



NEWSLETTER September 2005

Annandale & Eskdale CVS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 20th September 2005, 3-5, at Lockerbie Town Hall
Guest speaker from the WELL project
All Welcome

Annandale & Eskdale CVS Make a Coffee Change a Life!

30th September 2005, **McMillan Coffee Morning**, 10.30am,
AECVS offices, 16 High Street Lochmaben
Come along & see our offices and meet the staff;
all proceeds go to McMillan Cancer Relief

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COUNCIL GRANTS: Voluntary And Community Sectors

New Closing Date For 2006-7 Applications: 31st October 2005

A new closing date and time deadline has been set for Council applications. Bids received after this date **will not be considered**. The exception is for applications to Area Committees and Sports Council – these are acceptable throughout the year.

For further information please contact:

Voluntary Sector Funding Coordinator, Education and Community Services
Dumfries & Galloway Council Woodbank 30 Edinburgh Road Dumfries DG1 1NW

Telephone: 01387 260437 **Email:** ECSGrants@Dumgall.gov.uk

NEWSFLASH – well done AECVS members!

Congratulations to **Canonbie Youth Group** for winning the **Scottish Executive's Standing Up To Antisocial Behaviour Awards Scheme 2005**. CYG were the winner of the Young Persons category, which had over 130 entries across Scotland
WELL DONE LADS & LASSIES!!

Congratulations to **Annan Ex-Service Club Juvenile Pipe Band** who were awarded £5,000 from Awards for All for bagpipes, chanters and drums; the group provide the opportunity for members to learn and perform the bagpipes.

ANNANDALE & ESKDALE AREA COMMUNITY PLAN

The draft Area Community Plan for Annandale & Eskdale is now out for consultation until the end of September 2005; the plan will build on the regional plans which are already in place, and sets out the strategic priorities for the economic and social development of the area. Contact A&E Area Team at the Council's Annan offices for a copy – 01461-207044

WELL – Women of Eskdale & Liddesdale Linked Project

Upcoming events:

5th September Community Learning Enrolment Evening
12th September Network WEST AGM
30th September McMillan Coffee Morning, 10.30am,
Network WEST offices



WELL drop-in sessions:

Monthly, starting

Tuesday 6th September at Network WEST Langholm, 12-2 “Coffee & Art”
Tuesday 1st October, Buccleugh Centre, Newcastleton, 12-2 “Coffee & Speaking Out”

Monday 24th October, Newcastleton, 7-9, Personal Development Course starts.

Contact the WELL staff on 013873-81785, or well@aecvs.org.uk for more details.

COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND



New Ideas Fund (NIF)

Aims to help community and voluntary groups take first step in developing ideas that can help improve their communities and contribute to regeneration.

Seeing is believing Fund (SIBF)

Aims to allow community and voluntary groups to visit and learn from successful regeneration projects or access other learning opportunities. Grants for each can vary between £50 and £5,000.

www.comunitiesscotland.gov.uk,

or by phoning the local (Hamilton) office: **01698 420042**

Village Halls Site Goes Live



Village and Community hall committees in Scotland can now access a website that will help them manage their buildings:

www.villagehalls.org.uk.....

Will provide up to date information on the increasing complex issues involved in managing a hall. The website will also provide an opportunity for isolated rural halls to network with each other. The website has been developed by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations with funding from The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.

CSV Make A Difference Day

29 October 2005

What difference can you make?



Who can you volunteer?

You can! Everyone from age 2 to 105 can volunteer on the day to make a visible difference to their community.

CSV Make a Difference Day is about getting out there and actively making a difference through volunteering - giving your time to provide **practical assistance**, rather than raising or donating money.

By getting involved, you can meet new people, make new friends, learn new skills, make sustainable improvements to the lives and issues you care about and feel great!

What activity can I get involved with?

Find out what is happening in your local area by going to www.csv.org.uk and click campaigns Find an Activity page, which will display details of CSV Make a Difference Or meet a local need by setting up your own activity.

What are you waiting for?

Make a Difference - register today by calling free phone: 0800 284 533.

AECVS can help member groups organise & promote their own activities on 29th October, and WE may well be asking for your help - look out for further details.

Independent Advocacy In Dumfries And Galloway

The **People's Advocacy Service** began delivering services on 1st April 2005 and is available to all people who are vulnerable, or find themselves in a vulnerable situation.

Independent advocacy is about safeguarding people's rights in relation to the services they receive, listening to people, ensuring that they are listened to, and that providers of services take their views into account.

Independent advocacy stands by the client, and avoids conflicts of interest.

The People's Avocacy Service is a general service, available to all, regardless of background, and we work with people who may have issues to do with health and hospital services, housing, education, social work, children's panel, physical disability, some benefit issues, complaints or general access to services.

The People's Advocacy Service can be contacted at 11 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries DG1 2AT – Telephone 01387 247237 – email: info.pas@btconnect.com

Over 60 & Living in Dumfries and Galloway? You should know about the £11m group

There are £11,000,00 good reasons to call a **local free phone number - 0800 161 38 39** - for an instant confidential answer.

Thousands of older people in Dumfries and Galloway are missing out on a whole range of benefits they are entitled to:

Are you, or an older relative of one of them?

If so, call the number above or:

- Arrange a home visit by telephoning 01387 257658
- Find out more at www.11m.org.uk
- e-mail info@11m.org.uk
- Text "11m" to 0774 555 29 29

“Project Scotland”

“**Project Scotland**” aims to engage volunteers aged between 16-25 on worthwhile projects and services in which they can add value, whilst gaining useful work experience and skills development. Placements can be in voluntary organisations, or any other organisations, which might benefit from some volunteer capacity, though not at the expense of paid jobs, and can vary in length from 3 months to 1 year.

“**Project Scotland**” will contribute towards additional management costs if you are able to offer a placement.

If your organisation wishes to participate in this initiative please contact Debbie Hunter at “**Project Scotland**” 0131-226-0707

Support AECVS

Are you getting Broadband at home or in your organisation?



Get Broadband and support Annandale & Eskdale CVS

Broadband is now up and running in Annandale & Eskdale, and AECVS has registered with the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations as a reseller for BT Broadband.

What does this mean?

If you sign up with BT (at their normal rates) - AECVS will receive a £30 donation from BT, so please help us! Contact the office for more details.



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