments and a community market garden.

CAN are looking for volunteers from any walk of life. For more information on this, contact Chris Ballance, Development Officer, on 01683 221847.

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Grants for Planting Trees (UK)

The Tree Council, the lead tree campaigning charity working to promote the importance of trees within the changing environment, has announced that its Trees for Communities and Trees for Schools grant-making programmes are now open for applications. Funds are available for schools and community groups within the UK, who are able to show that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in the planting projects. The Tree Council's National Tree Week is the focus for these projects and successful applicants organise their planting events in conjunction with the Tree Council's annual celebration of the new tree planting season. The Tree Council are able to fund projects between £100 and £700 and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs. For example, if your project totals £700, The Tree Council would offer up to £525. The remaining 25% will need to be secured by your school or organisation. In the past, Fairway Primary School in Birmingham, Billingham Campus School and Arts College in County Durham and Ardrossan Academy in Scotland received funding from the Tree Council. The closing date is the 31st March 2010.

www.treecouncil.org.uk

Funding to Increase Physical Activity Levels Among Girls and Young Women (Scotland)

Youth Scotland has announced that Grants of up to £2,000 are available for projects and initiatives across Scotland that increase physical activity levels among girls and young women. The funding is available to groups working with girls and young women aged 12–18 years who are not currently taking part in physical activity. Applications are particularly welcome from young women who live in disadvantaged communities; have experienced homelessness or are living in care; have disabilities or mental health issues; are from black and ethnic minority communities; and are mothers of young children. Previous projects have included cheerleading, netball, walking, dance, gymnastics, outdoor activities and many more. Only activities out with the school curriculum are funded. Application deadlines for funding are 1st March, 1st September and 1st December. www.youthscotland.org.uk

Funding to Fight Fuel Poverty (UK)

The Scottish Power Energy People Trust is currently accepting applications for projects that help combat fuel poverty. Applications are accepted from not-for-profit organisations and groups such as children's charities, local community groups, support organisations, housing associations, local authorities and others. The maximum grant available per project is £100,000 for projects lasting for up to three years.

The type of projects supported includes:-

Crisis funding eg. women and children needing emergency accommodation and vulnerable young people setting up their first home;
Benefits health checks or income maximisation eg. helping households that aren't claiming all the benefits to which they're entitled; or are not eligible for current government grants or funding because they don't receive the appropriate benefit;
Energy efficiency measures and advice eg. a scheme that aims to improve the energy efficiency of homes by draught proofing, insulating and offering energy efficiency advice; and
Research eg. a research project that aims to understand the link between fuel poverty and health.

There are four application deadlines every year. For more information on application deadlines and how to apply please click on the link below.

www.energypeopletrust.co.uk/

Old Possum's Practical Trust (UK)

Old Possum's Practical Trust aims to increase the knowledge and appreciation of any matters of historic, artistic, architectural, aesthetic, literary, musical or theatrical interest, by supporting organisations with grants of between £500 and £5,000. Priority will be given to projects that involve children or young people, disabled or disadvantaged people, communities, and which enhance the lives of others, rather than the well-being of the applicants themselves.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

www.old-possums-practical-trust.org.uk

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PRS for Music Foundation

The PRS for Music Foundation, which is the UK's largest independent funder for new music of any genre, has announced the closing dates for its funding schemes for 2010. Its main aims are to stimulate and support the creation and performance of new music in the UK, ensuring this reaches a wide audience. The PRS Foundation, provides a range of grants to support performance groups, festivals, promoters and organisations. Since March 2000 it has supported over 3000 new music initiatives with over £12 million. The average size of grants in 2008 was £3,000.

The closing dates for applications are the 16th April, 9th August and the 15th October.

www.prsformusicfoundation.com/

Parks for People (UK)

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has announced that the next closing date for applications to the Parks for People programme is the 1st March 2010. Launched originally as a joint initiative with the Big Lottery Fund, full responsibility for the programme has now passed to the Heritage Lottery Fund Local Authorities, as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5 million for the regeneration of parks and public gardens (including squares, walks and promenades). Applicants will need to raise at least 30% of the project costs from their own sources and partnership funding, either as cash or non-cash contributions. The 'Parks for People' programme has a two-stage application process. If a Stage One Pass is awarded, applicants can submit a Stage 2 application.

www.hlf.org.uk

Nationwide Foundation Small Grants Programme (UK)

