



Annandale & Eskdale
Council for
Voluntary Service

AECVS News

November 2010

Annual General Meeting



AECVS Annual General Meeting was held on 28 September 2010 at Steven's Croft Power Station, Lockerbie. Approximately 20 groups were represented and, following the business of the meeting and refreshments, there was a guided tour for those who wished to view the plant. It was most interesting and enjoyed by all!

AECVS has recently updated its Articles of Association and an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held in the new year for the purpose of proposing a special resolution to adopt these. The date for this will be advertised and made known to all AECVS membership in due course.

Home Insulation Scheme

The Home Insulation Scheme from the Scottish Government launches in Dumfries & Galloway at the end of November. The scheme aims to provide householders with advice and increase the uptake of insulation measures. To receive a leaflet on the scheme, or further details, e-mail Laura.MacAulay@sw.energysavingscotland.org.uk

There are also advice surgeries that you could go along to, the nearest one being at Nithsdale CVS offices at The Hub, Friars Vennel, Dumfries on Wednesday 26 January, 10.30 am—1.00 pm and 2.00 pm—3.30 pm.

FREE Workshops for Community Groups

Are you applying to Dumfries & Galloway Council or Annandale & Eskdale Area Committee for funding? AECVS is holding workshops to raise awareness about the application process for Council funding using the new D&G Council application forms and criteria. If you are interested, limited spaces are available on Wednesday 1 December 2010, 10.00 am—12 noon

The workshop will be held within the AECVS offices, 16 High Street, Lochmaben.

To book a place, contact Nancy.Hannah@aecvs.org.uk or telephone 01387 810974.

If enough interest is expressed, more days will be arranged for the new year, so please let us know.

Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme

The introduction of the PVG Scheme has been postponed until February 2011 in order to ensure the system which supports it is as robust as it can be before it goes live.

If your organisation normally accesses Basic or Standard level disclosures, please note there will be an increase in the fee from £23 to £25 on commencement of the PVG Act in February 2011. The forms for accessing these levels of disclosure will be changing at that time.

Visit www.crbs.org.uk for more information and training on the new PVG Scheme.

OPENING TIMES FOR AECVS

We are now open to the public from:-
9.00 am—12.30 pm and
1.00 pm—3.00 pm.



CVS Staff
wish all its membership
A very Merry Christmas
And Happy New year



CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE TIMES

Closes to public at
1 pm 24th December
and re-opens at 9 am
on 5th January 2011.

The William and Jane Morris Fund (UK)

The William and Jane Morris Fund is open to applications from churches, chapels and other places of worship built before 1896. The Fund offers grants of up to £1,000 towards work concerned with the conservation of decorative features such as:

- Stained glass windows
- Sculpture
- Furniture
- Internal monuments and tombs
- Wall paintings.

Grants towards major structural repairs and fabric maintenance may be considered under exceptional circumstances.

There are two application deadlines a year, 31 August and 31 March. For more information visit:-

www.sal.org.uk/grants/williamandjanemorris

People's Postcode Lottery Launches Dream Fund

The Dream Fund is a new initiative that will offer registered charities and community organisations in Scotland the opportunity to apply for up to £100,000 to deliver a life-changing project over 12 months.

The Dream Fund will offer £600,000 over two years, with £300,000 available for 2011, and £300,000 for 2012. Registered charities and community organisations in Scotland can apply for up to £100,000 to deliver a new and innovative 12-month project that meets one of the following funding criteria:

- Helping Communities Lead an Active Life (linking with 2012 Olympic Games and 2014 Commonwealth Games)
- Helping to Involve Volunteers (linking with 2011 Year of the Volunteer)
- Helping to Tackle Climate Change (linking with 2020 environmental targets)

The closing date for applications is 5.00 pm on Friday 17 December 2010. For more information, visit:-

www.postcodetrust.org.uk/dream-fund

Age Unlimited (Scotland)

NESTA, the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts, has announced that it has grants of up to £10,000 available to support people in their 50s and 60s who have great ideas that can improve their community. Applicants to the programme don't have to have a fully formed idea. NESTA are looking for a team or individual with an initial good idea for a new locally run service which can be scaled and replicated in other areas of Scotland; save the public purse by offering services that are more cost-effective, or for which clients would be willing to pay a small amount; and are genuinely innovative and do not duplicate what is already in the community. Short-listed candidates will be invited to a one day workshop in February which will be an opportunity to meet like-minded people, refine their idea and work out the next steps to make it live. The closing date for applications is the 7 February 2011. For more information, log on to:-

www.nesta.org.uk

Prince's Countryside Fund Opens for Applications (UK)

The Prince's Countryside Fund has announced that it is currently open for applications.

