

# social inclusion news

**Welcome** to Capital City Partnership's Social Inclusion News. We would encourage you to share your views, contribute information and articles to forthcoming editions. Details of how to do this are included on the last page.

Please note that due to the holiday period there will be no September issue of Social Inclusion News. The next issue will be available on Monday 5th October 2009.

## Re-Union Receives Scottish Investment Fund Award

Re-Union Canal Boats have received an award from the Scottish Investment Fund which is a mix of grant and loan finance to assist them to purchase a canal holiday boat hire business based at the Falkirk Wheel.

The finance has enabled Re-Union to purchase Capercaillie Cruisers Ltd which was started as a family business in 2004 by the Leal family, and has grown to be the largest holiday hire boat business on the Lowland canal network. The operation has a total of 16 boats, some on a franchise basis, and operates from the base at the Falkirk Wheel, one of the pre-eminent tourist attractions in Scotland.

To date Re-Union has been operating a wide-beam canal boat from Edinburgh Quay offering trips to corporate, community and private parties and delivering a variety of community based projects including canoe building and orchard planting. This venture marks a significant expansion in Re-Union's activities, and also heralds a new era for social enterprises by buying family-owned businesses from their owners when they wish to retire.

The ownership of Capercaillie Cruisers will be shared with Tim Ford, a social entrepreneur, who is continuing his investment history with Re-Union, as he was involved in funding the original narrowboat.

The Board of Re-Union see this opportunity as a way to ensure the sustainability of Re-Union and its social aims through income generation. Sheila Durie, Chair of Re-Union said "We are delighted to seize this opportunity, and are thrilled with the support being given to us by the Scottish Investment Fund, SIS and British Waterways. We are looking forward to developing this business with Tim, and are all very excited by it".

Richard Millar, British Waterways' Development Manager, Scotland, said "We welcome the acquisition of Capercaillie by Re-Union. We have a very high regard for the role that social enterprise can play, and believe that it is key to developing canalside activities on all of the waterways under British Waterways' control in Scotland. We will support Re-Union as much as we can as they seek to expand their activities in Falkirk, and elsewhere on the canal network."

All in all it's a very exciting time for Re-Union Canal Boats in particular and social enterprise in general.



Further information on Re-Union is available at <http://www.re-union.org.uk/>

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## Community Information Point Launched in Craigmillar

A new volunteer initiative called the "Community Information Point" (CIP) was launched on 1st of June at Craigmillar Medical Group, Niddrie Mains Road. The idea was formulated by Dr Carl Bickler at the Health Centre over two years ago, the idea being that doctors had a local referral point for patients with problems or issues that prescriptive medicines could not assist with. With the post of Job Coach at CAN - Craigmillar Ability Network, the idea came to fruition.

Job Coach, Archie Lowe has been busy recruiting volunteers who are interested in getting involved in an advice service, based in an NHS setting. To date the volunteers have engaged with over 160 patients, informing them about the aims of the CIP and they have already managed to get involved in issues such as housing, volunteering and debt advice. The volunteer's role is to signpost members of the public, as well as patients on to the most appropriate specialist service, in order to start the process of aiding them resolve just some of their issues and problems.

It is envisaged that, with time and commitment, the volunteers will also act as "Buddies", assisting individuals in need make that phone call, advocating on their behalf or even escorting them on the bus to an appointment that may ordinarily make them anxious or stressed.

The project is still in its infancy and will develop and grow in time. Volunteer Co-ordinator Val Buckley, who was drawn to the project said that *"It has been a busy time and although the idea is just getting off the ground I am sure that it will develop and expand to become a successful resource, not only for doctors and patients, but also the general public needing to access local advice and information. It is hoped to take the idea and volunteers to other health centres, libraries and community centres in and around Craigmillar and Portobello."*

At present the CIP is working out of the Craigmillar Medical Group 2 days per week and are looking for other organisations who would be interested in engaging with clients in a familiar setting to get in touch with them. Jobcentre Plus Adviser, Kenny Cruikshank comes in on Thursday afternoons to give general advice on benefits and information on returning to work.

As well as the physical presence in the health centre, Craigmillar Ability Network have also developed a database which is linked to their website - <http://www.can-disability.org.uk>, which is hoped will also become a local reference point for online electronic service searches for the Craigmillar and wider Edinburgh areas.

If you would like to be added to this database please check out the web address and click on the Information icon on the front page.

**The Job Coach post is funded by Voluntary Action Fund and the CIP are always on the lookout for volunteers who feel that they have something to contribute to the project. If you are interested, please call Archie Lowe on 0131 661 6677.**

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## Coping with the Stress of Job Loss – New Leaflet

NHS Lothian and Edinburgh's Joined Up for Jobs partnership have produced a new leaflet for patients and clients who are affected by job loss caused by the current economic crisis. The leaflet provides advice on maintaining well-being, as well as guidance on services and resources that can offer support and information when people are facing uncertainty, debt and unemployment.

The leaflet provides practical advice on coping with job loss such as 'establishing a daily routine including regular time for job search' as well as suggesting that people should seek social support, drink sensibly and keep active. The leaflet was researched with people who have experienced job loss and a literacy group to ensure it is clear, accessible and relevant.



Archie and Lindsay at the Community Information Point



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The leaflet will be included in local redundancy packs produced by Skills Development Scotland and will be distributed to Jobcentre Plus, GP surgeries and voluntary organisations. The leaflet is based on one produced by NHS Bristol earlier this year and which the Department of Health is promoting throughout England.

**Copies of the leaflet are available from NHS Lothian Health Promotion Library and Resource Centre on 0131 536 9451/2/3 or e-mail [Library@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Library@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)**

## Joined Up For Jobs Conference

There will be a Joined Up For Jobs Conference in Edinburgh on 27th October. Following the launch of the Jobs Strategy partnership's service offer to employers and jobseekers last year, this event will showcase key projects and initiatives which are putting the offers into practice. Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning will give the keynote address.

**Further details will be available in the next issue of the e-zine.**

## Scottish Government and SCVO Third Sector Employability Forum

**11.00am - 2.30pm, Friday 7th August 2009**

**Scottish Government Office, Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU**

The Scottish Government and the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations are jointly hosting a consultation with the third sector on the establishment of a Third Sector Employability Forum. The Forum would play a key role influencing the employability policy and practice agenda at a local, Scottish and UK level. It would feed into the Scottish Employability Forum (SEF) and liaise with Scottish Government Ministers in relation to the employability and skills agenda in Scotland.

