



Annandale & Eskdale
Council for
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AECVS News

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We hope as many of our members as possible can come along to our AGM this year, which will be held on **WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2009** within the Somerton House Hotel, Lockerbie at 2.00 pm. As well as the general AGM business there will be a discussion and vote on the proposed merger between Annandale & Eskdale CVS, Dumfries & Galloway Federation of CVS and Wigtown CVS.



Congratulations to Nancy who recently passed an advanced ECDL module in Word processing. Nancy is pictured left receiving her certificate from Kate.

WARD FORUM MEETING DATES

ANNANDALE NORTH:

14 October 2009 at 7.00 pm within Moffat Town Hall

ANNANDALE SOUTH:

19 November 2009 at 7.00 pm within the Council Chambers, Annan Town Hall

ANNANDALE EAST:

Eaglesfield, Waterbeck, Middlebie, Ecclefechan, Boreland:

1 December 2009 at 7.00 pm within Eaglesfield Village Hall

TOUR OF BRITAIN (STAGE 3) - CATCH IT AT GREтна GREEN - MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2009

The Tour of Britain's only Scottish stage reaches its climax at the World Famous Blacksmith's Shop in Gretna Green on the above date. The timing for the final race stages are:-

- 12.32 Sprint Newcastleton
- 12.48 King of Mountains Sprint Harelaw Hill
- 13.04 Sprint Langholm
- 13.52 Finish Gretna Green (153.8 km)

Other attractions at Gretna Green, to make it a great family day out, are:

- 12 noon Syrov (street theatre)
- 12.45 Danny Macaskill (stunt cyclist and youtube wonderboy)
- 13.50-14.20 Tour of Britain expected to arrive
- 15.00 Danny Macaskill
- 15.45 Syrov

For latest information on the Tour of Britain, check out www.tourofbritain.co.uk

ONLINE COMMUNITY TOOLKIT

See article on page 4 for further details, but please note that the Toolkit can be accessed via a link on the home page of AECVS website:-
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SPORT RELIEF: A grant making programme managed by Scottish Community Foundation on behalf of Comic Relief.

This programme is now open for new applications through the Community Grants programme. Grants will range from £1000-£5000 and are available for not-for-profit community groups that want to use sport to:-

- Increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation;
- Help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives to regain their confidence and self-esteem.

Please refer to the website:

www.scottishcf.org/apply or for more details or call 0141 225 6670.

FUNDING TO SUPPORT REGIONAL EVENTS (SCOTLAND)

Earlier this year, EventScotland launched the new national events strategy, Scotland: The Perfect Stage. As part of this activity, the Regional Events Programme has been re-launched as the National Events Programme to align with the new strategy. Through the programme funding is available to support events (outside of the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow) that showcase Scotland and help to generate tourism.

The next funding application is 2 October 2009 for events which take place between 1 May 2010 and 30 April 2011.

For further information log on to:

www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/national-events-programme/

CASHBACK ROUND 3 NOW OPEN

YouthLink Scotland has announced that the 3rd Round of CashBack for Community Fund is now open to applications from local groups and partnerships. The fund has been set up as part of Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 which takes funds confiscated as part of the proceeds of crime and reinvests them back into local communities. The fund aims to support organisations which support young people between the ages of 10-19 years of age who are currently involved or at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs and/or anti-social behaviour.

Grants of up to £10,000 will be available, although larger grants may be considered. The deadline for applications is 31 October 2009.

Visit www.youthlink-scotland.org or call Dougie Peddie on 0131 313 2488 for further information.

CASH 4 CLUBS

Sports clubs that are registered with their sport's National Governing Body or local authority can apply for grants of up to £1000 through the Cash 4 Clubs grants scheme. This is a sports funding scheme which gives clubs a unique chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications and generally invest in the sustainability of their club. Applications can be submitted at any time and grants are awarded on a quarterly basis. For more information: www.cash-4-clubs.com

E.ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND

The E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund offers grants of up to £20,000 to community groups and not-for-profit organisations that wish to consider and implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings. To be eligible, organisations must benefit specific community groups, namely: young people, elderly people and people in fuel poverty.

The next closing date for applications is 16 October 2009.

For more information:

www.eon-uk.com/about/sustainableenergyfund.aspx

FUNDING continued

SCOTTISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WOMEN'S FUND FOR SCOTLAND

Grants will be available to:

- Organisations predominantly run by and for women.
- Organisations with women-only projects, which seek to support and empower women.

Applicants must be constituted not-for-profit groups. Grants will only be made to projects that benefit women aged 16 or over.

Grants of up to £5000 are available for a wide variety of costs and projects, subject to some exclusions. Grants must be spent within 12 months of being awarded and applications must be for between 25% and 100% of a project's or item's total cost.

Visit www.scottishcf.org/grantsforwomen to download forms and guidelines or call 0141 225 6670. Applications for all grants can be made up to 11 December 2009.

COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE FUND

Communities across Scotland are being invited to tap into funding to help transform their local environment into a greener place to live. The Climate Challenge Fund (CCF), launched by the Scottish Government with the Scottish Greens in June last year, supports community projects aimed at reducing carbon emissions at a local level.

