

# Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

May 2017

## Welcome

Welcome to the May edition of Stirling Council's Community News Sheet.

We have included a host of information which we hope that you will find useful – if you have any questions about any of the information – or would like to know more – please don't hesitate to contact us on 01786 233076 or email [communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk)

## Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP)

The Community Empowerment Act 2015 will help to empower communities by ensuring that local public services work closely together with communities to meet the needs of local people.

The Act is wide ranging and has several parts. Part 2 of the Act focuses on clarifying the purpose of community planning partnerships (CPPs). The Act is clear that community planning should be a key driver for public service reform and should bring together local public services and the communities they serve.

The Act places a statutory duty on all Community Planning Partnerships to prepare and publish a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) by October 2017.

A LOIP is a strategic plan on agreed priorities for Stirling with an emphasis on tackling inequalities based on what evidence is telling us. The LOIP should focus on identifying a small number of key priorities for Stirling which cannot be tackled by one single agency and requires a collaborative approach with communities.

Over the last few months a small core group of partners have been carrying out research and gathering evidence to identify what inequalities exist in Stirling. This information is now being sense checked and will be developed into a plan with the assistance of a wider group of partners and a community sounding board. Wider community engagement will also take place over the summer.

If you would like more information, or would like to participate in the development of the LOIP, please contact Gillian Taylor, Localities and Partnership Coordinator, Stirling Council [taylorqi@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:taylorqi@stirling.gov.uk)

## Data Protection

New regulations will come into force next year on data protection. The UK Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) will now be added to through the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). They share many guidelines but there are some new requirements.

Groups and charities should see how the new regulations apply to them to ensure all their processes and procedures dealing with personal data are still within the new guidelines.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) (<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/>) has more information on the regulations and how to prepare.

## PVG Scheme Review

Disclosure Scotland are now undertaking a review of the PVG scheme to ensure that going forward it still provides the appropriate levels of protection. This review will look at how the scheme is currently running and what changes can be made to provide a better service and enhance the protection of children and protected adults.

They want to involve as many groups, organisations and people as possible, looking at what areas are working well and what needs improved. The survey will take 10 minutes to complete <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DRXWYRG>.

## Katrine Aqueduct, Balfron Station Repair Works Update

At a meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May Scottish Water advised that they are looking to commence the investigation work required to progress the repairs at the Katrine Aqueduct bridge, starting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and expected to last approximately 3 weeks. This will affect the A81 at Ballat crossroads.

Scottish Water will be sending out further information to the Community Council areas and Residents that may be affected by these investigation works.

## Funding

### Bank of Scotland Foundation - Small Grants Programme

The Bank Scotland Small Grants Programme accepts applications between £1,000 and £10,000 from charities registered in Scotland. We particularly wish to help with developing and improving communities.

Within any community they recognise there will be a diverse collection of individuals and charities tackling local issues. Some issues will be unique to the local area, others will be replicated across the country or parts of it. Practical ways of making this happen may include:

- Initiatives designed to encourage the involvement in the community of those too often excluded
- Working with people on low incomes, at risk from poverty or with problems finding accommodation
- Improving the standard of local facilities

The next closing time and date is 12 noon on the July 7th 2017. For more information see, <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/small-grants-programme-0>

## Help the Homeless Offers Funding to Small UK Charities

Small and medium-sized UK charities that work to help homeless people rebuild their lives and re-enter society may apply for grants of up to £5,000 to help with capital costs.

The charity offers funding four times a year to small and medium-sized registered charities with a turnover of less than £1 million per year. Applications will only be considered from registered charities.

All applications must relate to projects that assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offer shelter or other forms of sustenance. The funding is primarily for capital costs. It cannot be used for computers and IT equipment.

The next deadlines for application are 15 June, 15 September, and 15 December 2017. Full details can be found on the Help the Homeless (<http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>)

## Heritage Lottery Fund Launches Great Place Scheme - Scotland

The Heritage Lottery Fund's new £2.5 million pilot scheme will provide grants to partnerships led by a not-for-profit organisation for projects in Scotland where there is a commitment to embed arts, culture and heritage in local plans and decision-making.

The Great Place Scheme has been designed by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and its partners to ensure intelligent investment in place-based regeneration. It offers funding for greater collaboration between cultural, community and civic organisations in tackling issues such as poverty and inequality, employment, education and health.

Applications must come from partnerships led by a not-for-profit organisation. Leadership from organisations from outside the cultural sector are 'positively welcomed', but it is expected that at least one arts, culture or heritage organisation is part of the partnership.

