

social inclusion news

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Climate Change MSP Turns the Heat on Carbon Conscious North Edinburgh

New initiatives and new jobs bring the capital's community development trust to the attention of Holyrood's environmentally aware member for the Lothians.

MSP Shirley-Anne Somerville, a member of the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee, visited North Edinburgh on 18th January. She saw work in progress and heard about new jobs, created locally, to help North Edinburgh meet carbon emissions targets.

The Lothians member was a guest of social enterprise charity, the North Edinburgh Trust, and she witnessed some of the pioneering work being done to help families cut their fuel bills; make life more comfortable and healthier; and play their part in helping reduce carbon emissions. The Trust is also eager to appoint a team of Energy Advisors, drawn from the local community, to help individuals and families gain the most from these environmental initiatives.

The North Edinburgh Trust has been instrumental in bringing Climate Challenge Fund resources to the area, where many family homes are in the front line for



improved insulation and fuel efficiency. Chief Executive, Jackie McKenna, informed Shirley-Anne Somerville that, even in the face of tightened budgets, they plan to bring significant savings for families and the environment, and brand new green jobs to the area.

Jackie McKenna explained, "Every household in North Edinburgh could help cut carbon emissions and make real savings for families at the same time. We need to get that message out to everyone, and that's what the Energy Advisor team will help us do."

"The North Edinburgh Trust's own research has shown that households in the area can benefit from energy use reductions of up to almost half and make huge savings on their costs, banishing for many the threat of fuel poverty".

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Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP (centre) is welcomed by North Edinburgh Trust Chairwoman Betty McVay MBE (left) and Chief Executive Jackie McKenna, on the occasion of her visit on 18th January, to review climate challenge initiatives implemented by the community development charity.

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Jackie McKenna showed her guest that making North Edinburgh more carbon efficient is a big task but the potential benefits to the environment, lifestyle and the economy represent an even bigger dividend.

On seeing the work being done by North Edinburgh Trust to tackle climate change, Shirley-Anne Somerville said, *"Scotland has set some very ambitious targets for cutting carbon emissions, and only if communities get involved will these targets be reached. It's great to see that the Scottish Government's 'Climate Challenge Fund' is being put to such good use. It's also very positive that the Trust sees climate change not only as a challenge but also as an opportunity for the community – looking to create jobs, reduce energy bills for local people and help keep them warm in winter."*

With success already achieved in bringing greater community involvement in decision making, and raising training and education opportunities, North Edinburgh Trust is confident that tackling climate change can be a positive opportunity to develop assets for the community.

For further information, please contact North Edinburgh Trust on 0131 625 0045 or visit their website at <http://www.netrust.co.uk>



More Choices, More Chances on Film

The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) has produced films of two projects that are supporting young people described as (or are at risk of) not being in education, employment or training. With contributions from teachers, tutors, youth workers, employers and learners, the films show how SQA qualifications are being delivered through flexible approaches to assessment, delivery and partnership work.

The **Job Education Training (JET) Programme** in Edinburgh is the cornerstone of the City of Edinburgh Council's More Choices, More Chances strategy in respect of the pre-16 agenda. The JET film highlights effective practice in assisting young people through a vocational education programme which focuses on the skills required by employers to work in a modern work environment. This includes IT, Business Administration and Customer Service. The JET Programme is aligned to Curriculum for Excellence and enables schools to focus on the development of the four capacities.

The **Three Towns' Motor Project** is a youth project run by North Ayrshire Council's Community Learning and Development Youth Services which works in partnership with a number of organisations, agencies and learning providers. The film of the project focuses on strategies for engaging young people, the learner perspective and the overarching youth-work principles which the project has adopted. The Three Towns' Motor Project regards the overall success of the project and their youth-work approach as key to young people going back into the school environment, then moving on to college or further learning opportunities.

You can view or download both films from the SQA's More Choices, More Chances web page at <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/35595.html>

Lottery Supports Young Scots through Tough Times

Hundreds of young people across Edinburgh and the Lothians who are leaving care or are at risk of homelessness are the focus of a £1.5 million investment of Lottery funding.