Through the small grants programme, the Nationwide Foundation makes grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000, which fit the Nationwide Foundation's funding guidelines. Under its Small Grants Programme the Foundation currently makes grants in the following areas. These are:

- Money Matters - which aims to tackle financial exclusion affecting disadvantaged groups across the UK. In particular, the Foundation seeks to support survivors of domestic abuse to build their financial capability in order to help them live independently and achieve improved quality of life; and older people who face financial exclusion in order to help them achieve improved quality of life.
- Home Matters - which aims to address housing issues and homelessness among vulnerable groups in the UK. In particular, support survivors of domestic abuse to live independently and achieve improved quality of life; and to support older people with their housing needs.

Applications to the Small Grants Programme can be made at any time.

www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk

Age Unlimited (Scotland)

NESTA the national innovation agency, has announced the launch of its new Age Unlimited Scotland programme. The programme is seeking ideas from people aged over 50, for a community or social enterprise that could help people in their later years (70s, 80s and above) in Scotland to be less socially isolated and, as a result, lead to healthier and happier lives. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to up to 20 social enterprises/community ventures, to test ideas that have the potential to reduce social isolation in the older population by creating new types of services. NESTA are looking to support projects that could:

- be scaled and replicated;
- save the public purse by offering services that are more cost-effective, or for which clients would be willing to pay a small amount;
- are genuinely innovative and do not duplicate what is already in the community.

NESTA will be hosting four workshops: 20th, 21st, 29th & 30th March. The workshops will be an opportunity to meet like-minded people, to refine your idea and work out the next steps to make it live. Closing date for application to attend a workshop is the 1st March 2010.

www.nesta.org.uk

ENVIRONMENT FAIR COMMUNITY DAY
Friday 19th March 2010
DG One Leisure Complex Dumfries
(Entrance and Activities FREE)



Solway Heritage, Scottish Natural Heritage and D&G Council invite you to go along and learn how you can make a difference to the environment locally and globally in an interactive and interest way. A number of waste, conservation and energy organisations will be on hand to guide you on a journey of discovery! There will be:-

- Presentations on waste and conservation.
- Workshops on composting and wildlife gardening and recording.
- Relax and enjoy short videos on the Ecodeco Waste Management Facility and Wildlife footage.
- Make something in willow for your garden.
- Watch the The Age of Stupid, a hard hitting film about climate change starring Pete Postlethwaite by kind permission of Friends of the Earth.

For a full programme of events and to book a place on the morning or afternoon session contact Solway Heritage on 01387 247543 or email cmcfarlan@solwayheritage.co.uk

OSCR: Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Charity trustees must seek prior consent from **OSCR** 42 days in advance of the following proposed changes:

- Before changing the name of the charity
- Before winding-up a charity
- Before amending the objects or purposes of the charity
- Before amalgamating the charity with another body
- Before changing the charity's legal form

OSCR must be notified no later than 3 months after the following changes:

- When the principal contact changes
- When the contact details for the existing principal contact change
- When the accounting year end date has changed
- When changes unrelated to purposes are made to the constitution
- When any change consented to by OSCR is implemented.

Notification forms and Applications for Consent forms should be made in writing and sent to **OSCR**. These forms can be downloaded from the **OSCR** website at www.oscr.org.uk. Hard copies are also available on request

Tel: 01382 220446 Email: info@oscr.org.uk

For your information ... AECVS has a meeting room available for hire (max 10 people) and also office space available at an affordable rate. If you want to know more, give us a call on 01387 810974.

Towards a Mentally Flourishing Dumfries & Galloway

Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries
Monday 29 March 2010
10.30 am for 11 am – 3 pm

Have your say in the development of our local strategy.

Speakers:

Dr Derek Cox, Director of Public Health, NHS Dumfries and Galloway
Sharon Allison, Health Scotland
Jocelyn Rose, Choose Life Co-ordinator, Dumfries and Galloway

Lunch will be provided, and the event is free of charge. To register, contact:-

June Graham, Tel: 01387 272712
or email june.graham@nhs.net

Free Information Day Seminar
Cairndale Hotel, Dumfries
Wednesday 17 March 2010

There are a range of new procedures that affect every company operating in the UK. To keep your company on the right side of the law, come along to these seminars at *either 9.30am or 2.00pm*. Booking form available online at:

www.companieshouse.gov.uk/eventbooking