The aim of this event is to hear directly from third sector organisations on the potential role and remit of the Forum as well as covering the practicalities of how it might operate.

Places at the meeting are limited to one per organisation and it is aimed at Chief Executives or senior members of staff. The organisers are keen to encourage the attendance from organisations large and small who feel they have a contribution to make to this agenda.

**To register for the event, please contact Nan McCluggage at SCVO on [nan.mccluggage@scvo.org.uk](mailto:nan.mccluggage@scvo.org.uk) or 0141 225 8013.**

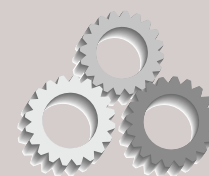
## Delivering Regeneration in a New Context

**10.00 - 14.30, 27th August 2009**

**Stirling Management Centre, Stirling**

This event will respond to the needs of the members of the Community Planning Network and Community Regeneration & Tackling Poverty Learning Network.

The environment within which practitioners now work is rapidly changing and presents new challenges in the face of transition. This event will provide advice and practical support to help practitioners effectively manage the end of the Fairer Scotland Fund ring fence and maintain anti-poverty/regeneration strategies during a harsh economic climate. It also provides an opportunity to discuss the 2008/09 performance reporting arrangements for the FSF/SOAs and to hear more about new and interesting related practice.



**JOINED UP FOR JOBS**  
Edinburgh's Jobs Strategy

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For more information and to register, please e-mail [contactscr@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:contactscr@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or phone 0141 271 3736. If the event is nearing capacity priority will be given to Network Members.

## Volunteer Recruitment Fair

Volunteer Centre Edinburgh have now opened exhibitors bookings for this year's Volunteer Recruitment Fair which will take place on 1st October 2009 at the Assembly Rooms on George Street.

Having run successfully for several years, the Volunteer Recruitment Fair is firmly positioned in the calendar as Edinburgh's volunteering event of the year. If your organisation is looking to boost the involvement of volunteers in your work, this event is not to be missed. Every year the fair attracts over 1000 members of the public keen to become volunteers, 70% of whom sign up with at least one of the organisations holding a stall on the day. As such, this makes the fair one of the most cost effective ways of recruiting volunteers for your organisation.

Edinburgh's Volunteer Recruitment Fair always books up so make sure you get your booking form in soon to ensure your place as one of the 100 stall holders this year to snap up some new volunteers.

**Booking forms are available to download at <http://www.volunteeredinburgh.org.uk/news/pressreleases/BookingForm2009.doc> or contact Gosha Redelbach on 0131 225 0642 or [gosha.redelbach@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk](mailto:gosha.redelbach@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk)**



## Scottish Drugs Forum Overdose Awareness/ Intervention Training

Sadly, drug related deaths in Scotland have steadily become more prevalent over recent years, and as such the Scottish Drugs Forum have developed and are offering free Overdose Awareness/Intervention Training to drug users and their families, friends and a range of workers who come into contact with people at risk of overdose. This training programme has already been delivered to over 500 participants across the country and has been positively reviewed.

The workers likely to benefit from this training include those working in:

- homelessness, hostels/supported accommodation
- needle exchanges
- prescribing, community based and residential drug services
- criminal justice services including drug treatment and testing orders and prisons
- mental health services
- employability/support services
- drug user involvement groups
- family and carer support groups

The learning outcomes of the overdose awareness training sessions include:

- identifying the main drugs associated with overdose
- the key risks of accidental overdose
- the (early and critical) signs and symptoms of overdose
- basic life support techniques including training in CPR and the recovery position
- understanding naloxone and its use
- involving emergency services
- avoiding needle stick injuries etc if dealing with an IDU who has overdosed
- understanding the difference between important facts, myths and dangerous practices

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These interactive training sessions last for around two hours, and are delivered in an accessible style incorporating practical 'hands on' components.

Further to this, Scottish Drugs Forum also wish to continue to offer workers the opportunity to take part in the overdose awareness 'Training for Trainers' (T4T). This 2 day course, which can be compressed into 1 day for workers experienced in the drugs field, facilitates rapid learning of the outcomes set out above and provides these participants with the necessary skills to deliver the training workshop to clients and other colleagues. In addition, participants are provided with a training manual, DVD and other resources to ensure that they will have the confidence to deliver to clients/service users that they come into contact with.

All training sessions, including the T4T, are delivered in partnership with an emergency first aid provider who oversees the 'Life Saving Skills' component of the training. The training is free and can be delivered within your local area or within the Scottish Drug Forum's Glasgow office.

**For more information please contact Stephen Malloy, National Training & Development Officer - Critical Incidents, on 0141 221 1175, 07920 133 710 or [enquiries@sdf.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@sdf.org.uk)**

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## Edinburgh Housing Advice Partnership

Edinburgh Housing Advice Partnership (EHAP) is a service delivery partnership, funded by the City of Edinburgh Council, comprising the Community Help & Advice Initiative (CHAI), Granton Information Centre, Four Square and Move On - all of which are established charities delivering a range of advice and homelessness prevention services in Edinburgh.

The main purpose of the Edinburgh Housing Advice Partnership (EHAP) is to deliver advice and information to people in a range of settings to enable them to avoid homelessness, in particular a first episode of homelessness, and to secure preventative housing support for those who need it.

EHAP operate an Edinburgh wide service from a variety of neighbourhood bases and outreach locations as well as providing a Prison Outreach service in HMPs Edinburgh, Cornton Vale and YOI Polmont and a preventative educational service to final year students across Edinburgh's Secondary Schools.

**Further information on EHAP is available at <http://www.ehap.org.uk/> or by phoning 0845 302 4607.**

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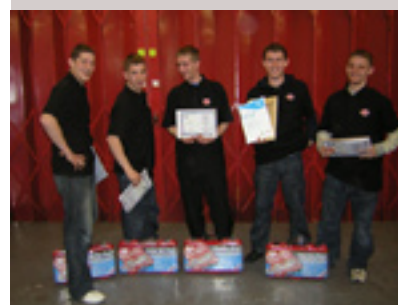
## Recognising Partnership Working

Access to Industry (AI) was delighted to be recognised alongside major public-private sector advertising campaigns and household charity names, when it made it to the final stages of the 2009 Third Force News Charity Awards.

AI-Passport made it to the final of the partnership category, with judges recognising the various partners and creativity of work involved in bringing about the success of Passport's work with looked after young people and young offenders moving on from Polmont.

One of the most successful partnerships for young people has been the access:cars course, a unique partnership between AI and the Glasgow Training Group in Edinburgh, which provides young Passport students with the opportunity to gain City and Guilds Qualifications, and guaranteed interviews with employers upon course completion.

