

Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

April 2018

Welcome

Welcome to the April edition of Stirling Council's Community News Sheet. We have included a variety 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.

Your Place, Your Priorities

The 'Your Place, Your Priorities' events took place in Callander and Stirling in March with 19 local organisations sharing £130,000 of funding for their groups and projects. Members of the public heard presentations by the organisations and voted on the projects they considered should receive money.


Following the process, a full evaluation is being carried out to inform further such opportunities.

Rural event

 Attendees **171**

 Applications **49**

 Ballot papers **133**

 Projects received funding **8**


 Evaluations **92**
plus staff evaluations
& keep in touch cards

Urban event

 Attendees **224**

 Applications **52**

 Ballot papers **220**

 Projects received funding **11**

 Evaluations **109**
plus staff evaluations
& keep in touch cards

Scottish Government - Local Governance Review

A nation with ambition - the Government's Programme for Scotland 2017-2018 set out the importance of empowering communities, large or small, to make more decisions for themselves. Our ambition is to place much greater control in the hands of the people who know best what a community needs: those who live or work in the community itself.

On 7 December 2017 the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities, together with Cllr. Alison Evison, President of COSLA, launched the Local Governance Review. This process will involve everyone with an interest in an inclusive dialogue on the future of local democracy in Scotland.

The review brings a wide range of Scotland's public services into scope. This will include some of those powers and functions held at national level. The Government will work closely with the public, private and third sectors to explore what changes to decision-making arrangements can improve people's lives in different places across Scotland. However, the most important test of every change that is proposed will be what citizens themselves want to see happen.

The Review will hear as many different voices as possible by bringing the conversation out into local communities. The engagement process will run throughout 2018 with people's views being used to inform new legislation that will be introduced within the lifetime of this parliament.

Anyone who has ideas about how to open up the conversation as far and wide as possible, or about the type of changes they think should be part of the discussion, should contact the Local Governance Review team at LGR@gov.scot.

<https://beta.gov.scot/publications/nation-ambition-governments-programme-scotland-2017-18/>

Community Council Review

Stirling Council's Review of Community Councils is still underway.

The second 8 week consultation is to consider and provide feedback on the changes to the revised draft governing documents (Scheme of Establishment, Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct) and will run till **16 May 2018**.

You can view the consultation documents at <https://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/community-life-and-leisure/community-information/community-councils-and-assemblies/strategic-engagement>

And respond to the consultation at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SCCCReview2018>

The results of this second consultation phase will be presented at a Special Meeting of Stirling Council on 28 June 2018. Elected Members will be asked to agree a final draft amended Scheme. This final draft will be subject to a final 4-week consultation before being brought back for Council approval in August/September 2018. Community Council elections will follow in October/November 2018.



Scottish Government Consultations

Fixed Penalties

This proposed change to road traffic law will require legislation to amend section 54 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988, which allows fixed penalty notices to be issued on-the-spot to suspected offenders of minor road traffic offences, so that it also applies to Scotland. Having considered the Scottish Government's request, the Department for Transport is inviting you to comment on whether you agree with the proposal.

<https://consult.gov.scot/gov.uk/fixed-penalty-notices/> **Closes 8 May 2018**

Nominations for the 2018 Stirling Provost Awards



The Stirling Provost Awards are presented to individuals, groups or organisations who have made significant contributions to local communities, or who have achieved national recognition in their field and will be hosted by Provost Christine Simpson at Stirling Castle on Friday 26 October. The deadline for nominations have been extended **until 30 May**.

The award categories are:

- **Academic**
- **Arts and Culture**
- **Business**
- **Community**
- **Sport**
- **Volunteer Sector**
- **Youth**
- **Special Achievement**

In addition, all nominations will be considered for the William "Citizen" Jaffray Award that recognises outstanding citizenship.

Nomination forms can be obtained by email: brightm@stirling.gov.uk, post: Mary Bright, PA to the Provost, Stirling Council, Old Viewforth, Stirling, FK8 2ET, or phone: 01786 233069.

New lobbying regulations and community organisations

The Lobbying (Scotland) Act was recently signed into law, bringing with it new requirements for community organisations who discuss their work with MSPs, Scottish Government ministers, Special Advisers and the Permanent Secretary.

If you discuss government policy or decision making with certain people then you might need to register as a regulated lobbyist and note the discussion on the new www.lobbying.scot website.

