



Annandale & Eskdale  
Council for  
Voluntary Service

# AECVS News

November 2011

## ANNANDALE & ESKDALE CVS IS MOVING!

Having been located in Lochmaben for many years, the AECVS office is moving on **29 November 2011** to the ground floor level of premises at **72-74 High Street, Lockerbie**. The HandyVan/Small Repair & Home Support Service (SRHSS), which is managed and delivered by AECVS, will also be located there and we are pleased the Annandale Transport Initiative (ATI) will be joining us and will operate from the first floor.

We see this move as an exciting "fresh start" and hope the more visible, centrally located premises will allow us to better serve our members and our communities. We hope you will look in to see us sometime soon for a visit. We will be adding a used book/CD/DVD section to our office and would appreciate donations.

We will still be offering our traditional services: assistance with funding, good governance training, independent examination of accounts, help with constitutions, charity law and committee training. We can also offer help and advice with the new Scottish Charity Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) application if your organisation needs assistance. Of course we will still offer photocopying, faxing and typing services. We look forward to seeing you soon! Our new contact details are:-

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(Administrator)

HandyVan/SRHSS  
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(Co-ordinator)

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## Update of information held by AECVS on Annandale & Eskdale Organisations

**PLEASE**, if you receive a pre-populated questionnaire with this newsletter, can you complete it and return it to AECVS as soon as possible? Thank you to those who have already done this. We wish to ensure that we are holding the correct contact information for you/your organisation.

Where we issue information to organisations by email, we are aware that these are not necessarily applicable to every recipient. We are therefore creating a new database to amend this, so as to be able to filter e-mails to the most appropriate people. There will, however, remain e-mails of a general nature, eg on funding or notification of forthcoming events, which will be issued to all for information. We do hope that this exercise will streamline the amount of e-mails you receive from AECVS. It will also provide useful information for AECVS so that we can more ably work for the third sector in Annandale & Eskdale district.

## AECVS Annual General Meeting

The AECVS Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 15 December 2011 at 2.00 pm** within the Somerton Hotel, Carlisle Road, Lockerbie. Following the business of the meeting there will be a short presentation by Anne Marie Hawrylkiw from the Financial Inclusion and Assessment Team (FIAT). Please let us know if you can or cannot attend either by telephoning 01387 810974 (if before 25 November) or at the new contact details above if after 1 December. Kindly bear with us during our transition to new premises!

## ***FUNDING INFORMATION .... FUNDING INFORMATION .... FUNDING .***

### **CashBack Small Grants Scheme**

The Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities initiative uses funds seized from criminal activity to provide positive activities for young people. The Small Grants Scheme, which is managed by Youth Scotland in partnership with Scottish Council - The Scout Association, Girlguiding Scotland, Boys Brigade, The Girls' Brigade in Scotland and Clubs for Young People (Scotland), has so far distributed over £233,000 to 252 individual projects across the country.



The programmes of activity the scheme has funded includes sports events, music tuition, camping trips, outdoor activities, samba drumming lessons, urban art classes, swimming lessons, first aid courses, healthy eating projects and sailing courses. It is estimated that over 12,000 young people have benefited.

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to fund the start up costs of a group of unit, and up to £2,000 to fund an existing group to run a particular programme of activity. To be eligible, groups must be a member of one of the partner organisations and have members which include young people aged 10 or over. The Small Grants Scheme is targeted at groups that do not have the services of paid youth work staff, ie. the group and the programme is managed and delivered by volunteers.

Future funding deadlines are 1st December 2011 and 1 March 2012. Groups should apply directly to the organisation of which they are a member.

For more information, visit the Youth Scotland website or contact Meg Watson at Youth Scotland on 0131 554 2561 or email: [meg.watson@youthscotland.org.uk](mailto:meg.watson@youthscotland.org.uk)

### **VOLANT Charitable Trust** (established by J K Rowling)

The Scottish Community Foundation (SCF) works with the VOLANT Charitable Trust to make awards on its behalf to charities and community groups in Scotland. Awards of up to £10000 per year are available. The application process is managed by the SCF. The fund's primary focus is to support women, children and young people who are at risk and facing social deprivation. Projects which tackle serious issues and help people to turn their lives around are given priority.