Five Passport students have recently completed the third access:cars trainee mechanics course with GTG and, as a result, all 5 have been interviewed for jobs with Arnold Clark.



Students receiving their certificates as a result of completing the access:cars course

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Frazer (18), who completed the course and has now secured a work trial with Arnold Clark said *"I always wanted to be a car mechanic and when my Passport worker told me about access:cars, it sounded perfect. The staff at GTG were very helpful and used good teaching methods. I found the course very rewarding and everyone at Passport has been brilliant"*.

The excellent partnership working with HMYOI Polmont was also recognised, with the judging panel praising the innovative through care model adopted to move young offenders on to education and work.

In April 2009, one Polmont leaver Grant (19) showed just what was possible with the right support when he beat over 70 other applicants to get a place on the Edinburgh Youthbuild programme. The programme is aimed at young people disadvantaged from the jobs market who want to gain entry to the construction sector. Grant now has various construction certificates under his belt and is currently on a work placement with a local scaffolding firm.

Thanks to Jewel & Esk College, the City of Edinburgh Council, Glasgow Training Group, the Scottish Prison Service, Scottish Business in the Community and all the other partners involved with Passport this excellent work continues.

**For more information on Access to Industry, and the Passport and Transition Projects, call 0131 226 3006 or visit <http://www.accesstoindustry.co.uk>**

## Access to Industry Recognises Students' Achievements at Certificate Ceremony

Access to Industry students proved there are positive opportunities to be gained after moving on from care, prison, substance use, homelessness, and street sex work, when they were recognised for the SQA qualifications they had achieved through the Passport and Transition Projects on Friday 17th July 2009.

Sarah Boyack MSP and Margaret McLeod from Youthlink Scotland presented a total of 117 students with a staggering 179 qualifications, which had been achieved between February 2009 and June 2009.

The ceremony also saw Passport Caseworker Heather Nicholson presented with a 2009 National Youth Worker of the Year Award for her work in helping shape and develop the Passport Looked After Young People's Service.

Access to Industry Chief Executive Sian Fiddimore was delighted with the students' achievements, and said *"For all of our students this is just the start of their new careers as they recognise the important part education plays in gaining employment, especially in these more competitive times. Over the past year, we have worked with over 530 students. 114 have moved on to college, 83 have got on to employability training programmes, and 68 have moved on to jobs."*

*Congratulations to all our students for their achievements, and thanks to the agencies and partners for their continued commitment to Access to Industry."*

Transition student Tam Laidlaw, who collected 3 SQA qualifications on the day, used his qualifications to move on to a media course at College. He said *"The structure at Transition has brought out capabilities in me that I thought I never had. I would have never thought that I could have studied for a Higher qualification. It's given me more confidence, and made me realise my potential."*

Passport, funded by the Capital City Partnership, is an accredited employability programme providing support for people moving out of care, prison, substance misuse, homelessness or street sex work. Through the programme's SQA qualifications, structured work placements and training opportunities, clients are supported and motivated to move back into work and further education.

Transition, funded by the Big Lottery Fund, operates as a 'mini college' for recovering substance users. It provides a daily structured programme of accredited



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learning on a rolling basis. Transition's qualifications focus on specific job training and core skills to move students on to further education and employment.

Further information on these projects can be found at <http://www.accesstoindustry.co.uk> or by phoning 0131 226 3006.

## Life in the Fast Lane: the Road to Better Outcomes for Children and Young People

Children in Scotland Annual Conference 2009, in association with South Lanarkshire Council

**5th – 6th November 2009**

**Macdonald Crutherland House, East Kilbride**

This high-profile 2-day event will examine the impact of Single Outcome Agreements on children, young people and their families and will consider what really makes a difference to their lives.

Delegates attending the conference will:

- hear what Single Outcome Agreements will mean for children and families and hear from children and young people on what they feel can make a difference to their lives
- consider different dimensions in planning across childhood and discuss the implications for workforce roles and development
- learn about how Scottish childhood compares with other countries in Europe in terms of health, inclusion and child poverty
- enable ideas, practice and experiences to be shared between delegates.

The event will have particular relevance for everyone whose work affects the lives of children and young people, including policy makers and practitioners from:

- Government
- the early years sector
- education departments
- nurseries and nature kindergartens
- primary schools
- high schools
- social care
- the health service
- criminal justice service
- police
- leisure and recreation
- the arts
- housing and planning
- local authority chief executives and elected members
- departmental heads

Further information and booking details are available at [http://www.childreninscotland.org.uk/html/tra\\_tshow.php?ref=1296](http://www.childreninscotland.org.uk/html/tra_tshow.php?ref=1296)

## EVOC Learning Autumn Training Programme

The EVOC Learning Autumn Training Programme 2009 is now available from the EVOC Learning website. The programme is full of interesting and useful courses

**Children in Scotland**  
every child - every childhood

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and EVOC Learning are very excited to embark on a partnership with Chartered Management Institute (CMI) and are offering accredited courses for aspiring and practising team leaders and managers.

In addition to the published programme, EVOC Learning will be running further courses and events based on your emerging needs, so please visit their website regularly for up to date information on forthcoming events.

If there are any subject areas not covered in the programme that you would like to access training in, please let EVOC Learning know and they will develop or source new provisions to meet your needs. EVOC Learning can also offer in-house training on a variety of subjects. If you need to get a number of staff trained, it may be more cost effective to do that.

The printed version of the programme will be sent out to all organisations in EVOC Learning's database. If you haven't received a copy but would like one, please e-mail [learning@evoc.org.uk](mailto:learning@evoc.org.uk) with your details.

**Full details of prices and how to book courses can be found in the programme at <http://www.evoc.org.uk/learning/programme/> but if you need any further information, assistance or help please call 0131 555 9121/9100 or e-mail [learning@evoc.org.uk](mailto:learning@evoc.org.uk)**

## Tackling Social Exclusion in the Economic Downturn: The Way Forward

Inside Government's Second Annual Social Exclusion Conference

**8.30 – 16.00, Thursday 22nd October 2009**  
**Central London**

This conference will discuss preventing the recession from triggering long term social exclusion, tackling worklessness, reducing health inequalities and improving inclusion, opportunities to work together in partnership to tackle child poverty, intervening to break the cycle of financial exclusion, and combating exclusion via engagement.