There's more information

<http://www.scdc.org.uk/news/article/new-lobbying-regulations-and-community-organisatio/>

Data Protection & the GDPR

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

(<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/>)

is new changes to data protection which apply to any organisation which collects people's personal information. This means information collected both online and offline and anything that could be used to identify someone.



Changes include giving people more rights over their data, strengthens consent and widens responsibility out to more organisations and people. Businesses and organisations may also need to register with the Regulator - Information Commissioner's Office.

Organisations are being asked to prepare now for the GDPR which will take effect on 25th May 2018. The Information Commissioners Office (ICO) has produced guides, resources and videos, including an online **Data Protection Self-Assessment Toolkit** which provides a 'health check' for organisations. All of these can be accessed on their website—<https://ico.org.uk/>

Other sources of information include -

SCVO - <https://scvo.org.uk/projects-campaigns/dataawareness>

Building Stronger Communities Training - Community Engagement Team (see back of this News sheet for dates and venues)

SVE launches new website

Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise (SVE) have launched their new website, designed to be a valuable tool for community groups, social enterprises, and third sector organisations.

SVE's new site was developed by local design company Vizibility who began by considering the range of people who may visit the site and what kind of information they would be looking for. The aim was to make the site as user friendly and accessible as possible, while still incorporating the diverse work of SVE. See the new site at www.sventerprise.org.uk

National Numeracy Day

The UK's first National Numeracy Day is taking place on 16 May 2018. The Day will be a celebration of the importance of numbers in everyday life and will bring together individuals, employers, educators and influencers to improve numeracy. Education Scotland and the Scottish Government are lead supporters and want everyone to get involved.



There are lots of ways to help, from encouraging your fellow employees, customers and suppliers to use the free online tool to check if they have the Essentials of Numeracy (https://www.nnchallenge.org.uk/homeindex.html?dm_i=LQE,5KMXL,3LDQXH,LN2LQ,1), to running number themed activities in your workplace, or even simply using social media to help spread the word. The National Numeracy Day website (https://www.numeracyday.com/?dm_i=LQE,5KMXL,3LDQXH,LN2LR,1) has a range of engaging, free resources to help people start their journey towards better numeracy.

If you choose to sign up as a numeracy champion your logo will be added to the campaign website and you will be able to use the supporter logo on all publicity materials.

For further information, please contact
Lindsay MacDonald - lindsay.macdonald@educationscotland.gsi.gov.uk

Funding

Ideas, Innovation, Improvement Fund

Deadline 25 May 2018

A further round of the Stirling and Clackmannanshire Ideas Innovation Improvement Fund has opened.

Applications are welcomed from voluntary and community groups, charities and social enterprises delivering projects which aim for people living full and positive lives within supportive communities.

Applications for up to £2000 for an individual organisation, or £6000 for organisations applying in partnership, will be considered.

For full details and application form please visit <http://www.sventerprise.org.uk/latest-news/ideas-innovation-improvement-fund-reopened-applications/>

Digital Participation Charter Fund (formerly Challenge Fund)

Deadline is 11 June 2018

Supported by the Scottish Government and BT, this fund invests in community digital participation projects across Scotland. It provides small grants (typically up to £10,000) to help a range of organisations tackle poverty, social isolation and other forms of inequality in society through embedding basic digital skills development work in day-to-day activity with their service users.

Building on an understanding of 'what works' in the development of basic digital skills, the sixth round of the Digital Participation Fund will be focused on two specific themes:

- Supporting working age people to increase financial capability, employment and other economic outcomes
- Supporting older and disabled people to reduce social isolation and loneliness

In this round £200,000 is available which will be split 75/25 respectively across these key areas.

More information - <https://scvo.org.uk/digital/participation/charter-fund/call-for-funding/>

Garfield Weston – Weston Anniversary Fund

Grants from £30,000 to £150,000 the fund will run from 5 January to 30 June 2018.

To celebrate the Foundation's 60th anniversary the Weston Anniversary Fund will award grants to provide new or improve existing community facilities. Unlike the Foundation's other funds the Anniversary Fund will consider funding the entirety of a project. Capital projects will be bricks and mortar such as a new building or an extension or remodelling to an existing building that will create or improve a community facility. They will also consider landscaping or improvements to an open space if it will create a community resource. Additionally they will consider items that require a sizeable investment such as a new minibus and purchase of land.

