



Date: **7<sup>th</sup> June**

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### **News**

**Tesco Extra Bags of Help Voting now Live** in Tesco Extra Cuckoo Bridge Dumfries. **Please Vote for the hubs Getting Connected Money Management Project** using the blue tokens you receive when you pay for your shopping or beside the self-service checkouts. For more information contact Anne on 01387 269161 or by email [anne.mclauchlan@thehubdg.org.uk](mailto:anne.mclauchlan@thehubdg.org.uk)

### **Nithsdale in Partnership - Single Point of Contact**

**Due to an error in last week's ebulletin the correct telephone is now below.**

This is a new phone line, called Single Point of Contact

- For help to improve your health and to maintain your independence
- For anyone age 16+
- It's for non-emergency Health and Social Care referrals
- Currently available only in the DG1 and DG2 postcode areas
- Lines are open **Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm**
- Self-referrals are welcome

For more information Contact 030 33 33 3001

### **Revenues and Benefits enquiry counter Dumfries**

On Monday the 15th October 2018 the Revenues and Benefits enquiry counter in Dumfries relocated from Carruthers House to our Queensberry Square office:

**Queensberry Square, Dumfries, DG1 1BF. (The office is open 9am until 5pm Monday to Friday).**

This is a permanent arrangement and the counter in Carruthers House will remain closed. They will continue to provide the same services, including enquiries relating to the Financial Wellbeing and Revenues Service (Council Tax, Non Domestic Rates, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction, Scottish Welfare Fund, Financial Inclusion etc.) They will also continue to offer a self-service area for customers to make applications for council managed support such as Council Tax Reduction and Scottish Welfare Fund.

### **Launch of the Best Start Grant School Age Payment** **Monday 3rd June 2019**

In conjunction with Social Security Scotland, they wanted to highlight to you that from **Monday 3 June**, the Best Start Grant School Age Payment will be open for applications and to ask for your help in raising awareness of this new payment through your communication channels and services.

The Best Start Grant School Age Payment is a one off payment of £250 available around the time a child would normally start Primary 1. The first application window for the School Age Payment will run from 3 June 2019 to 29 Feb 2020 - children who were born from 1 March 2014 to 28 Feb 2015 inclusive will be the right age to claim. The School Age Payment is the third in Social Security Scotland's Best Start Grant package of payments that is providing extra money to families in Scotland who are on a low income to help support their child during their early years. Best Start Grant is another tool to support efforts to tackle child poverty. They want to help to make sure that all eligible families are aware of their entitlement and know how to apply. To support your organisations with this, Social Security Scotland have created a specific Best Start Grant School

Age Payment toolkit containing materials for your use. This will be available from 3 June and includes fact sheets on eligibility and how and when to apply, posters, articles that can be used in local newsletters and staff updates and social media posts. These can all be accessed on the Social Security Scotland website at <https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/what-we-do/stakeholder-resources>

### **Carer's Allowance Today Social Security Scotland**

They announced that the majority of carers will get their next Carer's Allowance Supplement payment on **24 June**. They hugely appreciate all the support you've already provided in raising awareness on Carer's Allowance Supplement and as they prepare to make the next round of payments, they would be extremely grateful if you could share this date with the carers across your own networks, so they know to look out for their money on 24 June. To help with this they have created a stakeholder toolkit, which includes some social media posts and online articles that you can use on your website or staff intranet. This is available on the Social Security Scotland website at [www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/what-we-do/stakeholder-resources/carers-allowance-supplement](http://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/what-we-do/stakeholder-resources/carers-allowance-supplement).

### **CAS warns the UN of 'digital divide' in Universal Credit**

As many as 1 in 3 people seeking help with Universal Credit don't have access to the internet to make their claim, according to new figures from Citizens Advice Scotland (CAS).

CAS has today submitted evidence to Philip Alston, the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, on the introduction of digital technologies to social protection systems. As part of the submission the charity has produced new analysis from its client database which shows that, in April 2019, 34 per cent of Scots seeking CAB help with Universal Credit did so because they could not access the internet.\* More [here](#).

### **Updated guidance on charity accounting**

The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) has updated its guidance on the legal requirements for preparing charity accounts and getting those accounts externally scrutinised. The legal requirements have not changed but the updated guidance aims to help charity trustees better understand the requirements. All of a charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the charity's accounts, even if they are not accountants or financial experts. So it's important that the guidance is accessible to all trustees. Before you begin to prepare your charity's accounts, you should read [A Guide to Charity Accounts](#). This guide explains the type of accounts that your charity should prepare and the kind of external scrutiny of the accounts that is required.