### Confirmed speakers

- Ann Watt, Deputy Director, Social Exclusion Task Force, Cabinet Office
- Caroline Kelham, Head of Joint DCSF/DWP/HMT Child Poverty Unit, Department for Children, Schools and Families
- Rt. Hon. Hilary Armstrong MP, Former Minister for the Cabinet Office and Social Exclusion
- Timothy Bird, Regional Employment Team for Mental Health, Jobcentre Plus
- Jenny Edwards, Chief Executive, Homeless Link
- Councillor Stephen Houghton, Chair of Review Team and Leader, Barnsley MBC
- David Morris, Professor of Mental Health, Inclusion and Community Director, Inclusion Institute International School for Community, Rights & Inclusion, University of Central Lancashire and The Kings Fund
- Peter Holbrook, Chief Executive, Sunlight Development Trust/Sunlight Social Enterprises CIC

Further information and booking details are available at [http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/other/soc\\_exclusion/index.php#agenda](http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/other/soc_exclusion/index.php#agenda)



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## Community Ideas Campaign

The Community Ideas Campaign has been launched by EVH (Employers in Voluntary Housing) to help Scotland and all its communities both respond to and recover from the current economic difficulties. The campaign is based on the Irish Ideas Campaign where 5000 ideas were generated in one month to help regenerate the Irish economy.

The campaign seeks people's ideas, drawing from their own experiences, to identify how Scotland can not just emerge from this recession, but reach out to all our communities to play their part and help Scotland compete on the world stage again.

Launched on 4th June 2009, the initial phase of the campaign is seeking people's ideas to:

- preserve and grow employment
- stimulate activity across the community
- make it easier for ordinary people to make a difference
- kick start our construction industry to provide sustainable homes

The campaign's motto is simple; no whinging. Therefore, the campaign will only consider ideas that are positive and think about solutions, not the problems!

But this is just the beginning of this independent citizens' campaign. In September, with the help of the advisory group, an action plan will be produced – and it won't only be for government. It will be for individuals, communities, business and other organisations.

**The Community Ideas Campaign website is at <http://communityideascampaign.socialgo.com/welcome.html>**

## SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration 2009

The SURF Awards, first presented in 1998, are now well established as the major independent awards for community regeneration projects in Scotland. The prestigious award certificates are presented each year to initiatives that are judged to be doing outstanding regeneration work in Scotland's underprivileged communities.

The awards are about recognising and rewarding best practice, and the process is intended to promote all of the excellent, but often unsung, work being done day-to-day in our disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

If you are involved with, or know of, such a project or initiative, you should consider nominating it for a SURF Award this year in one of the three categories - People, Place and Partnership.

### Additional Support in 2009

SURF is again pleased to team up with the Scottish Government's Scottish Centre for Regeneration (SCR), who are supporting the SURF Awards for the seventh time.

This year, the three winning projects will also be offered consultancy services to help them build on their success in future, as a result of some additional support from Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

Following the judging process, SURF Award certificates will be presented by Alex Neil MSP, Minister for Housing and Communities, at a special dinner event on 3rd December 2009 in Glasgow. Shortlisted and winning entries will subsequently be showcased in a widely circulated publication, as well as through SURF events, the SCR learning networks and online channels.

### Application Process

Entries are now being accepted for the 2009 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration. The closing date for entries this year is 21st September 2009.



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Further information on the entry criteria and the application process for the 2009 SURF Awards is available on SURF's website at <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/news/default.asp?ItemID=1017>

## Single Outcome Agreements: Progress, Partnership, Delivery

2nd Annual Conference

**Tuesday 22nd September 2009**  
**Sheraton Grand Hotel, Edinburgh**

Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs) are now a well established part of the Scottish political landscape. From local government to charities, public bodies, the NHS, transport groups, police, businesses and others – we all have a stake in creating strong local partnerships and successful outcomes for our communities.

The creation of SOAs was an integral part of the new, equal alliance between local and national government – the Concordat – that aimed to improve a sometimes volatile relationship. SOAs were designed to move towards an outcomes-based approach for public service delivery, transform the way councils report back to their communities, remove bureaucracy and duplication and save money. The SOAs for 2009 will run on a three year rolling basis, with annual reviews to reflect progress and changing circumstances - including political and economic situations.

As we assess the second round of SOAs and debate future outcomes developments what impact are they having on public services, communities and service users? What new challenges are we now facing as a result of the recession? How are the new, compulsory Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) shaping up? Is central government controlling the SOA agenda? Are SOAs still a priority as finances are squeezed? Will SOAs perhaps disappear as political priorities change and the outcomes approach for planning and delivering public services develops?

The role of CPPs in agreeing priorities for their local area and helping deliver outcomes, while showing how this contributes to the Scottish Government's 15 National Outcomes, is increasingly important. The National Outcomes are part of the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework but are integral to established local plans and priorities. SOAs are an expression of partnership working and mark an attempt to get all public agencies and others focused on the outcomes they each wish to achieve.

This event is the latest in Holyrood's major public sector conferences. You will debate the key issues surrounding SOAs, interact with the leading figures involved with the SOA strategy and decide on the way forward for our public sector, our working partnerships and for Scotland's communities. The agenda has been created by gathering feedback from many key stakeholders - so that the final program reflects the issues that matter most to you, your work and your organisation.

### Conference chair:

- Keith Aitken, Journalist and Broadcaster

### Keynote speakers:

- Mary McAllan, Deputy Director, Public Service Delivery, The Scottish Government
- Lucy McTernan, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Affairs, SCVO
- Stephen Hughes, Chief Executive, Birmingham City Council
- Pat Watters, President, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA)
- Mark McAteer, Director, Governance & Performance Management, Improvement Service

Further details and booking information are available at <http://soa.holyrood.com/>



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## The Herald Society Awards 2009

After the success of last year's inaugural event, it is hoped that this year's Herald Society Awards will be bigger and better. It is, of course, a difficult time for the public and voluntary sectors alike. Huge pressures on budgets are coinciding with increased need in many of the communities which need public services the most. But that makes it more important than ever to celebrate the achievements of services such as health, social work, and education and the work of charities and community groups of all sizes.

The Herald Society Awards 2009, in association with the Big Lottery Fund, are open to all those working in the public and voluntary sectors, with scope for small and large organisations, individuals and teams alike to tell the nation about what they have achieved.

A prestigious panel of judges will select the best entries in each of the categories and the winners will be announced at an evening awards ceremony in October.