If you are part of a community group in Scotland, you could apply for funding if your group meets the following criteria:

- It is legally constituted.
- It is a not-for-profit distributing community group.
- It is from the community sector and is not a group of householders or individuals.

For more information on the CCF or to register an interest in applying for funding, please visit: www.infoscotland.com/climatechallengefund

WHAT'S ON ... WHAT'S ON

COMMUNITY HEALTH EXCHANGE (CHEX) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

CHEX is proud to announce that their first National Conference will take place on Monday 2 November 2009 in The Lighthouse, 11 Mitchell Lane, Glasgow.

The Keynote Speaker will be Shona Robison MSP, Minister for Public Health and Sport.

The aim of the conference will be:

To show/demonstrate how community-led health organisations reduce health inequalities and enhance their improvement.

To celebrate the work/impact of community-led health organisations.

To provide an opportunity for community-led health organisations to network and explore a collective voice.

Contact Tom at tom@scdc.org.uk or telephone 0141 248 1990 for more information.

COME AND MEET THE EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION LEGAL TEAM Dumfries - Cairndale Hotel 16 September 2009

The Equality and Human Rights Commission champions equality and human rights for all, working to eliminate discrimination, reduce inequality, protect human rights and to build good relations, ensuring that everyone has a fair chance to participate in society.

Booking a place: This event is **FREE**, however spaces are limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis

E-mail roadshow@equalityhumanrights.com if you wish to attend and a booking form will be sent to you.

For further details contact:
James Andrew on 0141 228 5917 or
David Reilly on 0141 228 5967.

INFORMATION INFORMATION

HEALTH SCOTLAND

Health improvement continues to play a prominent role in the youth work agenda. If you want to keep up-to-date with what Health Scotland and partners are currently doing around health and young people, sign up to the free Youth Health Network bulletin by e-mailing:

youthhealthnetwork@health.scot.nhs.uk. You can use the network to get in touch with others doing similar work or to tell others throughout Scotland about events/training you are running. It's a great opportunity and it's free!

NEW ONLINE RESOURCE FOR VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

As a result of funding from D&G Council, the CVSs in Dumfries & Galloway are now able to give voluntary and community groups in D&G access to an online Community Toolkit, which provides a wide range of information on topics such as fundraising, best practice, being an employer, policies and procedures and much, much more. You can access the Community Toolkit by logging on to: www.dgfcvs.org.uk. For further information contact your local CVS.

EMPLOYMENT LAW

Got a query on employment law?

Taking on a new Employee?

Check out the new online tools at:

www.businesslink.gov.uk/employingpeople and
www.businesslink.gov.uk/newemployee

ENTERPRISING THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS ZONE

Scottish Government has set up the above zone on the Third Sector Division pages of the Scottish Government website. It outlines all support available to third sector organisations through the Enterprising Third Sector Action Plan. This includes support on business development, public sector procurement, opening markets and demonstrating added value. The zone can be accessed at:

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/enterprising-organisation

NHS: HEALTHY WORKING LIVES

Do you realise as a voluntary organisation you are entitled to Health & Safety support and advice from the NHS?

The NHS Healthy Working Lives offers a wide range of services including a *FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL* occupational health & safety service for all employees and employers. A wide range of additional services are available to Small & Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs). Scotland's Workforce has over 50% of the working population employed by 243,000 SMEs and over 60% of them currently have little or no access to occupational health & safety support.

The key elements of the Dumfries & Galloway Service are:

- ◆ A free and confidential National Adviceline for employees and employers, providing advice on all your occupational health & safety queries eg. sickness absence management, risk assessment, fire safety, lone working etc.
- ◆ Free workplace visit to assist employers to meet their health & safety legal requirements and a written plan of action.
- ◆ Free Health & Safety Awareness and Risk Assessment training.
- ◆ A website specifically designed for SMEs, providing information and advice available at www.healthyworkinglives.com

For more information, contact Healthy Working Lives Adviceline Tel No **0800 019 2211**

CHARITY SHOP OPEN

Dumfriesshire & Stewartry Women's Aid Charity Shop opened on Monday 27 July 2009. The shop is based at 22 Brewery Street, Dumfries and is open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. Donations are gratefully received.

Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Julie Chisholm on 01387 263052.



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PLEASE NOTE

Since the printing of this newsletter, Annandale & Eskdale CVS Board has decided to defer their involvement with the proposed merger with Wigtown CVS and Dumfries & Galloway Federation of CVS. Further communication on this will follow.

As there will, therefore, be no consultation on the merger at our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 23 September 2009, we have invited Michelle McCrindle, Chief Executive of The Food Train to attend as guest speaker.

We do hope to see you there.



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3 September 2009

To: All AECVS Members

Dear Colleague

Manager of AECVS

I am sorry to advise that Kate Nutt has resigned from the post of Manager with AECVS and her last day is today, 3 September.

Unfortunately, this means that there will be a period where AECVS will be unable to provide the support our members are accustomed to. The Board will endeavour to fill the vacancy as soon as is practically possible but in the meantime we would ask our members to bear with us during this period.

Please continue to contact the office with any queries you have and Nancy or Yvette will either signpost you to an alternative source of support, or will take your details and we will respond once someone is appointed who can deal with your query.

Yours sincerely

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