<https://anniversary.garfieldweston.org/weston-anniversary-fund/>

Comic Relief - Safe, Secure, Settled

Next deadline: 14 June 2018



For Sport Relief 2018 the Safe, Secure, Settled fund will invest in projects that are using sport to improve the lives of young people without a safe or secure place to live, helping them to gain the skills and resources to lead safe and positive lives. They will consider work that supports children and young people aged up to and including 25. They will also consider family-based interventions where the majority of beneficiaries are under 25.

The work should make a meaningful change to the lives of young people who are without a secure or safe place to live. They expect projects to contribute to at least of one of the following outcomes: children and young people increase and/or sustain their engagement with education; children and young people have increased pathways into training or employment; children and young people increase life skills; more children and young people have a safe and supportive network or trusted place to go for advice. Proposals to this initiative will need to demonstrate wider social outcomes and not just focus on increasing participation in sport. It will support projects being delivered in the UK, India, South Africa, Brazil or Kenya.

<https://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-grants/open-grants-initiatives/safe-secure-settled>

Asda Foundation - Green Token Giving

The fund allows you to nominate a local charity or good cause to the programme. Projects should benefit the wider community and address its needs. It can pay for capital costs of buildings, renovations, vehicles and equipment. Successful nominations will be on the Asda Foundation board in selected stores. Voting in store using the green tokens allows nominated causes to win between £500 and £200.

<https://www.asdafoundation.org/green-token-giving>

Calor Rural Community Fund

Next deadline: 21 May 2018

Calor's annual fund now open.

The fund supports rural communities with projects that are off the mains gas grid and will improve local life. The funding must be used for renovations, redecorating, equipment, or new LPG heating system. Projects could be anything from community centres, village halls and sporting venues to youth clubs and scout groups, or they could be initiatives to support the elderly.

<https://www.calor.co.uk/communityfund/about-the-fund/>

Volunteering Matters - Action Earth Awards

Awards from £50 to £250 are available to groups of volunteers carrying out environmental activities. This could include improving ponds, woodlands, meadows and other green spaces to make them more wildlife friendly. Create new habitats by planting nectar-rich flowers, fruit-bearing trees or shrubs. Local Nature Reserve grants of up to £500 are also available for volunteer activities taking place on Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) such as wildlife recording or protecting and enhancing biodiversity. In 2018, they are also offering a limited number of Enhanced Health grants of up to £500 for projects which deliver a significant health impact through working with people who have defined health or social needs. Action Earth grant funding is provided by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

<https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/project/action-earth/>

New National Lottery fund opening for Year of Young People

Deadline: There are two deadlines for applications - 30 April 2018 & 18 June 2018.

To mark the Scottish Government's Year of Young People 2018, we're excited to launch a new National Lottery fund to help young people #SparkAChange in their lives.

National Lottery are calling it the Year of the Young People National Lottery Fund, and it'll offer funding between £3,000 and £10,000 to heritage, community and sports projects that are run for and by young people aged eight to 26. A pot of £550,000 is available for projects that help young people change their lives for the better, by improving their health and wellbeing.

The fund is mainly aimed at voluntary or community organisations, which can be partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations. Examples of eligible organisations include:

- youth, community or voluntary groups
- charities or trusts
- social enterprises
- other publicly funded organisations, such as national parks
- schools.

More about the fund and how to apply see

<https://bigblogscotland.org.uk/2018/03/19/new-national-lottery-fund-opening-for-year-of-young-people/>

IVAR: Empowered Communities in the 2020s

Institute for Voluntary Action Research (IVAR) are an independent charity that works closely with people and organisations striving for social change. From the very small that directly support the most vulnerable in their local communities, to those that work nationally – across the voluntary, public and funding sectors. They share their findings as they go. Below is two recently published interim reports to provide a snapshot of the findings so far from the Empowered Communities in the 2020s research.

The **Issues report** (where they explore what motivates people to get involved in their communities, what it takes for communities to become more powerful and if community development is still relevant. http://localtrust.org.uk/assets/images/assets/uploads/IVAR_EC2020_Issues_Report_FINAL_210917.pdf

The **Countries report** where they present findings from their fieldwork in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, with a focus on the differences between each country in terms of what conditions can support powerful communities in the future and where the challenges remain. http://localtrust.org.uk/assets/images/assets/uploads/EC2020_Countries_Report_FINAL_290118.docx.pdf

Training



Data Protection- your responsibilities

Thursday 10 May 2018 - 7.00—9.00pm
Killearn Village Hall, Balfron Road, Killearn

Monday 14 May 2018 - 7.00—9.00pm
McLaren Hall, Main Street, Killin

Why should you attend?