In Edinburgh three organisations (Streetwork UK, Edinburgh Cyrenian Trust and Barnardo's Scotland) are set to benefit from the funding from the Big Lottery Fund which is part of a wider £10 million package of grants for 21 youth projects across Scotland.

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On announcing the awards from BIG's Life Transition scheme, Big Lottery Fund Scotland Chair, Alison Magee said: *"Fighting the risk of homelessness and leaving the care system are just two of the major issues affecting many young people, not only in Edinburgh, but throughout Scotland. I am delighted that our investment of £1.5 million will enable three Edinburgh based organisations to help even more young people to tackle and overcome these real life problems. This, in turn, will help to break down some of the emotional and physical barriers that often prevent them from reaching their full potential."*

Stresses and tensions in families can sometimes come to a head resulting in teenagers feeling they can no longer live in the family home. Edinburgh Cyrenian Trust received an award of £189,692 to help address this issue by working closely with young people under 16 and their families. The project will provide mediation and support services which will help to prevent young people from leaving home suddenly which in turn can increase their risk of becoming homeless.

Pam Orchard, Assistant Director, said: *"I am delighted that our Big Lottery Fund application has been successful. This money will help families to resolve the arguments and problems at home that lead to young people leaving in the heat of the moment, only to face homelessness and isolation from their family. We will also be able to develop some of our new ideas to help the young people deal with conflict and anger in positive ways, enabling them to learn communication skills which can be used throughout their lives; in the workplace, in volunteering and maybe with their own children."*

Young people leaving the care system will receive additional support to help them live independently, thanks to an award of £462,468. Streetwork UK will work with key local agencies to provide young people aged between 14 and 25 with one to one support and an outreach and an advisory service.

Claire Gibson, Head of Services, said: *"Through our Edinburgh Streetwork Support Team (ESIST) we will work with 14 – 25 year olds who are leaving care or have left care and are at risk of becoming homeless. We will provide one to one support for young people and outreach to those who are hardest to reach on the streets of Edinburgh."*

"The ESIST project will complement current provision in Edinburgh and our current services to young people in Streetwork and enable the young person to navigate the transition from local authority care to independent living as a young adult. We will also support, guide, advocate and broker on behalf of each young person to guarantee that they receive the services they need."

A new and innovative project from Barnardo's Scotland, which will provide much needed supported accommodation to 16 and 17 year old care leavers, will now get underway, thanks to a grant of £848,070. The project will recruit 20 supported carers who will provide young people, who are not yet ready to live independently, with supported lodgings. The young people, who will live in the carers' homes, will then be supported by the carer to develop household skills such as basic cooking, laundry, cleaning, budgeting and routine domestic chores. They will also be there for the young people in periods of crisis to encourage them to lead healthy lives, build social networks and engage in education, training, employment or voluntary work.

Neil Squires, Scotland Assistant Director Children's Services, said: *"Barnardo's Scotland is delighted to have been awarded funding from the Big Lottery Fund. This will allow us, in partnership with City of Edinburgh, East, West and Midlothian Councils to establish a Supported Carers Scheme."*

New Employability Support Workers Accredited Training Survey

Employability support is an increasingly important sector in Scotland, and as the support becomes more holistic to address a wider range of needs and barriers, the work and skills required to deliver support have become more complex. A great

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deal of good practice has been developed over the years, and to both recognise employability support as a profession and spread good practice effectively, the Scottish Government's Employability Team would like to explore the scope for the development of a national employability support workers' training programme, with associated qualifications as required.

The aim for any future training programme/qualification development would be to:

- be nationally accessible
- provide nationally recognised modules that are transferable between learning institutions to create packages of learning and qualifications
- be practically driven so learners use their new skills and knowledge at work as they learn
- build on good practice and existing learning and experience
- be designed to fit the needs of learners, employers and, ultimately the Scottish economy and workless population.

In order to research the feasibility of such an initiative Light on the Path Consultancy are undertaking some research on behalf of the Scottish Government's Employability Team. Light on the Path have developed a survey in order to identify and explore the needs, demand and known supply of learning in the area of employability support. The findings will be used to inform the potential development of a qualification in close collaboration with the academic community and other learning providers.