The award categories are as follows:

- Education Initiative of the Year
- Community Project of the Year
- Health Provider of the Year
- Service Provider of the Year (working with under 24s)
- Service Provider of the Year (working with 65+)
- Environmental Initiative of the Year
- Campaign of the Year
- Collaboration Award
- Outstanding Public Service Worker of the Year
- Outstanding Public Service Team of the Year
- Equalities Initiative of the Year
- Unsung Hero Award

**Completed entries should reach the awards administrator no later than Friday 4th September 2009. Entry forms and further details are available at <http://www.theherald.co.uk/societyawards09>**

## An Introduction to SROI Seminars

In September, there will be a series of SROI (Social Return on Investment) seminars which will introduce the key principles and techniques of social return on investment and provide information on the SROI Project.

By the end of the workshop, delegates will be able to:

- demonstrate awareness of the principles and framework of SROI
- evaluate the benefits and challenges associated with SROI analysis
- create a stakeholder map and understand the principles of impact mapping
- access further information on SROI and the SROI project

The seminars will take place as follows:

- 1st September – Glasgow
- 3rd September – Edinburgh
- 8th September – Perth
- 10th September – Aberdeen
- 18th September - Inverness

**For further information and booking details, please contact [SROIproject@forthsectordevelopment.org.uk](mailto:SROIproject@forthsectordevelopment.org.uk)**



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## Realise Mentoring

Realise Mentoring is a new programme funded by the Scottish Government as part of its Enterprising Third Sector Action Plan. The programme is delivered in partnership with the Scottish Chambers of Commerce, SCVO, Edinburgh Business Development and Forth Sector Development.

The Realise Mentoring programme offers you access to a mentor on a one-to-one basis wherever possible, complemented by group mentoring or on-line support. A health check will be undertaken with eligible organisations to assess your mentoring needs and identify clear objectives from the mentoring programme. You will then be carefully matched with a suitable mentor, who has the required experience and skills to meet your requirements. Depending on your needs, the mentoring support can last for up to 12 months, with an option to continue longer if you and your mentor wish. Access to the service is free for eligible organisations that submit a written application.

Through the Realise Mentoring programme, you can access experienced business mentors, who can help you to:

- develop your enterprising ideas
- find solutions to the challenges that you face
- develop the long term sustainability of your organisation
- increase your trading income
- build your skills, knowledge and networks
- deliver a high quality service

The programme's mentors are experienced business people from a wide range of backgrounds and areas of expertise, who also have an understanding of third sector organisations. They offer you an invaluable opportunity to benefit from their skills, knowledge and experience. They are people who have already had to address the challenges and issues that you face and can share their experience with you.

The aim of the Realise Mentoring programme is to provide mentoring support to leaders of third sector organisations to help them improve their financial sustainability and make a step-change to become more enterprising. Any leader of a third sector organisation that has aspirations to grow, diversify income streams and become more sustainable can apply, irrespective of turnover, staffing level, location or sector.

To be eligible your organisation must have social aims, be governed by a voluntary management committee or board, be independent of government and be principally non-profit distributing. The programme is available to enterprising third sector organisations across urban and rural Scotland. You should be able to show that you are actively looking to develop your organisation's long-term financial sustainability and diversify your income base. You will also need to be prepared to commit to the mentoring programme, at senior management level, for a period of up to a year.

**Further information about the Realise Mentoring programme is available at <http://www.realisementoring.org.uk> or telephone 0131 221 3197 or e-mail [info@realisementoring.org.uk](mailto:info@realisementoring.org.uk)**

## Healthy Communities: Meeting the Shared Challenge

As part of the second year of the 'Healthy Communities: Meeting the Shared Challenge' programme CHEX (Community Health Exchange) is hosting 4 regional networking events as follows:

**Inverness:** 10.30am - 3.30pm, Monday 17th August - SCVO, Fairways House

**Dundee:** 10.00am - 1.00pm, Tuesday 25th August - The Shore

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**Edinburgh:** 10.00am -1.00pm, Thursday 10th September - The Melting Pot

**Glasgow:** 10.00am -1.00pm, Thursday 1st October - STUC Centre

The events are aimed at community and voluntary organisations and their partners to build on their involvement in the Programme and provide an opportunity to share learning from across the country on:

- raising awareness on community-led health
- evidencing community-led health through case studies
- taking community-led health forward into local health improvement planning structures
- strengthening partnership support for community-led health

Participants will have the opportunity to explore how they can strengthen their role and influence in sustaining community-led health in their own area. The events will be highly participative and use 'Story Dialogue' to structure shared learning.

**If you would like to register for any of these dates, please contact Aileen Skillen on [aileen@scdc.org.uk](mailto:aileen@scdc.org.uk) or if you would like further information relating to these events you can contact Elspeth Gracey on [elspeth@scdc.org.uk](mailto:elspeth@scdc.org.uk) or 0141 222 4840.**

## BIG Response to Help UK Recession-hit Communities

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) – the largest distributor of National Lottery good-cause funding – is to pump a multi-million pound package of funding into communities to help them cope with the effects of the recession.

An additional £43 million is to be invested across the UK to tackle the longer-term effects of the recession on the UK's communities. BIG is working closely with stakeholders to determine what form the support will take, but it is thought it could include targeted funding for specific services such as debt advice and support to help train increasing numbers of volunteers.

Responding to the increasing pressure facing the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS), BIG has also reprioritised and refocused its portfolio and increased the budgets of some of its most popular programmes this year, to the tune of around £45million. All these adjustments have been made to help get funding fast to where VCS voices are saying it is needed most.

Peter Wanless, Chief Executive at the Big Lottery Fund, said: *"I am very aware of the tough times communities are experiencing and the increased demand this is inevitably placing on the voluntary and charitable sector. While there are some reports that the recession may be easing, we know that the full impact on the UK's communities is still working its way through, impacting on homes across the nation, bringing family breakdown, mental illness, unemployment and personal debt.*

*The BIG Lottery Fund aims to work as an intelligent funder and we are responding to this critical time with a substantial package of support designed to reach those that need it most. Right now, the last thing the Sector needs from us is another targeted fund with its own eligibility criteria, rules and procedures. By channelling more money through our existing funding streams, we can respond immediately to the increasing demand from local groups and organisations coping with the crunch. We are also using the close working relationships we have with experts out there to identify how we can effect distinct and additional support to recession-hit communities in ways that won't otherwise take place."*

This investment responds to evidence from voluntary sector bodies that the recession is putting severe pressure on the UK's voluntary and community groups. According to research compiled by NAVCA, the national voice of local third sector infrastructure in England, demand for services is up 30-50 per cent in some geographical areas - and resources, such as income and staff, are under strain.