In addition to this, there are also two new guides for independent examination, one aimed at trustees and the other at Independent Examiners:

[Independent Examination: A Guide for Charity Trustees](#)

[Independent Examination: A Guide for Independent Examiners](#)

Although the rules around charity accounting have not fundamentally changed, we have updated our guidance so it is presented in a clearer format. The development of a guide about independent examination specifically aimed at charity trustees is a clear demonstration of our commitment to communicate directly to trustees in a more straightforward way. For more information go to <https://www.oscr.org.uk/>

### **Sleeping Giants**

Young people in Dumfries & Galloway are forming activism groups around the key themes from the Think Tank: tourism; environment & climate change; mental health; and employability & skills building. If you are interested in getting involved, taking part or offering help from your organisation, please get in touch at [info@sleeping-giants.org.uk](mailto:info@sleeping-giants.org.uk)

## **Events**

**Spinal Injuries Scotland**, among other things, they provide peer support to those with a spinal or head injury in Scotland. They run groups throughout Scotland, and are looking to raise awareness - they are holding a coffee meet and greet on **11 June** in Dumfries. The attached poster is to direct people to their social media.

For more information contact [INFO@SISONLINE.ORG](mailto:INFO@SISONLINE.ORG)

### **D&G Special Olympics Team**

Do you or someone you know would like to be part of the next D&G Special Olympics Team in Liverpool 2021?

D&G Disability Sport are hosting an Open Evening for all athletes, parents, coaches, volunteers to find out more information on being part of Team D&G.

It's not too late.....they are always looking for new members to join the team! Open evening **Monday 17th June 2019 Lochvale House Georgetown Road Dumfries DG1 4DF**

For further information contact [Sandra.proudfoot@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Sandra.proudfoot@dumgal.gov.uk)

### **Community Safety event taking place on Monday 10 June**

The shops **Auchencreiff Road Locharbriggs 9.30am to 12.30pm**. The shops, **Herries Avenue, Heathhall 1pm to 4pm**  
Your Community Safety Team deal with a wide range of antisocial and environmental issues including: • dog fouling • littering • fly tipping • abandoned vehicles • removal of sharps • neighbour disputes • mediation service. They work across the region to make communities and individuals feel safe and secure. For more information contact 030 33 33 3000 email

[communitysafetyteam@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafetyteam@dumgal.gov.uk) or go to  
<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15202/Community-Safety-Team>

### **Dumfries and Galloway Befriending Project**

Frances Campbell Chair of the Management Committee invites you to their AGM. **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Dumfries Baptist Church Gillbrae Road Dumfries DG1 4EJ** All are Welcome 5.00pm Finger food, drinks and social time. Annual General Meeting will follow at 6pm. For catering please let them know if you are coming. RSVP by **21<sup>st</sup> June** [projectoffice@befriending.org](mailto:projectoffice@befriending.org) tel 01387 247812

### **Let's Circus! Castle Douglas**

Festival of "New Circus" for All circus skill Workshops  
Plus 2 performances per day featuring Japanese Performers "Witty Look" Juggler "Will be" Mexican Aerial Artists – Duo Flagranti and more. **Market Hill, Castle Douglas Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019 12-5pm** Workshop Pass £3 per person Performances **FREE** Pre book Workshops at the Heart of Galloway Visitor Centre.

### **Nithsdale Amateur Rowing Club Regatta**

Greensands Dumfries

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Racing 8am-6pm**

All Welcome, Coffee & Food Available

## **Training**

### **Voices Scotland workshops**

Voices Scotland is a **free** and flexible workshop delivered by the Scottish Health Council that aims to provide you and your community with the knowledge, skills and confidence to have your voices heard in the shaping of local and national health and social care services. Each session is tailored to the needs of individuals, groups or organisations. The Scottish Health Council Dumfries & Galloway Local Officer Julie Davidson has recently facilitated volunteer peer support sessions, based on Voices Scotland, for NHS Dumfries & Galloway volunteers. If you, your group or organisation would like to take part in a workshop or you would like to find out more please get in touch. You can also find out more on the Voices Scotland website at [www.chss.org.uk/voices-scotland/](http://www.chss.org.uk/voices-scotland/)

## **Surveys and Consultation**

### **Last chance to take part in the Social Enterprise Census**

There are only 3 days left to take part in the Scottish Government's Social Enterprise Census. The census will close on **Sunday 9th June**. Over 1,000 enterprising charities and social enterprises have now registered. They are particularly interested to hear from you if your organisation runs a village hall or community centre. Please use this opportunity to make sure the voice of those who are

running public halls and community centres are heard and your needs are better understood by government, funders and support services. Remember, all respondents will be added into a free prize draw with the chance to win from a selection of gifts.