The survey is available at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2BVJZMR> and will take around 10 minutes to complete. For further information or to discuss involvement, please contact Sabrina Allison, Director, Light on the Path on 07903 93078 or e-mail sabrina@lightontheath.co.uk

Shakti Women's Aid Training

Shakti Women's Aid is an organisation based in Edinburgh, working since 1986 to offer support, advocacy and information to all black/minority ethnic women, children and young people experiencing and/or fleeing domestic abuse from: partners/husband; ex-partners; other family members.

Shakti have organised two training events for the first quarter of 2010, as follows:

Domestic Abuse and BME Women and their Children

9.30 am – 4.30 pm, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB

Thursday 11th February

Thursday 4th March

Wednesday 10th March

This training offers an opportunity for frontline staff in the voluntary and statutory sector to look at:

- The link between domestic abuse and Culture, Community and Faith;
- Different forms of honour based violence;
- Barriers that BME women and children face in accessing services;
- Good practice guidelines.

Cost: £12 per delegate

Domestic Abuse and BME Children & Young People

Thursday 4th February – Edinburgh (venue tbc)

Thursday 25th February - West Lothian (venue tbc)

Thursday 11th March – Midlothian (venue tbc)

Thurs 25th March - Woods Centre, 100 Westburn Gardens, Edinburgh EH14 2TB



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This training is an opportunity for staff working with children and young people to:

- Gain greater understanding of how domestic and culture-based abuse affects black minority ethnic (BME) children and young people;
- Explore the definitions of domestic abuse as stated in current Scottish domestic abuse strategies and understand how issues of culture impact on this definition;
- Know more about local support agencies including Shakti Women's Aid;
- Embed good practice guidelines.

Cost: £5 per delegate

To book a place, please complete the appropriate registration form for each training event, available at <http://www.shaktiedinburgh.co.uk/training&events.html>.

For further information, please phone 0131 475 2399 or e-mail info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk

On a Winning Streak

Edinburgh Chamber's Craigmillar Business Incubator Project (CBIP) has been awarded the 'Highly Commended' certificate in the 'Partnership' category of the 2009 SURF Awards, recognising and promoting successful regeneration initiatives in Scotland.

The overall objective of SURF (Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum) is to improve the health and wellbeing of residents in Scotland's disadvantaged communities. The network aims to be the primary arena for debate on community regeneration in Scotland and the SURF Awards acknowledge excellence in regeneration work.

The judges agreed that CBIP provides an excellent example of partnership working, leading to demonstrable results. The innovative approach of part-funding the centre through property leases has helped the centre to be sustainable, and has led to the creation of 859 start-ups in an 8 year period with a business survival rate of over 70%. The approach, which the centre has pioneered, is now being extended across other parts of Edinburgh, further demonstrating the sustainability of the model for the future.

For more information about the Craigmillar Business Incubator, call 0844 736 2992 or e-mail customerservices@edinburghchamber.co.uk

Supported Employment for People with Learning Difficulties Training Events

The Scottish Government has been developing a National Framework for Supported Employment. The following are details of training events that, in partnership, ENABLE Scotland, Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability and Values Into Action Scotland are running to help anyone involved in the field of supported employment for people with learning disabilities.

The aim is to help you meet the framework requirements. By combining the efforts of each organisation, this comprehensive package of training is offered at a greatly reduced cost.

Vocational Profiling

**9.30am – 4pm, 26th February 2010
Adelphi Centre, 12 Commercial Road, Glasgow**

A one day course for anyone who wants to help people with learning disabilities to find paid work. With a good mix of theory and practical exercises, this course will cover



Susan Harkins and Linda Fenwick from Craigmillar Business Incubator Project receiving the SURF Award from Alex Neil MSP

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everything you should do to help someone to identify their 'ideal job'. An introduction to negotiating the benefits system is included.

Reduced Rate: £100

Systematic Instruction Strategies (On/Off the Job Support)

9.30am – 4pm, 22nd-25th March 2010

Adelphi Centre, 12 Commercial Road, Glasgow

A four day course for anyone who wants to help people with learning disabilities to find paid work. This will cover everything that you need to know to successfully support someone in a job, including preparing for someone to start work; encouraging co-workers to be involved in support; effective training strategies and problem solving when methods aren't working.