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The investment has also been informed by BIG's recent consultation, Big Thinking, which asked stakeholders and the wider public how BIG's estimated budget for new funding programmes of around £2.8 billion should be spent over the next six years (between 2009-2015). Big Thinking attracted around 3,500 online survey responses and involved a further 3,000 people at events across the UK.

A key difference in BIG's approach will be an enhanced UK-wide target that at least 80 per cent of funding goes directly to the Voluntary and Community Sector between 2009-2015. A range of other factors that will determine BIG's approach to funding through to 2015 are contained in BIG's Strategic Framework.

Further information is available at <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/index>

## New Training Events from Evaluation Support Scotland

Evaluation Support Scotland are delighted to announce three new training courses:

- **Outcomes and Funding**

(for staff and volunteers from funding bodies)

10am - 4pm, Monday 31st August 2009

Edinburgh

Cost: £100

- **How Change Happens - Using Logic Models in Evaluation**

(for staff, volunteers and board members from voluntary organisations that already evaluate their outcomes but need to relate these to overall impact and higher level outcomes)

9.45am - 4pm, Friday 25th September 2009

Edinburgh

Cost: £96.60

- **Using Qualitative Information**

(for staff and volunteers from voluntary organisations)

9.45am - 4pm, Tuesday 17th November 2009

Edinburgh

Cost: £96.60

Further information is available at <http://www.evaluationsupportscotland.org.uk/article.asp?id=184&title=New+Training+Courses>

## Companies Act 2006 Seminars

The Companies Act 2006 has updated and modernised the law governing the running of companies. There are a range of new procedures that affect every company operating in the United Kingdom; removing outdated requirements and introducing a number of options on how to run your business efficiently.

Companies House has designed a new seminar that will cover the timetable of the implementations that have been phased in over the last three years, but also focus mainly on the changes within the final implementation on 1st October 2009.

The aim of these seminars is to:

- provide advice on recent changes in legislation and explain the impact that these changes may have on companies and their officers
- cover recent implementations but focus primarily on the changes within the final implementation

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- provide examples of revised forms and documents that are required to be submitted to Companies House

Customers will have the opportunity to:

- find out more detailed information about the final implementation of the new Act
- speak to Companies House managers
- meet the team, request a demonstration of how to do business with them electronically, so that you don't need to learn a new paper process for the new Act.

Companies Act 2006 seminars will last approximately two and a half hours and are free to attend. If you file on behalf of numerous companies or simply feel you need to know more please book your place. You can choose a morning or afternoon session.

Companies Act 2006 seminars will be held at Holiday Inn Edinburgh, 132 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh EH12 6UA on:

- Wednesday 19th August 2009 at 9.30am and 2.00pm
- Thursday 20th August 2009 at 9.30am and 2.00pm

**Further information and booking details are available at**  
<http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/about/companiesActSeminars.shtml>

## PUBLICATIONS

### Poverty and Inequalities in Scotland: Ten years of devolution

On 29 May 2009, Scotland's Futures Forum and Glasgow Caledonian University's Poverty Information Unit co-hosted a conference to explore the extent to which the Scottish Parliament, in its first decade, has reduced poverty and inequalities and to consider what the Parliament should be doing in the next ten years to tackle disadvantage and inequalities in Scotland. **A report of the conference and slide presentations are available at <http://scotlandfutureforum.org/index.php?id=83>**

### Poverty and Income Inequality in Scotland: 2007/08

This National Statistics publication supersedes 'Scottish Households Below Average Income 2006/07'. It presents annual estimates of the proportion and number of children, working age adults and pensioners living in low income households in Scotland and the distribution of household income across Scotland. The estimates are used to monitor progress towards UK and Scottish Government targets to reduce poverty and income inequality. **The publication is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/05/povertyfigures0708>**

### Sustaining Development through the Recession

This Holyrood/SURF Conference took place in May 2009 and explored how to continue regeneration developments in the current economic climate. **A summary report of the conference by Holyrood's Jennifer McConnachie is available at <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/pdf.pl?file=surf/news/Regeneration%20Conference%20Report%2020.05.09.pdf>**

### Local Area Labour Markets in Scotland: Statistics from the Annual Population Survey 2008

This summary publication of results from the Annual Population Survey 2008 presents analysis on the labour market, education and training. Results are provided for Scotland and local authority areas in Scotland. **The publication is available on the Scottish Government's website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/07/28092044/0>**

### In Our Own Words: the story behind examples of community empowerment in Scotland

Twelve case studies celebrating examples of community empowerment across

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Scotland have been published on the Scottish Government website. The examples focus on telling people's stories from their own perspective. **The case studies are available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/engage/empowerment/casestudies>**

#### **Health Inequalities - the Scottish Experience and Response**

This Socialist Health Association event took place on 27th June at the Friends Meeting House in Edinburgh. **The speakers' presentations are available at <http://www.sochealth.co.uk/confs/unequalscotland.htm>**

#### **Breaking Through – Healthy Living Centres: Removing the barriers to wellbeing**

This publication, produced by Community Health Exchange (CHEX), contains a series of articles which highlight the work of Healthy Living Centres in Scotland. Healthy Living Centres demonstrate that one of the most effective ways of addressing health inequalities and increasing the health and wellbeing of a community is to listen and act on needs identified by the communities themselves. **The publication is available at [http://www.chex.org.uk/uploads/breaking\\_through.pdf](http://www.chex.org.uk/uploads/breaking_through.pdf)**

#### **Strategic Review of Learning Connections**

A comprehensive strategic review of Learning Connections has been undertaken to determine its strategic fit with the Lifelong Learning Directorate and to ensure maximum effectiveness in terms of Community Learning and Development (CLD) policy advice, policy delivery and practice development. The scope of the review looked at all aspects of Learning Connections and the CLD Standards Council including policy and delivery work, and practice development. It also considered aspects of policy delivery within the Scottish Government which relate to CLD, including Adult Literacy and Numeracy (ALN) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and interdependencies. **The review report is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/07/03132047/0>**

#### **Work Skills Academy CD ROM**

The Work Skills Academy CD ROM has been developed by The Big Plus, the Scottish Government's adult literacy and numeracy awareness raising campaign. It has been specifically tailored to help those training to work in the construction, hairdressing, retail and care sectors. The resource will give practical advice and assistance on areas such as spelling, formal and informal writing, punctuation, numeracy and listening skills. The Scottish Government has funded the research and development of the CD ROM. The resource will be distributed to all of the Get Ready for Work providers and the network of adult literacy and numeracy partnerships across the country.

