



Annandale & Eskdale
Council for
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AECVS News

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AECVS Survey of its Membership - Prize Draw

Apart from disseminating information to members of your groups/organisations, we don't really ask a lot back from our membership! We are here to help **you**. However, feedback from the survey we recently issued to you is *very* important for us in order to develop our services appropriately to your needs. It is also important that AECVS is able to demonstrate the value of, and contribution that can be made by, the voluntary sector in Annandale & Eskdale.

So if you haven't yet completed your survey form, we really would appreciate it if you would take the time to do so. If you need help to complete it, please let us know. One lucky group chosen from the prize draw of returned forms will receive a voucher for stationery etc. Closing date **28 February 2009**.

So what do we do for you?

The simple things include:- **display of posters** in our window for your coming events; **display boards for hire**; **photocopying**; **faxing**; **laminating**; **signposting**; **secretarial services** (eg. typing up your CVs, syllabus, business cards, posters etc) - all at discounted, affordable prices—please ask for details.

Do you require a **room for a meeting**? We have one for hire, by appointment, between 9.00 am—4.00 pm, which can seat up to a dozen people.

AECVS can support you with **sourcing funds** for your group/organisation, assisting with funding applications and/or acting as referee for your applications. We can also help with **constitutions**, **charity law/OSCR**, **company/ incorporation**, or with **new group start-up**.

Does your group require **training**? As committee members change, is there any element of training required eg. for committee skills, project management?

Remember, too, that we are now registered with CRBS to carry out **Disclosure Checks**.

Do contact us if we can help you in any way.

We are here to help you, our members!

Area Committee funding application deadlines

Application deadlines for funding from Annandale & Eskdale Area Committee, and meetings at which applications will be considered are as follows.

Deadline	Committee Meeting
End of March	29 April 2009
End of May	June 2009
End of August	September 2009

Application forms can be downloaded from www.dumgal.gov.uk or contact Voluntary Sector Funding on 01387 260437, e-mail ECSGrants@dumgal.gov.uk

We are happy to receive contributions from members for inclusion in our newsletters.

A&E Third Sector Forum

A Third Sector Forum has recently been established in Annandale & Eskdale and membership is open to any voluntary/community organisation operating in the area. For further information please see the enclosed leaflet or contact Kate Nutt at AECVS.

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COMING SOON

Tuesday 24th March 09 – “Introduction to Employment Law”

Tuesday 26th May 09 – “Employment Law Update”

For more information and register an interest please contact

Stewartry CVS, 17 Castle Street, Kirkcudbright

– Tel: 01557 331346 or email info@stewartrycvs.org.uk



BIG LOTTERY FUND has developed a new funding programme – **2014 Communities** – which is focused on building a legacy of well-being before and beyond the Commonwealth Games. **2014 Communities** is a micro grant programme aimed at grass roots sports and community organisations. Through this programme BIG hopes to encourage more people to take part in sport or physical activity, and increase the numbers of those volunteering in sport or physical activity.

Who can apply? – voluntary and community sector organisations, community councils and schools and BIG would like to encourage new applications from groups who have not applied before.

2014 Communities will run from November 2008 until the Commonwealth Games take place in 2014.

For more information on **2014 Communities** go to www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/2014 or call the advice line 0870 240 2391

Heritage Lottery Fund in Scotland



Homecoming 2009 – In 2009 Scotland will host its first-ever Homecoming year, marking the 250th Anniversary of Scottish and International icon Robert Burns.

A country-wide programme of events and activities will celebrate some of Scotland's contributions to the world: Burns, whisky and the Enlightenment in Scotland. If you have an idea for a Homecoming project with a heritage focus please contact the **Heritage Lottery Fund**, 28 Thistle Street, Edinburgh.

Tel: 0131 225 9450—email Scotland@hlf.org.uk – Website: www.hlf.org.uk

CONSUMER FOCUS SCOTLAND – have issued an appeal for new volunteers to join a Scotland-wide panel to ensure that the voice of consumers is heard. Consumer Focus Scotland's Consumer Network gathers the views of volunteers from across the country on a diverse range of issues – from education to the environment, health to housing, local government to food and diet, and now they also include energy and post. The information is collected regularly and is used to inform policy and research for Scotland's foremost consumer organisation.

Volunteers who feed information in through Consumer Network are providing a hugely valuable service by ensuring we get as complete a picture as possible of the problems and issues that people in Scotland's diverse communities are facing every day. This is a home-based opportunity – there are no qualification or preconditions for being a member and the time commitment is relatively small.

Interested and need further information then please contact:

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Consumer Focus Scotland

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Email: gill.macgregor@consumerfocus-scotland.org.uk

Website: www.consumerfocus-scotland.org.uk

FUNDING FUNDING...