Reduced Rate: £400

Career Planning (Aftercare)

9.30 – 4pm, 20th April 2010

Adelphi Centre, 12 Commercial Road, Glasgow

A one day course for anyone who wants to help people with learning disabilities to find paid work. This course will help you to build a career planning structure and review process which encourages the person's continuous employment development. There will also be an opportunity to discuss general supported employment practice issues and work out solutions.

Reduced Rate: £100

To book a place on any of the above training courses, please contact John Somerville, Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability, on 0141 418 5420 or john.s@sclid.co.uk or for more information, contact Cath Hurrell on 0141 226 4541 or Norma Curran on 0141 587 2487. Further information and online booking is also available at <http://www.sclid.org.uk>



The Childcare Academy Celebrates 100 into Employment

Farzana Tabassam joined the Childcare Academy in August 2009 and after completing her pre-employment training, progressed into a work placement in Doune Terrace Nursery with her Food Hygiene and First Aid certificate in hand. Within weeks, her potential was recognised and she was offered a job.

Farzana is the 100th student to progress into work through North Edinburgh Childcare's Childcare Academy programme. Her achievement represents the accomplishment of a significant milestone for the Childcare Academy and reinforces the positive impact that the initiative continues to have in supporting the local childcare workforce to recruit new staff into the sector.

The owner of Doune Terrace Nursery, Maureen Crandles commented that "Farzana is bringing new ideas and enthusiasm to the baby room. For Eid she treated us to wonderful samosas and pakoras and our school children had beautifully decorated henna designs on their hands. Her cultural influence has enabled us to celebrate different festivals. We are grateful to North Edinburgh Childcare Academy for choosing our nursery to place an excellent student".

Farzana is released from work one morning per week to attend underpinning knowledge tutorials at the Childcare Academy where she continues to work towards the completion of her SVQ Level 2 in Children's Care Learning and Development. Farzana is really enjoying her Childcare Academy experience and has found all of the

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staff to be highly supportive, nurturing and knowledgeable.

Farzana is still in the early stages of her Childcare Academy journey, however, Eric Cowan's Childcare Academy journey started way back in September 2006. Before becoming unemployed, Eric was a motor mechanic who had to pursue an alternative career for health reasons. Eric's ultimate goal at the onset of his journey was to work with children who have additional needs. After attaining his SVQ Level 2 and employment through the Childcare Academy programme, Eric secured his dream job in Oakland's School working with children who have additional needs. He has since undertaken and achieved his SVQ Level 3 also with North Edinburgh Childcare and Eric said, "I have only praise and admiration for the staff at the Childcare Academy as I wouldn't be in the job I am doing now if it wasn't for the teaching, help and support of the Academy staff".

Farzana and Eric's experiences demonstrate the value of the Childcare Academy programme in supporting unemployed people to access sustainable jobs and supporting childcare employers to alleviate the recruitment and retention difficulties historically experienced by the sector.

For more information about the Childcare Academy, please contact Barbara Webster on 0131 311 6926.

Working Capital - Latest Issue now Available

The January edition of 'Working Capital', the Joined Up For Jobs magazine, is available to view on the Joined Up For Jobs website at <http://www.joinedupforjobs.org.uk/working-capital-magazine.html> along with all back issues of the magazine.

The latest edition includes articles on:

- Access to Industry's Creative Industries programme
- Young Enterprise Guide project
- Joined Up For Jobs Customer Charter
- Business Gateway start-up support
- benefits and challenges of childminding

To be on the mailing list for future editions please register at http://www.joinedupforjobs.org.uk/our_network.html



Drake Music Scotland Secures People's Millions Victory

Drake Music Scotland's TRACS project in Craigmillar has been announced as the people's choice to win a People's Millions grant. The good cause cash of £48,782 comes from the Big Lottery Fund's People's Millions TV contest.

This is the fifth year that the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) and ITV have given the public the chance to vote on where Lottery good cause cash goes in their region. Eight groups across STV Central had the chance to win up to £50,000 for projects that will enhance their local communities, with a total funding pot of up to £250,000. Each night from 23 to 26 November, two projects from STV Central were featured on the regional evening news in a one-to-one showdown to secure the most public votes and win a slice of the cash.