Any information you can provide at this stage is invaluable.

Just click below to register and add some details.

Thanks so much in advance for your contribution. To take part go to [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/?sm=Q\\_2BwThRiIstpb9IJj5\\_2B3X9Q\\_3D\\_3D](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/?sm=Q_2BwThRiIstpb9IJj5_2B3X9Q_3D_3D)

### **Sharing health data - information sheet**

You are invited to take part in an online survey about people's views on sharing health data for research purposes. They are looking for responses from anyone aged 16 or above who has personally used the UK National Health Service (NHS) at any point in their lives. There will be no direct compensation for individuals taking part in the survey. If you decide to take part, you will be asked a short series of questions about your views on sharing health data for research purposes. They will then ask for some details about your physical and mental health, as well as about any NHS services you have accessed. Finally there will be a few questions about you, such as your age and ethnicity. You can complete the survey without leaving your email address, though there will be an option to leave your email address if you are interested in taking part in an interview at a later date. More [here](#).

### **NHS Public Health Scotland - consultation**

NHS Health Scotland provides a good overview of what public health is all about on their [website](#). Given that public health focuses on prevention and determinants of health, community-led health clearly has an important contribution to make. Any work that supports people and communities to identify, organise around, and address their own priorities can be seen as contributing to public health. The current consultation is part of wider public health reform in Scotland. In 2014, the Scottish Government established the [Public Health Review](#) to come up with recommendations on how public health in Scotland could best respond to the emerging health challenges. One of the recommendations was that a single public health body for Scotland should be set up. You can find out more about these recommendations and how they are being taken forward on the review's [website](#). The consultation opened on the **28th May 2019** and closes on the **8 July 2019**. Visit the consultation [here](#)

## **Campaigns**

### **Have you been affected by or witnessed harassment / discrimination?**

FCE can offer support and advice for any concerns or experiences of

discrimination or harassment that you or anyone you know have faced due to protected characteristics. For example, age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage/civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex and sexual orientation. These could be related to your work, home life, when out in the community or when accessing services. To access their Community Concerns form click [here](#).

## **Publications and reports**

### **Engaging parents and families: A toolkit for practitioners**

Education Scotland has worked with practitioners and parent organisations to refresh and strengthen the Engaging parents and families toolkit. In addition to the updated content, new sections have been added: helping provide clarity and a shared understanding on the various aspects of working with parents and families; outline the benefits of involving and engaging parents; help practitioners engage parents in their children's learning. More [here](#)

## **Funding**

### **EWSALERT: Credit Union Foundation - Lloyds Banking Group's Credit Union Development Fund**

This scheme provides funds to strengthen the financial position of credit unions and give them the capacity to develop new strategies for sustained and effective growth. Two kinds of grants are available: • Large awards (of between £50,000 and £100,000) will provide a contribution to a credit union's reserves and help remove barriers to growth and innovation; and • Seed funding awards (of between £10,000 and £20,000) will help credit unions to make the changes they need to apply for a large award in a subsequent year or to pay for the costs of merger or investment in digital improvements. Please note that there is a two stage application process. Stage one applications and guidance are available on the banking group's website. You can contact them at [enquiries@creditunionfoundation.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@creditunionfoundation.org.uk) or on 0161 832 3694. **The deadline for receipt of stage one applications 30 June 2019.** <http://www.creditunionfoundation.org.uk/projects/developmentfund>

**New Families and Communities Fund** The Corra Foundation are delighted to announce that the new Scottish Government Families and Communities Fund will open for applications on **Thursday the 6th of June at 9.30am** and invite organisations to sign up for a place at an information session (dates below, sign up today!). The online application form will be available on Corra Foundation's website from this time. The fund will run from **April 2020 to March 2023**, with up to £16m being available per annum. The funding is targeted at registered Scottish charities (that are also a company limited by guarantee or a SCIO) which deliver work of

national significance. The Families and Communities Fund will support the delivery of activities which contribute to improved outcomes for children, young people and their families through:  
Providing parenting and family support:

Supporting development of, and maintaining positive healthy relationships. Contributing to positive and sustained support for children and young people to achieve their potential under the Getting it right for every child wellbeing indicators (safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible, included). Preventing adverse childhood experiences and providing trauma-informed support to people affected.

Support Community Learning and Development (CLD) through:  
Prevention and early intervention through youth work and adult learning and community capacity building.

Support to, and delivery of, lifelong, lifewide, learner-centred adult learning:

Using asset-based approaches to work with young people, adult learners or with communities to plan and co-design learning or capacity building opportunities.

The full criteria for the fund along with guidance is available from the Corra Foundation website.

