

## Dumfries & Galloway Federation of CVS

Welcome to the Federation Focus, an occasional newsletter from Dumfries & Galloway Federation of CVS – “DGFedCVS”.

DGFedCVS provides support services to regional and national voluntary, charitable, community and social enterprise organisations (the “Third Sector”). We also act as a focus for joint activity for the local Councils for Voluntary Service in Dumfries & Galloway.

We represent the interests of the Third Sector on a range of regional forums and partnerships, including the Community Planning Joint Board. We also support the development of regional Third Sector networks and forums (more inside).

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## Launch of the Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement

The Scottish Government formally signed off Dumfries & Galloway's Single Outcome Agreement and Community Plan during a ministerial visit to Dumfries on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Speaking as these important documents were publicly launched Transport Minister Stewart Stevenson said:

*“I am delighted to be here for the signing of this year's Single Outcome Agreement. The agreements between the Scottish Government and Community Planning Partners reflect local circumstances and priorities in these challenging economic times for the people of Dumfries & Galloway. Together we can work towards our goal of increasing sustainable growth and help the region play its part in creating a more successful Scotland”.*

The Community Planning department will be posting out copies of the Community Plan and SOA shortly, This mailing will also include Compact posters and copies will be available from DGFedCVS website.

The Minister attended a meeting of the Community Planning Joint Board before the launch of the plans, where our Executive Officer Joyce Harkness had the opportunity to highlight the development and implementation of the Dumfries & Galloway Compact.

Pictured below are members of the Joint Board; Joyce is pictured first left.



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Need Information or Advice? – see our on line Community Toolkit:

[www.dgfcvs.org.uk/toolkit.html](http://www.dgfcvs.org.uk/toolkit.html)

or contact the office to receive the monthly Toolkit e-bulletin.

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### Social Return on Investment

The SROI project is a Scottish Government funded programme designed to develop, promote and support the use of Social Return on Investment across the Third Sector in Scotland.

SROI is a method of measuring the social, environmental and economic impact of your organisation.

An introduction to SROI is being planned for the November Third Sector conference. Meanwhile contact the office for more details or an information leaflet.

[www.sroiproject.org.uk](http://www.sroiproject.org.uk)



## *Dumfries and Galloway Social Enterprise Network*

### What is a Social Enterprise?

A Social Enterprise is a business with primarily social and/or environmental objectives whose surpluses are reinvested for that purpose. Social enterprises maximise income generation through trading to increase independence and sustainability. This enables them to be creative and enterprising while responding to the needs of their communities.

### What is Dumfries & Galloway Social Enterprise Network?

Dumfries & Galloway Social Enterprise Network provides an opportunity for current and aspiring Social Enterprises to:

- come together to share best practice, skills & knowledge
- learn from each other and through training seminars and workshops
- raise awareness of Social Enterprise activity across the region

### Who can be involved?

Membership is open to any current or aspiring social enterprise operating in or across Dumfries and Galloway

### When and where does it meet?

The Network meets quarterly. Meetings are mainly held in Castle Douglas with occasional meetings in other regional centres.

### Why should I join?

Local Social Enterprise Networks are groups of individuals with common interests and goals that, by working together, respond collectively to the challenges they face. Membership of DGSEN will provide trading and development opportunities, helping members grow their business, network with other groups and respond more effectively to their clients needs and requests.

### How can we get more information and/or join?

Contact DGFedCVS for details

### Dumfries & Galloway Compact – Update

A report from the four Compact consultation events held in February and March this year is now available – contact the office for a copy. The Compact Implementation Group (CIG) has taken on board the recommendations from the events and is currently updating the Compact Action Plan and preparing a statutory agency Compact Communications Plan.

Members of the CIG are giving presentations to the senior management teams of the Council, Health Board, Police and Fire & Rescue Service, encouraging senior staff to be Compact Champions.

A **conference** to celebrate the Third Sector and highlight the value of our services is being planned for November 2009. If your organisation would like to have a display stand at the event please contact us.