Drake Music Scotland create opportunities for people with disabilities to make music. The TRACS project will give Drake Music Scotland's musicians the chance to write and play and record their music by fitting out the studio with the best sound recording equipment possible to do justice to all their excellent musical ideas and talents.

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The musicians will be able to make CDs to share with friends and family, get their stuff out there on the airwaves and on the internet so it has a much wider impact. The funds will be used to run some recording projects with people who haven't had the chance to make music and record.

As Drake Music Scotland explained, *"There are many disabled people here in Craigmillar, and the city of Edinburgh, who are hugely talented. Music has this fantastic power to transform lives – it's something that everyone enjoys. Having the opportunity to record a CD means you can say 'I made that!'"*

"It involves a lot of concentration to get it sounding right, and gives you a massive sense of achievement when you've done it. We want to get all this great music out there and let these kids' voices be heard – which in this digital age should be an opportunity that's open to everyone."

Further information on Drake Music Scotland is available on their website at <http://www.drakemusicscotland.org> or e-mail info@drakemusicscotland.org



Putting Community Development into Community Safety

**Monday 22nd March 2010
Renfield Centre, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JP**

The national outcomes agreed by the Scottish Government and COSLA include:

- We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger, but also:
- We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.

Much good work has been done to build community safety partnerships and community engagement in safety issues. But can community development make a more fundamental contribution to enhancing people's safety and perceptions of safety? This conference looks at how we can foster the ability of communities to:

- Help people to look out for each other and their safety
- Tackle problems that lie at the root of disorder and other threats to safety
- Reach out to and integrate vulnerable groups
- Have the confidence to understand the safety issues that they face in an accurate and proportionate way.

Speakers include:

- Fergus Ewing MSP, Minister for Community Safety
- Detective Chief Superintendent John Carnochan, Violence Reduction Unit
Violence reduction – a public health issue
- Jon Bannister, Senior Lecturer/Network Leader (Communities and Crime)
the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research, Glasgow University
Community development and best practice in community safety

The conference is organised by Community Development Alliance Scotland in association with Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN).

Further information and booking details are available at <http://www.communitydevelopmentalliancescotland.org/newsEvents.asp>

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SURF Annual Conference 2010

Sustaining and Reinventing Community Regeneration
24th and 25th March, Edinburgh

In a time of economic inactivity, dramatic reductions in public spending and rising levels of unemployment and poverty, the focus of all our regeneration efforts should be on practical, pro-active and cooperative responses to the very real threat of substantial degeneration across the board.

This key Scottish regeneration event will look squarely at the challenges ahead; but its concentrated and constructive focus will be on linking people, projects and practice across the Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum (SURF) network to examine the real opportunities for supporting more sustainable community regeneration in this time of change.

In cooperation with the Public Policy Network of the University of Edinburgh, the first day of the conference will link Scotland's extensive regeneration oriented academic resources with the practical challenges at hand for practitioners and policy-makers.

The second day will focus on cooperation in policy and practice. Key speakers, debates, presentations and panel sessions will link the policy process to the realities of delivering positive change in Scotland's most disadvantaged communities. In doing so, SURF will showcase the assets and resources that are at hand to support and sustain regeneration, despite the increasingly difficult economic climate and related challenges.

Key speakers confirmed so far include:

- Alex Neil MSP, Scottish Government Minister for Housing and Communities
- Prof. Duncan MacLennan, international expert on housing and regeneration (University of St. Andrews)
- Prof. Greg Lloyd, Professor of Urban Planning, University of Belfast
- Jim McFarlane, Managing Director of Operations, Scottish Enterprise
- Dominic Munro, Head of Communities Analytical Services, Scottish Government

A full programme and details of how to book are available on the SURF website at <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/events/default.asp?ItemID=1099>

SNAP! - Support for voluntary community representatives

The Scottish Government is providing support to SURF for the SURF Network Access Programme (SNAP). The SNAP project will enable voluntary community activists to attend events organised by SURF. The programme will cover event fees, travel and subsistence costs incurred in attending.