The aim of the fund is to help improve the long-term sustainability of the British countryside. The total budget available for this call for proposals is £500,000 and organisations can apply for funding of up to £50,000 for projects that improve the sustainability of British farming in:

- Areas of deprivation
- That improve the sustainability of rural communities
- Reconnect people with the countryside.

Funding is available for both capital and revenue funding. Applicants can be, but do not need to be, charities. All applicants must, however, be able to clearly demonstrate a significant level of public benefit arising from their activities (which fulfill the Fund's charitable objects).

Applications dealt with on a rolling basis.

For more information:-

www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk

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The Glass House—Support for Community Groups

The Glass-House is a charity that supports and empowers community groups involved in regeneration projects to improve their neighbourhoods.

Local people hold valuable knowledge about their areas that can make a regeneration project unique and sustainable. With strong community participation and leadership, working effectively with design and regeneration professionals in the design process, is essential to creating places that inspire and delight.

The Glass-House works nationally, offering free Design Training and Project Support to tenant, resident and community groups involved in local physical regeneration projects. The programmes give community groups the tools and confidence to play an active and constructive role in improving their neighbourhoods.

The Glass-House helps community groups involved in regeneration projects such as:

Community buildings

Communal outdoor spaces

Play areas

Facilities for children and young people

Housing schemes

Masterplans for neighbourhood regeneration.

It support groups that are leading and managing regeneration projects themselves, and community steering/stakeholder groups involved in a project led by a council, housing association or developer. For more information:-

www.theglasshouse.org.uk

Percy Bilton Charity

Grants are made to both organisations and individuals in need throughout the UK. Funding priority is to support projects to provide day centres, care homes, respite care, sheltered accommodation, independent living schemes, educational and recreational facilities for older people and those with physical or learning disabilities or enduring mental health problems, as well as educational and recreational facilities or supported living schemes for disadvantaged young people.

Large grants are one-off payments for capital expenditure for approx. £2000 or over. Applications considered monthly. For further information, visit:

www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk or

Tel: 020 8579 2829.

Gregg Foundation Grants (founded by Ian Gregg of the Greggs bakery retailer)

Local not-for-profit organisations such as charities, charitable companies, churches and schools can apply for grants of up to £2000 through this Foundation regional grants programme.

Most of the grants are to support an identifiable cause such as trips, activities and equipment. Additionally priorities are for people with caring responsibilities, older people, homeless people and people with disabilities.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

For more details, visit:-

www.greggsfoundation.org.uk

WHAT'S COMING UP .. INFORMATION ... WHAT'S COMING UP ... INFO

Mid Annandale Club, Lockerbie

The Mid Annandale Social Club in Lockerbie (formally the British Legion) are keen to support charity/good causes' events in the area, and are prepared to wave the cost of the hire of the room to support the cause.

They are able to offer seated accommodation for 120 persons. Food can be provided at a very reasonable rate, but groups/organisations are welcome to provide their own. Bar and entertainment can be arranged if required.

For enquiries please contact Derek Scott at drscott@care4free.net or call 01576 204323.

Nithsdale CVS Charities Fayre Saturday 4th December 2010 DG One Leisure Complex 11.00 am—3.00 pm

This is an opportunity for voluntary organisations and community groups to network, promote their organisation and raise funds at the same time! Stalls selling home baking, jams & jellies, Fair Trade food, crafts & cards, pet Christmas gifts, bottle stalls, books, Christmas cards and other exciting gifts.