B & Q's One Planet Living Awards 2009

are now open for applications. Awards of up to £10,000 of B & Q products are available to environmental groups, community organisations, schools, charities or sports clubs etc. which are working on projects that aim to enhance the local community or help return to the One Planet Living. To be eligible community-based project must fall within one of the following categories:

- Save energy
- Conserve nature
- Support local culture & heritage
- Grow your own

Deadline for applications is 27 March 2009. For further information visit:-

www.diy.com/diy/jsp/bq

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards

is now accepting applications for projects that support the Elderly and Adults & Children with disabilities. The funding is available to community and voluntary groups who can apply for grants of between £1000 & £5000. The closing date for applications for the above is 31st March 09. In addition the Trust also provides grants for projects that support children's education and welfare and the next application round for these projects re-opens on 1st May 2009.

For more details contact:

www.tescopl.com

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation has funding available to local and national charities or not for profit organisations that address rural and urban deprivation.

Rural Issues - grants available for projects that include for example providing transport for the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged, contact networks for young disabled people; projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres & village halls, employment training schemes especially those promoting local, traditional crafts and projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness.

Urban Deprivation – grants available for projects that could include youth clubs; training schemes to help people out of unemployment, drop in centres for homeless.

From July 09 the Foundation will start a 3 year themed grant which will fund projects addressing mental health issues for prisoners and ex-offenders. Grants committee meet at the beginning of February, May, July and November. Deadlines for applications are generally 2 months before the date of the meeting. For more details

www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk

CAF Venturesome (UK)

The scheme provides mezzanine funding – loans and investment support that fills the gap between grants and bank loans – to charities and other social enterprises. The scheme cannot be used to finance start up organisations or those based overseas. Support ranges in value from £20000 to £350,000 and can be provided in the form of underwriting, unsecured loans or equity-type investments. The type of finance available includes bridging finance for capital projects, working capital to ease cash flow concerns and Development capital for projects to help build income generation capacity. Application can be made at any time.

More information www.cafonline.org

The Scottish Community Foundation

has launched a new grants scheme aimed at community groups based in Scotland looking for funding. The new Express Grant scheme replaces the small grants scheme and offers grants of up to £2000 to groups where small amounts of funding to make a big difference in their communities. Express Grants have a straightforward application process, and a short turnaround time. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Find details on www.scottishcf.org.

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland

Are holding a series of surgeries throughout Scotland for local recognised charities. The surgery is an opportunity for you to have a one-to-one session with one of their Assessors and how to go about putting an application to them.

Surgeries are taking place in Dumfries & Galloway on:

26th March 2009 - Dumfries
2nd June 2009 – Castle Douglas
28th July 2009 – Stranraer

If you wish to attend one of these surgeries please call 0870 902 1201 to arrange an appointment

The Dumfries and Galloway Learning Disability Service Interest Group

The Dumfries and Galloway Learning Disability Service Interest Group aims to provide a forum which enables organisations to work together to improve the quality of services for people with a learning disability living in Dumfries and Galloway.

The Group provides an opportunity for providers to:

- Get up to date information about local policies, initiatives and future direction of services.
- Engage in discussion regarding issues concerning service providers for people with learning disabilities. Share information and exchange experiences and ideas with other organisations and individuals.

All voluntary sector provider organisations providing services for people with learning disabilities in the Dumfries and Galloway are eligible to join the Group. They would then be expected to attend at least half the meetings in any one year. People/organisations may also be co-opted to reflect specialist interest in the learning disability field as deemed appropriate by members, such as carers, parents, people who use services and staff from NHS & local authorities who deliver services. One or more representatives from Dumfries and Galloway Council Learning Disability Services also attend for part of the meeting to enable dialogue on issues of mutual relevance.

The Group meets every 2 months on average to share information and discuss issues as above. The Group produces a workplan, which is reviewed on a yearly basis. The Group is currently facilitated by ARC Scotland, who facilitate similar Forums in several other Local Authority areas.

For more details contact:

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You can make a **Difference**

Volunteer Waste Prevention Champions needed now!

The demand has never been greater for help to turn the tide on Scotland's growing waste mountain. Champions are provided with all the necessary training, tools, knowledge, ideas and support to run workshops and take action to promote waste prevention in their local community.

Get involved – FREE training near you:

Go online at www.reducewaste.org.uk or telephone Sam Adderley on 0131 243 270



'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign

Mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population and if you were involved in an accident

or taken ill the people attending you would have access to your mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call hence this campaign. By storing the name of the contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency

under the name **'ICE'** (In Case Of Emergency) Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as 'ICE'. For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2, ICE 3 etc.