The SNAP project is open to all voluntary community activists involved with regeneration in Scotland. If you would like to register for the SNAP contacts list and receive information about forthcoming SURF events, a registration form is available from the SURF website at <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/knowledge/faqs.asp?Itemid=230>. Alternatively, please do not hesitate to contact Derek Rankine, Events and Communications Officer, SURF on tel: 0141 585 6879 or e-mail: derek@scotregen.co.uk



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PUBLICATIONS

How Inequality Damages all of Us - SURF 2009 Annual Lecture

The 2009 SURF Annual Lecture was delivered by Professor Kate Pickett in the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh. Prof. Pickett is a senior lecturer in epidemiology at the University of York, and co-wrote the highly successful book 'The Spirit Level: Why More Equal Societies Almost Always Do Better' with Prof. Richard Wilkinson in 2009. Prof. Pickett used the lecture to present the compelling research evidence from her book, which shows that a wide variety of social problems are more likely to occur in less equal societies. She also outlined The Equality Trust campaign that is based on the research. **A transcript of the lecture is available at <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/knowledge/events.asp?sid=3>**

An Uncertain Mix: Equality and Scottish Devolution

In 2009, Scotland celebrated ten years of devolution. Equality is a founding principle of the Scottish Parliament and successive Scottish governments have set out their vision for a fair and inclusive Scotland. Ten years on we ask: has devolution helped achieve a fairer Scotland and what are the opportunities for strengthening progress towards equality in the future? To explore these questions and ensure that equality features in the current debate on the future of Scottish devolution, the Equality and Human Rights Commission in Scotland presents two commissioned research reports and a discussion paper:

- An uncertain mix: equality and Scottish devolution – Equality and Human Rights Commission
- Equal opportunities and the Scottish Parliament: a progress review - Rona Fitzgerald, Fitzgerald Associates
- The place of equal opportunities in the devolution settlement: a legal analysis - Colm O'Cinneide, UCL

This research suggests that the Scottish Parliament's impact in tackling inequality over the last ten years, while positive, has been limited. Identified barriers to progress include uncertainty about the scope of devolved equal opportunity powers and limited accountability and scrutiny. Also explored are current debates about whether the Scottish Parliament should have greater powers in this area and the implications for equality of different forms of constitutional change in Scotland. **The reports and paper are available at <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/scotland/research-in-scotland/an-uncertain-mix-equality-and-scottish-devolution/>**

Devolution's Impact on People and Places in Poverty

Despite falling poverty and improving employment levels in devolved countries, most significant progress has been down to reserved (UK) powers. For the tenth anniversary of devolution, a series of reports and seminars from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation explored policy developments in four areas: housing and homelessness; employment; neighbourhood regeneration; and long-term care for older people. The research did demonstrate the success of particular devolved policies such as social care and regeneration. Some of the key findings are that:

- Ten years of devolution coincided mostly with falling levels of poverty and improving employment rates across the UK, particularly in Scotland and the North East of England. However, these reflected wider economic trends and policies reserved to Westminster.
- The gap between parts of the UK faring best and worst narrowed on most indicators but widened for early mortality, with the devolved countries improving least.
- Many devolved policies will need longer than ten years to make an impact, while others need to be applied on a bigger scale.

The findings are available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/impact-of-devolution>

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Cities Outlook 2010

Cities Outlook 2010 finds that, as we move out of recession, the UK will face an uneven recovery. Already-robust city economies like Brighton are more likely to grow stronger, leaving others like Doncaster further behind. This raises tough questions about how they can carve out a future that's economically sustainable. Edinburgh is one of the five cities highlighted as having the right ingredients to succeed after the recession has passed, due to the strong private sectors, high levels of entrepreneurship, highly educated workforces and large shares of knowledge-intensive jobs. **The report is available at <http://www.centreforcities.org/index.php?id=1060>**

Learning Point 50: Growing Up in Scotland: Using evidence in practice

This Learning Point was developed from an event held by the Community Regeneration and Tackling Poverty Learning Network in September 2009 in conjunction with the Scottish Centre for Social Research. It brought together a range of practitioners with an interest in early years development and the practical use of data to evidence outcomes. **The Learning Point is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/01/15143009/0>**

Learning Point 55: Financial Inclusion: Can you afford not to?