**For further information, phone The Big Plus on 0808 100 1080.**

#### **Building Public Support for Eradicating Poverty in the UK**

Public support is needed to ensure that the Government and other organisations take action to tackle poverty in the UK. The perception of poverty is often misguided, with people believing that it is a result of laziness, or an inevitable part of modern life. The aim of this research, by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, is to identify ways of changing such perceptions and building public support for addressing the problem.

**The report is available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/public-support-eradicating-poverty>**

#### **Poverty in the Media: Being seen and getting heard**

This study examines how the media can give people with experience of poverty the opportunity to present their views, experiences and opinions, which can help to inform and create a groundswell of public opinion supporting efforts to tackle poverty. **The findings are available on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's website at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/poverty-in-the-media>**

#### **Unleashing Aspiration: The Final Report of the Panel on Fair Access to the Professions**

The Panel on Fair Access to the professions has published its final report. Led by the Rt Hon Alan Milburn its 18 panel members examined the barriers and pathways to reaching professions for all people - regardless of their background. The report was

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commissioned by the Prime Minister following the New Opportunities White Paper which examined the issue of social mobility and its importance for the economy and social justice, ensuring everyone has the chance to fulfil their potential and secure the jobs of the future. **The report is available at [http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/strategy/work\\_areas/accessprofessions.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/strategy/work_areas/accessprofessions.aspx)**

#### **A Review of the Research Literature on Supported Employment: A report for the cross-Government learning disability employment strategy team**

This review was commissioned to inform the cross-government strategy on increasing employment for people with learning disabilities: Valuing Employment Now. The review focuses on current knowledge about training and employment techniques that specifically meet the needs of people with learning disabilities. The emphasis here is on supported employment rather than social or micro enterprises because these approaches to employment offer fewer opportunities for social inclusion in wider society. The review looks at policy and practice in the UK, Europe and America. **The report is available at [http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk//media/217094/supported\\_employment\\_lit\\_review.pdf](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk//media/217094/supported_employment_lit_review.pdf)**

#### **Employee Demand for Skills: A Review of Evidence & Policy**

This report presents the results of a detailed review of evidence and policy relating to the factors that influence the engagement of the individual in skills development. It incorporates a broad range of formal and informal learning activities, delivered in a range of institutional settings and through different media, including work-based, classroom-based, distance learning and community based learning. The review is deliberately broad in its focus, drawing on evidence and policy relating to people in different positions within the labour market - in or out of work, new entrants into employment, younger and older workers, people with and without qualifications and/or with higher and lower skills. However, a key focus for the research was the barriers and factors affecting access to skills development opportunities among lower skilled and lower qualified people. The review was undertaken by WM Enterprise and the Employment Research Institute, Edinburgh Napier University for the UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UK Commission). **The report is available at [http://www.ukces.org.uk/upload/pdf/Evidence\\_Report\\_3\\_3.pdf](http://www.ukces.org.uk/upload/pdf/Evidence_Report_3_3.pdf)**

#### **Hidden Talents: Re-engaging Young People**

This report by the LGA and the Centre for Social Justice, sets out the harsh impact that the recession has had on young people, who have been hit particularly hard by recent rises in unemployment. The LGA argues that the current system for encouraging young people into jobs and training is disjointed, doesn't focus enough on the needs of the individual and that the policy framework must be much more coherent if the needs of the nation's youth are to be met. Town hall leaders are calling for urgent action in the short term to stop the number of young people not in a job or in education continuing to rise through the recession. In the longer term, much earlier intervention is needed to prevent even more people facing long term unemployment in the coming decades. The report also argues for a much stronger recognition that young people's willingness to stay on in education is formed very early and that family influences are important. It shows that low skills can be inherited if more early action is not taken. **The report is available at <http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/aio/2164402>**

#### **Sticking Plaster or Stepping-stone? Tackling Urban Youth Unemployment**

Youth unemployment has been a problem in the UK for a long time, but is getting a lot worse in the current recession. Over half a million young people were unemployed in February 2008. Now, around 900,000 young people are jobless. During 2010, youth unemployment is likely to exceed 1 million. This paper distinguishes between two groups of unemployed young people: the majority that are unemployed for a few months, and the growing minority (currently 130,000) that have been out of work for over a year. By December 2011, the number of long-term unemployed young people is likely to reach 350,000. The Future Jobs Fund (FJF), announced in the 2009 Budget, aims to create 150,000 jobs between 2009 and 2011 for young people who have been out of work for 12 months. This paper argues that the FJF is a short-term "sticking plaster" initiative and should therefore take a segmented, targeted approach. **The paper is available at <http://www.centreforcities.org/assets/files/09-06-23%20Youth%20unemployment.pdf>**

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### One in Ten: Key Messages from Policy, Research and Practice about Young People who are NEET

The National Youth Agency and Research in Practice have jointly commissioned a review of policy, research and practice around young people who are not in education, employment or training. The review draws on a wide range of publications and other sources. It does so in order to extract the messages that might help practitioners and managers improve their understanding of this group of vulnerable young people and families, and build on current endeavours to improve the life chances of those making the transition from compulsory education to young adulthood. The review is intended for practitioners in all agencies working with and for children and families, and for managers, commissioners and others with strategic, operational and training responsibilities for the delivery of services to promote Every Child Matters and associated programmes. It sets out to explore the literature for answers to the questions posed by those working in the field, and to bring together in one place disparate information about available research and promising practice developments, to form an overview of the topic. **The report is available at <http://www.nya.org.uk/files/120636/FileName/ONEINTENResearchinPracticeNEET.pdf>**

### A Stitch in Time: Tackling educational disengagement

This report looks at how to prevent children and young people becoming disengaged from learning. Almost one in ten 16-18 year olds are not engaged in education, employment or training (NEET), and government efforts to bring this number down have met with limited success. This is because politicians have failed to recognise the extent to which this is the tip of the iceberg – many of these young people have had negative experiences of the education system that long predate their NEET status. The report looks at how to promote engagement with learning earlier on in the school system. It argues education policy has been too top-down over the last decade and that it should focus more on supporting charities and other organisations that work with children in this area rather than one-size-fits-all national initiatives. **The report is available at [http://www.demos.co.uk/files/Demos\\_stitch\\_in\\_time\\_report\\_C.pdf?1243336176](http://www.demos.co.uk/files/Demos_stitch_in_time_report_C.pdf?1243336176)**