The aim of this course is to raise awareness of data protection for community groups and organisations. No previous experience of the subject is necessary to participate.

The course will explore -

- **What is personal data and data protection?** - explore the eight principles of data protection and what it means for groups.
- **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** - what changes does the new regulation make to data protection
- **Data mapping** - what do you do now with data and how can you improve practice—your responsibilities

The course style is informal and delegates will be asked to participate in discussion, group exercises and create their own group's data map. Notes and further information will be given out at the training.

This course is aimed at members of Community Groups.

Booking is essential

To book please register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-stronger-communities-201718-tickets-29606216992>

Or call 01786 233076.

Community Engagement Team, communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk phone 01786 233076





Participation Requests

Wednesday 16 May 2018 - 6.30–8.30 pm
Wallace Room, Viewforth, Stirling

Thursday 24 May 2018 - 7.00 - 9.00pm
Balfron High School, Balfron

Thursday 31 May 2018 - 7.00 - 9.00pm
Callander Youth Project, Bridgend, Callander

Monday 4 June 2018 - 7.00 - 9.00pm
McLaren Hall, Main Street, Killin

This is a new opportunities for communities and groups to proactively be involved in improving services and outcomes.

Participation Requests are part of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and allow groups to formally ask to be involved in how decisions are made and how services are run if they can contribute to improving services and outcomes. This Act is a new law brought in by the Scottish Government to help communities to do more for themselves and have more say in decisions that affect them through involvement with public bodies such as local authorities, Police, national parks, Colleges and the NHS.

This course aims to

- Explain what participation Requests are and how they work;
- What organisations need to consider before applying; and
- Explore what it might mean for your organisation or community

This course is aimed at members of Community Councils, Community Development Trusts and Community Groups.

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Please note

We ask that people let us know if they cannot attend a course they have booked onto as places are limited and other groups may be able to take their place. Places are limited.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION: SERVICE USER REPRESENTATIVES

DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE OF USING SERVICES?

LIVE IN THE CLACKMANNANSHIRE OR STIRLING COUNCIL AREAS?

IF SO, WE NEED YOU.

WHY?

The Scottish Government have set out the membership of the Integration Joint Board and Strategic Planning Group for Health and Social Care Integration. We are looking for two service users from each of the Local Authority areas to represent fellow people on the Integration Joint Board and the Strategic Planning Group.

BENEFITS

- Ensuring the voice of local service users is heard
- Helping shape services for service users
- Opportunities for personal development through training and networking

EXPECTATIONS

The role would require you to:

- Attend 4 meetings per year
- Be involved with consulting local service users
- Attend local forums

All reasonable costs will be covered to participate in Board meetings.

FURTHER CONTACT INFORMATION

Stephanie McNairney, Integrated Care Fund Manager, Health and Social Care Integration Stirling Community Hospital, Livilands, Stirling, FK8 2AU
Telephone: 01786 454561
Email: CS.integration@nhs.net

INTERESTED?

Tell us in 400 words why you think you should be a representative. Send this, along with your full name and which council area you live in, to cs.integration@nhs.net by 25 May 2018.

An open meeting of the Public Partnership Forum in both areas will be held as follows when those attending will choose the representatives by voting.

Date	Time	Place
6 June 2018	7-9pm	Sauchie Hall, Mar Place, Alloa, FK10 3AE
27 June 2018	7-9pm	Lecture Theatre Stirling Community Hospital

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Come along to one of our open information sessions:

Date	Time	Place
9 May 2018	6-7pm	Ludgate House, Mar Place, Alloa, FK10 2AD
10 May 2018	10-11am	Ludgate House, Mar Place, Alloa FK10 2AD
10 May 2018	6-7pm	Room 1, Education Centre, Stirling Community Hospital
11 May 2018	10-11am	Room 1, Open Learning Centre, Stirling Community Hospital



Online Support for Eating Disorders in Scotland

A project supporting young people with an eating disorder and their parents and carers across Scotland

Beat, the UK's eating disorder charity, has teamed up with NHS Lothian to deliver online peer support for young people and their parents and carers, and an online support resource for parents and carers across Scotland, thanks to funding from the Technology Enabled Care Grant from the Scottish Government.