This Learning Point was developed from discussions at an event in November 2009, focusing on financial inclusion. The event was jointly hosted by the Scottish Government and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Financial Inclusion Champions Team, and was supported by the Financial Services Authority. **The Learning Point is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/01/15143113/0>**

Learning Point 49: Delivering Regeneration in a New Context: Policy and practice

This learning point was developed from an event held by the Community Regeneration and Tackling Poverty Learning Network in conjunction with the Community Planning Network. The event took place in August 2009 to discuss the delivery of regeneration in light of the end of the Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) ring fence in March 2010 and the continuation of anti poverty/regeneration activities in a difficult economic climate. **The Learning Point is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/12/10131626/0>**

Health Works: A Review of the Scottish Government's Healthy Working Lives Strategy

Ill-health in the working-age population has been estimated to cost the British economy £100 billion a year in lost productivity, lost tax and increased health and welfare costs. There is a clear, growing body of evidence to show that improving the health and wellbeing of the working-age population of Scotland will increase sustainable economic growth, particularly through improved business productivity. The approach of the Health Works actions is to ensure that health is not a barrier to work for as many people as possible, so that they can contribute to, and share in, the economic prosperity of Scotland. The review has been carried out in the context of Dame Carol Black's review of the health of Britain's working-age population. **The report is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/12/11095000/0>**

Monitoring Poverty and Social Exclusion 2009

This is the annual report on the state of poverty and social exclusion in the United Kingdom from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the New Policy Institute. Each report, using official government data, is built around a set of 50 indicators. The analysis covers a wide range of issues, ranging from low income, worklessness and debt, to ill-health, poor education and problems in communities. While the recession has certainly had an impact, the report shows that several key indicators, particularly regarding low income, unemployment and debt, were already getting worse well before the recession began. In addition, many indicators have improved, notably in health and education. **The report is available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/monitoring-poverty-2009>**

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British Social Attitudes 26th Report

Every year the British Social Attitudes survey, carried out by the National Centre for Social Research, asks around 3000 people what it's like to live in Britain and how they think Britain is run. The survey tracks people's changing social, political and moral attitudes and informs the development of public policy. **The findings from the 26th report are available at <http://www.natcen.ac.uk/study/british-social-attitudes-26th-report/findings>**

Building Britain's Recovery: Achieving Full Employment

This Department for Work and Pensions' White Paper restates the Government's response to the recession and signals the start of the programme to return to full employment. **The paper is available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/welfare-reform/legislation-and-key-documents/building-britains-recovery/>**

Learning from the Past: Tackling worklessness and the social impacts of the recession

This report from the Social Exclusion Task Force outlines how previous recessions have resulted in not just rising unemployment, but also increases in crime, mental health problems and family and relationship breakdown. It highlights the social impacts of previous recessions and how this time round despite steeper falls in GDP, labour market effects have been less severe than in the past. **The report is available at http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/social_exclusion_task_force/short_studies/downturn.aspx?email=yes**

Work, Recovery and Inclusion – Delivering mental health and employment

People with mental health conditions can and do work. However, the proportion of people who are employed who have severe mental health conditions compared to other groups is unacceptably low, despite a high proportion of people saying that they would like to work. Work, Recovery and Inclusion is a new government delivery strategy that sets out a series of actions that will help meet the aspirations of people in contact with secondary mental health services who want to work. It is deliberately challenging and aspirational and aims to bring about significant changes in outcomes. The strategy looks to a future where people who are in contact with secondary mental health services are helped to get jobs, where they are equally valued for their contributions to the workplace, and where having a mental health condition is not seen as a barrier to work. **The report is available at http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/social_exclusion_task_force/psa/supporting_delivery/work-recovery-inclusion.aspx**

Getting On: Well-being in later life

There is a lively policy debate about later life, dominated by how to improve pensions and social care, and who will foot the bill. But there is much less information about people's experiences of growing older: their quality of life, their expectations and their emotional wellbeing. The Institute for Public Policy Research's work on 'the politics of ageing' seeks to plug this gap, and, further, to place a clearer focus on inequalities in older people's wellbeing. This report sets out a wider agenda for policymakers and practitioners. It reviews UK policies for older people and international practice, as well as the priorities of older people in urban versus rural locations. It concludes with recommendations for action, which signal a fresh approach to later life and seek to challenge outdated assumptions. **The report is available at <http://www.ippr.org.uk/publicationsandreports/publication.asp?id=719>**

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