Funding is limited so only projects that closely match the required criteria are likely to be considered. Projects must demonstrate a strong focus on supporting women affected by hardship or disadvantage and on tackling the issues they face in order to make a lasting difference to their lives.

Applications for up to £5000 should be made using the Foundation's Women's Fund for Scotland application form. For applications over £5000 you should, in the first instance, send an outline of your project using the 'enquiry form' and email to [grants@scottishcf.org](mailto:grants@scottishcf.org).

If you have any queries then please contact Jennifer McPhail on 0141 341 4964 or email:- [Jennifer@scottishcf.org](mailto:Jennifer@scottishcf.org). Web addresses for both VOLANT and SCF are:-

[www.volanttrust.com](http://www.volanttrust.com)

[www.scottishcf.org](http://www.scottishcf.org)

### **Swimathon Foundation Grant**

Grants of between £300 and £2500 are being offered to swimming pools, community organisations and charities who can demonstrate how funding will allow them to help more people participate in and enjoy swimming, and to make swimming more accessible.

For more information and to apply online, visit the website: [www.swimathon.org/foundation](http://www.swimathon.org/foundation). The first round of applications closes on 12 December 2011. If you require more information about the grants programme, contact [info@swimathonfoundation.org](mailto:info@swimathonfoundation.org) or 0845 459 9016.

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

### Annandale & Eskdale Annual Sports Awards 2011

If you know of someone in the Annandale & Eskdale area that deserves recognition for their dedication and commitment to local sport or outstanding success in their chosen sport, then the Leisure & Sport section of Dumfries & Galloway Council would like to hear from you. Anyone wishing to put forward a person or team for an award is invited to submit a nomination using the following criteria:-

- ◇ Sports Personality of the Year award (open to an amateur sportsperson 18 years of age or over as at 31 December 2011).
- ◇ Sports Team of the Year award.
- ◇ Young Sports Personality of the Year award (open to an amateur sportsperson under 18 years of age as at 31 December 2011).
- ◇ Service to Local Sport award.
- ◇ Volunteer of the Year award.
- ◇ School Sport Initiative/Performance of the Year award (small school).
- ◇ School Sport Initiative/Performance of the Year award (large school).
- ◇ Coach of the Year award.

Closing date is FRIDAY 2 MARCH 2012. Presentation evening is FRIDAY 30 MARCH 2012 within the Corner House Hotel, Annan. For more information on this or to request a nomination form, call Calum Graham on 01461 207046 or email [calum.graham@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:calum.graham@dumgal.gov.uk).

### Evening Classes in Historical Dance

Want to enjoy dances from the Courts and Ballrooms of Europe? Classes are held weekly during term-time at St Joseph's College Sports Complex, Dumfries (off Aldermanhill Road).

For more information contact:-

Sue Knight on 01387 810868 or email

[susananne.knight@talktalk.net](mailto:susananne.knight@talktalk.net)

or Valerie Heppel on 01556 6560437 or email:

[cropwalker@uku.co.uk](mailto:cropwalker@uku.co.uk)

### Potential Tax Changes on 29 November

There has been some recent media speculation that the Government may change the tax rules on pension contributions in the Autumn Statement on 29 November 2011. The rumour is that tax relief may be restricted to 20% with effect from 29 November 2011. If anyone is planning to make pension contributions this tax year, it may be prudent to consider making these payments before 29 November 2011 to ensure that the maximum amount of tax relief is obtained.

### Scottish Families Affected by Drugs

Is someone you care about misusing drugs?

Call the free and confidential helpline on **08080 10 10 11**.

email: [www.sfad.org.uk](http://www.sfad.org.uk)

### OSCR Monitoring Return Guidance

There has been a change to OSCR procedures. As you know, OSCR issues a Supplementary Monitoring Return form, along with an Annual Return form, to those Scottish charities with an income of £25,000 or more. Up to now, guidance on how to complete the Supplementary Monitoring Return to these charities has been issued. However, as from 1 April 2011, **OSCR's Monitoring Return Guidance is published online only** at [www.oscr.org.uk](http://www.oscr.org.uk). There will no longer be hard copies of this guidance issued but, instead, there will be a hyperlink address in the covering letter that will direct the charity to the guidance on the website. This is because:

OSCR has issued this guidance in hard copy to every relevant charity each year for the past five years.