All applications must show a direct link to at least one National Outcome in Scotland's National Performance Framework.

There are four information sessions:

**Glasgow on Tuesday 18th June at 1.30pm**

**Dundee on Monday 24th June at 1.30pm**

**Edinburgh on Wednesday 26th June at 1.30pm**

**Webinar on Thursday 27th June at 2.00pm**

Organisations that think they fit the fund criteria can book a place at one of these using the link on Corra Foundation's [website](#). Corra expect to be able to let everyone who has applied know the funding board's decisions in mid-December 2019. **The deadline for**

**receipt of applications is 2pm on Tuesday 24th September**

**2019.** Link: <https://www.corra.scot/grants/families-and-communities-fund/>

### **Investing in Communities Fund**

If you want to apply for Scottish Government funding for running a PB initiative in 2019/20, you will have to apply to the new Investing in Communities Fund. The Scottish Government has provided us with the following information which explains how PB fits with the broader funding programme. For the past three financial years the Scottish Government's Community Choices Fund has been available to support participatory budgeting (PB). For 2019/20, support for PB is continuing as the Community Choices Fund forms part of a new Investing in Communities Fund delivered as part of the broader Empowering Communities Programme. This is a new streamlined communities fund to help tackle disadvantage through community-



led development, design and delivery of sustainable local solutions. Grants of up to £250,000 are available over three years. The Fund is now open for applications and the deadline is Friday 14th June 2019. More [here](#).

**The Cattanach Trust:** Grants of Up to £25,000 Available for Projects working with Young Children People and their Families  
The Cattanach Trust seeks applications for projects which support children from pre-birth to three years old, who are affected by levels of relative deprivation. There is good evidence that supporting children during the first years of a child's life has the greatest positive impact on their developmental progress. Good quality services improve not only a child's life during these years, but also have substantial benefits into adolescence and adulthood. Projects should be working from a strengths based model; the existing and potential strengths of the child, the family and the community should be recognised and should form the basis of the work. Projects must actively involve the parent(s)/main carers of the children. The Trust's view is that prioritising this age group values children in Scotland appropriately, and will make a significant contribution to Scotland's National Outcome  
More [here](#)

### **BBC Children in Need Main Grants**

Grants of over £10,000 per project are available to not for profit organisations and schools that work with young people who are experiencing disadvantage through illness, distress, abuse or neglect; any kind of disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties; and / or living in poverty or situations of deprivation. Schools can also apply for funding but the project must be additional to their statutory duties. The funding is being made available through the BBC Children in Need Main Grants programme. **The next closing date for applications is the 13th September 2019.** More [here](#).

### **National Lottery Community Fund: Young Start (Scotland)**

Through Young Start we are offering funding from £10,000 to £100,000 to help children and young people across Scotland become more confident, so they can realise their own potential. They want to fund work that achieves at least one of the following three outcomes: children and young people have better physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, children and young people have better connections with the wider community, children and young people get access to new skills and training opportunities which will help them to get a new job or start a business. More [here](#).

### **Groups of Young People**

Groups of Young People can now apply for funding to The Holywood Trust. These grants can be for up to £1000. For example, financial

support provided by the Trust to Groups of Young People could include: • Activity costs • Trips • A piece of work in the community • A visit to another project Application forms are available to download from our website. FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE APPLYING. [funds@hollywood-trust.org.uk](mailto:funds@hollywood-trust.org.uk)

## Recruitment

### **RELATIONSHIPS SCOTLAND DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY** **CHILD CONTACT CENTRE**

Stranraer Child Contact Centre provides support to parents and children who are going through separation or divorce by providing a safe, friendly, neutral child-focused environment for children to have contact with the parent and or extended family member they no longer live with. They are currently looking to fill the following vacancy in the Stranraer area:

Weekend Child Contact Centre Assistant (Bank Staff): To work on an occasional basis to cover staff holidays, sickness etc. Everyone who joins us as an Assistant we would wish to train up to also be able to step in to cover the Organiser role should the Organiser be on holiday or off work ill. Applicants should have a good understanding of the difficulties families face when separating and divorcing. Relevant training will be provided. Successful applicants will be required to undergo PVG clearance for which our organisation will meet the cost. To request a full job description and person specification please contact: Amanda Hannah Child, Contact Centre Manager, Relationships Scotland Dumfries & Galloway, 11 Nith Avenue Dumfries DG1 1EF Tel: 01387 251245 Email:

[amanda@rsdg.org.uk](mailto:amanda@rsdg.org.uk) Website: [www.rsdg.org.uk](http://www.rsdg.org.uk)

**Closing date for applications: 5 pm Wednesday 12th June 2019**



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