Contact Jeanette at NCVS to book a table
01387 269161
jeanette.murray@thehubdg.org.uk

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Walk for your Charity — Sunday 22 May 2011



Plenty advance warning given here for the above event organised by Lockerbie & District Rotary Club for all clubs, organisations and groups in the Rotary Club area. In 2011 there is a new route, starting and finishing at the Queens Hotel, Lockerbie.

What to do?

Contact the Organising Committee on indamair@gmail.com to register.

Then find your sponsors. Then turn up and walk! If you need to raise funds, then this is how to do it!

For example, by taking part, Eastriggs and Dornock Playgroup have raised the money to cover their annual budget for each of the last three years!

The Rotary Club make all the arrangements necessary and, having paid an administration fee of only £5.00 to the Rotary Club, individuals who walk can raise funds for the very good causes they have chosen to support. All sponsorship monies raised will be retained by the organisation, group or charity each walker supports.

500 Years of Dancing in Scotland

Four workshops covering the period 1400-1900 with Philippa Waite, Specialist in Dance History.

Saturday 12 February 2011

10 am—12.30 pm; 1.30 pm—4.00 pm

Stakeford & Summerville Community Centre, Steel Avenue, Dumfries.

Sunday 13 February 2011

10 am—12.30 pm

Summerhill Community Centre, Ballochmyle Terrace, Dumfries

2 pm-4.30 pm

St Teresa's Church Hall, Glasgow Street, Dumfries.

Fee: £3.00 per workshop

Each workshop is different, covering dances from all periods. Beginners and experienced dancers welcome. No partner is needed. Wear soft flexible shoes.

For further details and travel directions contact:

Sue: 01387 810868 susananne.knight@talktalk.net

or Valerie: 01556 650437 cropwalker@uku.co.uk

Scottish Women's Convention

Saturday 12 March 2011, 12.30 pm – 4.00 pm

This event is being held in the Scottish Parliament. The event is free but book early to avoid disappointment. To register, call 0141 248 8186 or e-mail mary@scottishwomensconvention.org

Annan Initiative Needs Help!

Are you community minded? Do you have time to spare? Would you like to become involved?

Have you special skills in: finance, secretarial or project development?

Please consider joining Annan Initiative. To find out more, contact Sharon on 07723 604 301 or e-mail:

aichair@live.co.uk

The Original Factory Shop

Is there a charity or cause close to your heart? Is it struggling to keep going? Your local Factory Shop will aim to raise at least £500 for your nominated charity or cause to make a difference to you and your community. Pick up a form at the Original Factory Shop, Mains Street, Lockerbie and complete and return as soon as possible.

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More information

Guide dogs could change your life!

Do you, or someone you know, have sight loss that makes it difficult to get around independently or live life to the full? A guide dog could make a life-changing difference.

A guide dog can offer a unique, safe and effective way of getting about independently and confidently. You don't need to have lost all your sight as most people who own a guide dog still have some vision. Some further points:-



There is no age limit.

It costs just 50p to have a guide dog. All essential equipment and training is provided by Guide Dogs, and vet bills and dog food can also be covered.

No previous experience of keeping a dog is necessary. Training will teach you all you need to know. It's not just about improving mobility. Guide dog and owner exist as a partnership and the companionship, loyalty and fun that each partner brings can be immensely rewarding.

For more information, call 0845 372 7499 for someone to come and talk to you, informally and confidentially, to help you decide if a guide dog might be suitable for you. There is nothing to lose and potentially much to gain—so get in touch.

New Name for Dumfries & Galloway Coalition of Disabled People

The D&G Coalition of Disabled People changed its name recently to **DG Voice**. Its aim is to be the voice of disabled people in D&G and to further their independence and full participation in the community. Its offices at the Midsteeple (2nd Floor—lift available), High Street, Dumfries are open from 1 pm—4 pm, Monday to Thursday. Further contact details are:- Tel: 01387 257770

E-mail: info@dgvoice.co.uk

Website: www.dgvoice.co.uk

The People's Advocacy Service

The People's Advocacy Service has moved from 11 Buccleuch Street, and can now be found at 107 English Street, Dumfries, DG1 2DA.