HLF expects to invest in five to ten places across Scotland (both rural and urban) to achieve the following:

- Build on existing strengths within the heritage sector in order to maximise its positive social, environmental and economic contribution.
- Build new partnerships to realise this contribution and to lever resources into the sector to support that.
- Develop partnerships between the heritage sector and place-based initiatives operating in Scotland, so that the contribution of the sector and future potential for greater collaboration is recognised and supported by long-term plans and strategies for the area.

There is a total of £2.5 million available for this round. Grants of between £100,000 and £1 million are available for activity to be delivered over a period of up to three years. The funding is for a range of activities that will take place between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2020.

The application process has one round only. The deadline for Expression of Interests is 8 June 2017 (midday).

Further information can be found on the Great Place Scheme <https://www.greatplacescheme.org.uk/scotland>

## **Community Engagement Team**

### **Building Stronger Communities Training Programme – Early notice Funding Basics**

How to make the best job of your funding applications

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
7.30 – 9.30pm Balfron High School

Funding basics apply equally to large and small projects. This course will give quick straightforward tips on how to make the best job of your funding applications, from working up your project idea to submitting applications that include all the necessary information.

To Book (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-stronger-communities-2017-tickets-29606216992>)

For further training see our website - <http://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/community-life-and-leisure/support-communities/building-stronger-communities-training>

## **Consultation**

### **Guidance on Engaging Communities in Decisions Relating to Land**

Views and opinions are sought on guidance about engaging communities in decisions relating to land. The purpose of the Guidance is to encourage land owners and land managers to develop co-operative and positive working relationships with local communities. The aim is to support good working practices that can lead to mutually beneficial solutions to land-related problems and better local outcomes for economic, environmental, social or cultural issues.

Closing Date 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/land-reform-and-tenancy-unit/engaging-communities-in-decisions-relating-to-land/>

## **Transition Stirling tool library**

Transition Stirling are a Stirling based environmental charity; in the past year they have opened a new community resource offering free tool loans to individuals and community groups across the Stirling area.

The tool library works just like an ordinary library, except instead of borrowing books you can borrow all sorts of equipment. We have over 300 items in our tool library; from sewing machines and drills & saws to mechanical tools, gardening tools and cooking equipment. They are currently looking forward to being able to offer a delivery service for this which will also enable them to deliver tools and equipment to people across the area.

For more information see - [www.transitionstirling.org.uk](http://www.transitionstirling.org.uk)

## Employability Skills for Young People

Forth Valley Social Enterprises Core Skills in Events programme develops employability skills and event's industry knowledge.

If you're looking to develop these soft skills for moving into employment, training, education or work experience, then this programme is designed by people within this industry sector. You will cover a variety of topics needed in the work place today through both workshop and practical learning.

For further details: <http://fvse.org.uk/programmes/event-programme/>

Application process: <http://fvse.org.uk/contact/register-here/>

## Social Enterprise Census 2017 - Calling community enterprises

The Social Enterprise Census is the national count of social enterprises supported by the Scottish Government and others. Evidence gathered will build on the 2015 project (<http://www.socialvaluelab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Social-Enterprise-Census-2015.pdf>) and show important shifts in the shape and size of the sector.

As part of this project, Social Value Lab hope to uncover the multitude of community enterprises that make a massive contribution locally but often don't identify with the term 'social enterprise' and therefore tend to fall under the radar in terms of policy and support. Their goal is to give all parts of the sector a voice and demonstrate their contribution.

If you can answer 'yes' to the following questions take part in the survey:

- Does your organisation have social or environmental goals?
- Are you earning income from selling goods, charging for services, or delivering contracts?
- Do you aspire to greater financial independence through earned income (reducing reliance on grants)?
- Do you reinvest your surpluses and retain assets to further your social/environmental goals?
- Are you operating independently (not as a public body)?

The survey can be found at (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SECensus2017>)

## Career Ready Scotland - Mentor Recruitment

Career Ready is a charity which has developed a two year mentoring programme for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils. They are recruiting mentors who have a good understanding of the world of work to build long term relationships with students and bring out their strengths to help them reach their potential.

All mentors require Protection of Vulnerable Group (PVG) Scheme membership with Career Ready through Disclosure Scotland.

For more information see <https://careerready.org.uk/employers/mentoring?area=scotland>



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## Rural Area Events

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**Monday 12th June**

### **INFORMATION FAIR**

**Killearn Village Hall**

12pm - 2pm

Come along to meet and find out about rural organisations that can support you in your caring role.

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**Tuesday 13th June**

### **AWARENESS STAND**

**Strathblane Library**

10am - 12.30pm

Meet our Rural Officers and find out more about the free services available from Stirling Carers Centre.

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**Friday 16th June**

### **COFFEE AFTERNOON**

**Callander Medical Centre**

*(Day Centre Room)*

3pm - 4pm

Drop in for a cuppa, meet other local carers and have a chat with staff from Stirling Carers Centre.



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