### Understanding the Role of Skills, Learning and Knowledge for Sustainable Communities

This paper provides a summary of the key issues emerging from a one year project jointly funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Academy for Sustainable communities (ASC) at the BRASS research centre on 'Motivating, Engaging, Leading and Supporting Skills and Knowledge for Sustainable Communities - Applying Models of Sustainable Localised Economies'. A key aim of the research was to gain a better understanding of the role of skills, knowledge and learning for sustainable communities. The evidence suggests that there is a need to move beyond an abstract discussion of skills and universally applicable skills sets. **The paper is available at [http://www.brass.cf.ac.uk/uploads/WP51Sustainable\\_Communities.pdf](http://www.brass.cf.ac.uk/uploads/WP51Sustainable_Communities.pdf)**

### Office for National Statistics Annual Abstract of Statistics 2009

This publication contains statistics on the UK's economy, industry, society and demography presented in easy to read tables and backed up with explanatory notes and definitions. It covers the following areas: parliamentary elections; international development; defence; population and vital statistics; education; labour market; personal income, expenditure and wealth; health; social protection; crime and justice; lifestyles; environment; housing; transport and communications; national accounts; prices; government finance; external trade and investment; research and development; agriculture, fisheries and food; production; banking and insurance and service industry. **The publication is available at [http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme\\_compendia/AA2009/AA09Webversion.pdf](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_compendia/AA2009/AA09Webversion.pdf)**

### Talentmap

Employers can now get more comprehensive, practical help and information to boost the skills of their workforce than ever before, thanks to the launch of Talentmap - a unique framework that provides a single view of the entire education, employment and skills landscape in clear, simple language. An associated online tool helps

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employers and their advisers navigate the maze of education, employment and skills programmes across the UK to find the publicly-funded help and support they need. Talentmap has been developed with employers for employers, supported by the UK Commission for Employment and Skills and a broad coalition of partners including representatives from business organisations and governments in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. **Talentmap is available at <http://www.talentmap.ukces.org.uk/UKTalentMap/home.do>**

#### **Understanding the Compliance Costs of Benefits and Tax Credits**

This report, from the Institute of Fiscal Studies, describes a scoping study to understand more about the nature of the 'costs of compliance' that claimants of social security benefits and (personal) tax credits incur, and discusses possible ways of measuring such costs. 'Costs of compliance' refers to the costs - time, money and psychological costs - that are imposed on applicants for, and recipients of, benefits and tax credits and on others by meeting all the various requirements placed on them by social security and tax credit law and statutory authorities. The main purpose in this report is to make the case for taking compliance costs into account in considering the impact of, and changes to, benefits and tax credits. **The report is available at <http://www.ifs.org.uk/publications/4558>**

#### **Vicious Cycles: Sustained employment and welfare reform for the next decade**

This report, from the Social Market Foundation, focuses on the direction of welfare reform for the next decade. Within six months of leaving Jobseeker's Allowance for work, 40% of claimants are back on benefits. This vicious cycle is costly to both the individuals themselves and to the taxpayer. Rising unemployment will make these problems still more pressing. The existing system does little to identify those stuck in revolving door employment, despite the fact that these people clearly have unmet support needs. Meanwhile, the most disadvantaged jobseekers usually have to wait for 12 months before they receive intensive employment support. This waiting period reinforces jobseekers' disengagement from the labour market, raising the ultimate costs of helping them into work and adding to the benefit bill. **The report is available at [http://www.smf.co.uk/vicious\\_cycles.html](http://www.smf.co.uk/vicious_cycles.html)**

#### **There's Only One of Me: Single parents, welfare reform and the real world**

This report from Gingerbread criticises the Government's plans to cut the benefits of single parents who do not take part in "work related activity" to Jobcentre Plus deadlines. The report draws on interviews with 200 single parents - professionals, part-time workers and stay-at-home parents. It reveals the gulf between the Government's rhetoric on "empowerment" via reform and the reality of life as a single parent managing the difficult balance of work and parenting alone. **The report is available at [http://www.gingerbread.org.uk/portal/pls/portal/!PORTAL.wwpob\\_page.show?\\_docname=364170.PDF](http://www.gingerbread.org.uk/portal/pls/portal/!PORTAL.wwpob_page.show?_docname=364170.PDF)**

#### **Below the Breadline: A year in the life of families in poverty**

This research by Barnardo's has found that families living in poverty have to turn to expensive and unaffordable loan companies to survive. The report states that many poor families live in areas of high unemployment and when the cash coming in doesn't meet their needs they don't have access to low interest loans because they're seen by high street banks as too risky. **The report is available at <http://www.barnardos.org.uk/belowthebreadlinereport>**

#### **Understanding the Risks of Social Exclusion across the Life Course**

The Understanding the Risks of Social Exclusion across the Life Course research project comprises four studies that map the risk of social exclusion among people and families at key life stages. This research from the Universities of Bristol and York and from the National Centre for Social Research explores the risks of social exclusion among people and families across four key life stages: children and families; youth and young adulthood; working age without dependent children; and older age. **The reports of the research are available on the Social Exclusion Task Force's website at [http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/social\\_exclusion\\_task\\_force/life-course.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/social_exclusion_task_force/life-course.aspx)**

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## CAPITAL CITY PARTNERSHIP

### Capital City Partnership

is a partnership of key statutory, voluntary and community agencies in the city working together to promote social inclusion and achieve social justice for the people of Edinburgh. We exist to find creative and sustainable solutions to overcome social exclusion and to promote joined up governance in the city. For further details about Capital City Partnership please go to the website at <http://www.capitalcitypartnership.org> or contact us at the address below.

### Alternative Formats

The Capital City Partnership Social Inclusion e-zine is distributed monthly by e-mail in PDF and text-only Word formats. Large text, braille, audio copies and community language translations are available on request by contacting Gillian Baxter, Information Worker, on 0131 270 6040. The e-zine is also available either in PDF format or as a text-only Word file, on the Capital City Partnership website at <http://www.capitalcitypartnership.org>

### Forthcoming Copy Deadline & Mailing List

The Capital City Partnership Social Inclusion e-zine is usually published on the first Monday of each month but, due to the holiday period, there will be no September issue. The next issue will, therefore, be available on **Monday 5th October** and any information for inclusion, along with contact details, should be submitted to [gillianbaxter@capitalcitypartnership.org](mailto:gillianbaxter@capitalcitypartnership.org) under the heading 'CCP e-zine contribution' by **Friday 25th September** and should be relevant to the publication date.

If you would like to be added or removed from our mailing list please send an e-mail to [gillianbaxter@capitalcitypartnership.org](mailto:gillianbaxter@capitalcitypartnership.org) with the heading 'CCP e-zine mailing list'.

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