Tel: 01387 247237

www.peoples-advocacy.com

New Name for NSF Scotland

From the end of October the National Schizophrenia Fellowship officially changed its name to Support In Mind Scotland. Along with that the 42club now has a new e-mail address:

42club@supportinmindscotland.org.uk

Independent Examination of Accounts

In our last newsletter we stated that AECVS is able to offer an independent examination of accounts service for voluntary organisations (both charity and non-charity) in Annandale & Eskdale, so long as the organisation is not a company and turnover is less than £100,000. We offered four FREE independent examinations but only two of these have been taken up. The conditions are:-

- ◇ the organisation must be a registered charity
- ◇ the organisation must be unincorporated (ie. not a company)
- ◇ the organisation must have an annual turnover of less than £100,000

Therefore, if you would like to pick up on this offer for one of the remaining 2 free examinations, please contact Nancy Hannah at AECVS as soon as possible.

Are you about to re-paint? Moffat CAN is now the region's stockist for RePaint Scotland products. RePaint is a Govan based social enterprise which reclaims unused paint and recycles it into new colours. They have now perfected their processes to produce a high quality paint for sale, which is both cheaper than High Street prices and requires less energy and pollution to produce - while saving unwanted paint going into the waste stream.

For a colour chart and prices or further details, please contact Moffat CAN, 01683 221847 or info@moffatcan.org.

Big Lottery Funding—2014 Communities Fund

Glasgow is hosting the 2014 commonwealth Games and the Big Lottery Fund Scotland wants to ensure that they are providing support to groups who want to benefit from this once in a lifetime opportunity for people and communities across Scotland.

2014 Communities is a new micro grants programme offering local sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, community councils and schools, grants of £300 to £2000 to support and stimulate grass roots involvement in sport and physical activity. The programme aims to encourage more people to take part or volunteer in sport or physical activity as well as encourage greater community cohesion in the run up to the games.

You can find out more about 2014 Communities and the work of the Big Lottery fund in Scotland by calling 0870 240 2391 or email: enquiries.scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk. Also information on:- www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_2014_communities

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards (UK)

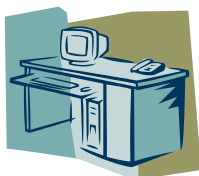
This scheme will accept applications for grants, between £1000 and £5000, for projects that support children's education and welfare from 1 December 2010 and will close for applications on 31 January 2011. Previous projects supported have included part funding for:-

- Playground equipment in schools and local communities
- Sensory garden or room projects
- Outdoor classrooms
- Breakfast and after school clubs
- Holiday play-schemes
- Part funding to purchase minibuses.

For more information, log on to:- www.cr2010.tescopl.com/communities/tesco-charitytrust.aspx

Desk Space Availability

AECVS *upstairs* room is still available for use. If you would like to view the room and/or know more about the rate and terms and conditions, please contact Nancy Hannah on 01387 810974.



Window Display—Promote Your Organisation

Remember that you can promote your organisation free of charge in the AECVS front window. Call 01387 810974 to arrange convenient set up times, period of display and dismantling time.

Also, for a nominal charge, we have display boards for hire should you wish to promote your organisation at a specific event.

Cross Trust (Scotland)

This scheme makes funding available to individual young people and organisations that support young people of Scottish Birth or Parentage to achieve their potential as students and as adults in the modern world. Applications are on a rolling programme.

For more detail, log on to: www.thecrosstrust.org.uk



PREPARED FOR WINTER

**A partnership event supported by
Dumfries & Galloway Seniors Forum
Independent Living Support and Age Scotland**

Over 60?

Winter fuel bills high last year?

Get ready for this winter - let us help you sort it now!

**We're holding a drop-in event on
Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd December
Between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm
in
Olivers Bakery, Midsteeples, Dumfries**

Pick up Age Scotland's Hot Tips Guide. Get advice on fuel bills. Check out heating/insulation grants. Find out if you could be paying less for your gas/electricity.

A host of partners such as Handy Van, Food Train, D & G Fire Brigade and Financial Inclusion and Benefits Advice Team will be there too.

Drop in for a cup of tea and a chat.