OSCR's experience is that charities are now used to using online resources and they intend to increase their online services in the future.

OSCR believes that online publication is easily accessible, provides cost savings and allows for consistent updates if required.

Online publication lessens the environmental impact of our material.

Please be advised of this intended change to the production of this guidance and direct any queries you may have to [info@oscr.org.uk](mailto:info@oscr.org.uk).

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### ANNANDALE & ESKDALE WARD FORUM

7.00 PM START (SOUTH)

Thursday 24 November 2011, Annan Town Hall

**CARE & REPAIR** ..... Previously at 139 Irish Street, Dumfries, Care & Repair have now moved to:-

Care & Repair in Dumfries & Galloway  
Huntingdon, 27 Moffat Road, DUMFRIES,  
DG1 1NB Tel: 01387 321300

and ....

### THE RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP SCOTLAND

Have moved in the vacated premises at 139 Irish Street, Dumfries, DG1 2QE Tel: 01387 255573

### ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd December 2011  
DGOne, Dumfries

*It is essential to attend both full days of the course.*

ASIST is a two-day workshop where you can learn first aid skills to help someone else who may be at risk of suicide. It is an intensive, interactive and practice-dominated course aimed at enabling people to spot the risk of suicide and provide immediate help to persons at risk.

In the same way that skills are needed to physical first aid, ASIST develops the skills necessary for suicide first aid. It is suitable for anyone, from professionals and volunteers to members of the community.

If interested, contact [jillcullen@nhs.net](mailto:jillcullen@nhs.net) for an application form, or telephone 01387 260927.

Please note a cancellation policy — if you fail to attend without giving notice, a total of £50 will be charged except in exceptional circumstances.

### WRVS Good Neighbours in Dumfries & Galloway - Volunteers Wanted

WRVS would like you to become part of this project as a dedicated volunteer.

Small support tasks can make a big difference to an elderly person and make someone's day better - why not register with WRVS Good Neighbours today?

For more details please ring the 01683-221477 or email your enquiry to [Wilma.smith@wrvs.co.uk](mailto:Wilma.smith@wrvs.co.uk)

AECVS Board and Staff wish all  
its membership

a very Happy Christmas and  
healthy and prosperous New Year.



Sunday 13th May  
2012

The Queens Hotel,  
Lockerbie 12noon

## Walk the Walk

A 10 mile Walk or a 4 mile Walk.

To all Clubs, Organisations, Groups and Charities in the Lockerbie and District Rotary Club area. *If you need to raise Funds, then this is how to do it!*

- ◇ You contact us
- ◇ You register
- ◇ You find your sponsors
- ◇ You turn up and walk
- ◇ You keep all the money you raise

All the walk arrangements will be made by Lockerbie and District Rotary Club

For further details, contact David Mair online at [indamair@gmail.com](mailto:indamair@gmail.com), or telephone 01387 811406.

### ANNANDALE & ESKDALE COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE (AECVS)

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# INFORMATION EXTRA

## **Dumfries & Galloway Third Sector Interface (DGTSI)**

We have received numerous queries regarding the funding changes for the Third Sector in our area. As many of you know, the Scottish Government embarked on a programme to establish a single Third Sector Interface in each of Scotland's 32 local authority areas. The remit is that each Interface must represent, develop and support volunteering, social enterprises and the wider third sector in their area as well as play a key role in connecting the local third sector to Community Planning Partnerships.

Here in Dumfries & Galloway, our Interface has been set up as a Company Limited by Guarantee and became incorporated in July 2011. We are unique in Scotland because we are the only Interface that includes 6 independent members as well as members from each of the 6 support organisations.