One-to-One Email Support

Want to talk to someone who understands your experiences? We'll pair you with a Beat-trained volunteer befriender who has recovered from their own eating disorder or supported someone through recovery.

What to expect from your befriender:

- 1–3 emails per week.
- A listening ear.
- Encouragement.
- Signposting to other services that might be helpful during your journey.

Introducing the bendifenders:

- Trained by Beat, the UK's eating disorder charity.
- Individuals aged 18–35 who have recovered from an eating disorder.
- Parents or carers who have supported a young person aged 12–25 with an eating disorder.

Am I eligible?

- **I provide support to a young person in Scotland** with an eating disorder who is **aged between 12–25 years old OR**
- **I am a young person with an eating disorder in Scotland** and I am **14–25 years old**.

How to access the support:

Email teced@beateatingdisorders.org.uk to register for the service.

Online Resource for Parents/Carers

CARED is **aimed at parents and carers whose loved ones have recently began treatment for an eating disorder**. It is hoped that this resource can improve confidence and reduce isolation.

What to expect from your CARED:

- Skills-based video tutorials
- Links to appropriate resources
- Tutorials compatible with evidence-based treatment
- Hints and tips from recovered young people, professionals and other parents and carers

How to access the support:

Visit www.caredscotland.co.uk

CARED

Looking for Further Support?

Helpline: 0808 801 0677; help@beateatingdisorders.org.uk

Youthline: 0808 801 0711; fyp@beateatingdisorders.org.uk

Studentline: 0808 801 0811; studentline@beateatingdisorders.org.uk

Visit beateatingdisorders.org.uk for message boards, online support groups, one-to-one chat and more information about eating disorders and recovery.

Use helpfinder.beateatingdisorders.org.uk to find services in your area.

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100 YEARS OF SUFFRAGE

When: Tuesday 1st May 2018

Time: 9:30-12:30 (Registration from 9am)

Where: Albert Halls, Albert Place, Dumbarton Road, Stirling FK8 2QL



Speeches and
Panel Discussion



Local Timeline of
Women's Equality



Information Stalls
and Workshops



Music

Spaces are limited, book here:

www.StirlingSuffrage100.eventbrite.co.uk

Email: admin@csrec.org.uk | Tel: 01324 610950

Cowie Community Wellbeing Festival

Monday 28 May - Sunday 3 June 2018

Promoting
Health &
Wellbeing

Community
Walk

Mental Health

Food
Activities

Support to
Stop Smoking

Active
Opportunities
for All

Basic
Lifesaving
Skills

Drug & Alcohol
Awareness

....and many more!

Includes - Cowie 10k on Sunday 3rd June



The Wellbeing Festival will take place at various venues across Cowie.

Look out for further details coming soon!



For more information contact
Jillian Gibson, Stirling Council – gibsonj@stirling.gov.uk

The price of some alcohol is increasing from 1 May 2018.



For example, this will mean the proposed minimum price for the following:

Product	Strength (ABV)	Volume	Minimum Price
Whisky	40%	700ml	£14.00
Vodka/Gin	37.5%	700ml	£13.13
Wine	13%	750ml	£4.88
Beer	5%	4 x 440ml cans	£4.40
Cider	5%	2000ml	£5.00

For more information visit:
minimumunitpricing.scot



Healthier
Scotland
Scottish
Government

Why has this been introduced?

Scotland has a troubled relationship with alcohol. As a nation we drink 40% more than the low risk drinking guidelines of 14 units per week for men and women.

There is lots of evidence to show that as alcohol becomes more affordable, drinking increases, and as drinking increases so does harm. We know that one of the best ways to reduce the amount of cheap alcohol drunk by people in any country is to make it less affordable.

Contacts

More information on alcohol-related harm can be found at <http://www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/alcohol-information/>

If you require immediate help on an alcohol related issue please contact the **Drinkline Helpline 0800 7 314 314 8am - 11pm, (7 days)**.

If you are concerned about someone else's alcohol use, **Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs** can support you. They provide free, confidential listening support and can link you with local services and can be contacted at **08080 10 10 11** or helpline@sfad.org.uk.

Further information can be found at:
www.minimumpricing.scot