The core support and development functions will be delivered through our members: Annandale & Eskdale CVS, Nithsdale CVS, Stewartry CVS, The Bridge (which includes the Wigtown CVS), Dumfries & Galloway Social Enterprise Network and Volunteer Action Dumfries & Galloway and each of these organisations has a representative on the Dumfries & Galloway Third Sector Interface Board of Directors.

The representation and consultation remit will be delivered in various ways including serving on a wide variety of partnerships, forums and working groups across Dumfries & Galloway, with a focus on representing and strengthening the voice and role of our local third sector. Please feel free to contact us for additional information.

**Independent Examinations** are now available from Donna Wilkinson, our Development Manager.

She is offering free examinations to **2** organisations in an effort to complete her training. Her work will be monitored and approved by her instructors so not to worry!

She has just completed her training and asks that you allow her to start with relatively easy accounts before bringing her any major projects.

## **Annandale & Eskdale Third Sector Forum (A&E3SF)**

The AECVS facilitates a quarterly Third Sector Forum which is open to all members and we encourage you to participate. We gather for a bit of training, fundraising updates, networking, discussions (which sometimes become good debates), news sharing, etc....all in the hopes of understanding the needs of our members more fully and strengthening our voice.

At the last meeting, Donna Wilkinson delivered a short training on the SCIO and on the new thresholds for Independent Examination; we discussed the need for A&E Mapping to better understand what organisations are in our area and who is doing what; we discussed the need to work together to "campaign" for our needs and are considering a website for members to share their activities and news.

AECVS is meant to be the facilitator only, and Donna welcomes suggestions on guest speakers to invite, topics for her to research and report back to the group, items for the agenda, areas to cover in training. The next A&E3SF meeting is scheduled for 19 January 2012 at the Somerton House Hotel for a 10:00 am start followed by a light lunch.

If you would like to join, please contact Nancy Hannah and if you have input for our next meeting, please contact Donna. We hope to see you there!

## Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

The SCIO is a new legal form for Scottish Charities and offers charities the opportunity to incorporate without becoming companies. It offers some protection to charity trustees from personal liability not offered to unincorporated bodies or trusts. We encourage you to find out more about this by contacting Donna at [donna.wilkinson@aecvs.org.uk](mailto:donna.wilkinson@aecvs.org.uk). She can help you determine if the SCIO might be advantageous for your group and will help you complete the application form.

The SCIO was proposed in the Charities & Trustees Investment Scotland Act 2005 and became available just this year. Unlike other legal entities, when a group becomes a SCIO, they automatically become a Registered Scottish Charity. As many of the funding groups prefer to assist "charities", this option is growing in popularity and we encourage you to seek more information. We have already had several successful applications. Additional information can be found at [www.oscr.org.uk/about-scottish-charities/scio](http://www.oscr.org.uk/about-scottish-charities/scio).

## Charity Technology Exchange (CTX)

AECVS wants to share the word about CTX! We just found out about this group which offers donated technology products from Partners such as Microsoft and Cisco to eligible UK Registered Charities and Charitable Housing Associations. We have recently registered our organisation with CTX and ordered new software directly from them at a huge savings.

For more information, visit: [www.ctxchange.org](http://www.ctxchange.org)

## HandyVan delivering the Small Repair & Home Support Service

Do you meet the criteria for receiving this excellent service? The criteria being:-

- ◇ You are a home-owner or a tenant of a private landlord;  
*and in addition*
- ◇ Be 60 or over
- ◇ Disabled
- ◇ Have learning difficulties or mental health problems
- ◇ Be a victim of domestic abuse

For more information or an appointment, contact **YVETTE** on Freephone number:-

**0800 069 9173**

## Two Desks available for a nominal donation!

We have **2** good sized desks that we do not need and would love to find a new home for **BEFORE** our move if possible! Let us know if you are interested in one or both—01387 810974 before Friday 25 November 2011 or 01576 208730 after 1 December 2011.

Please be quick!!

Please note that the Annandale & Eskdale CVS office will close at midday on Friday 23 December 2011 and re-open for business on Wednesday 4 January 2011.

