

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.

Building New Communities in Edinburgh's Old Town

Some of the most vulnerable and marginalised people in Edinburgh will soon have a new place to call home in the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town, where they can drop in for advice, support or even just a hot cup of tea.

The Greyfriars Tolbooth & Highland Kirk has been awarded a grant of £375,000 from the Big Lottery Fund, the largest of the National Lottery good cause distributors, to contribute to the building of a new purpose built drop in centre which will occupy a key position on Candlemaker Row.

Once completed the centre will allow people with a range of needs to come for help, advice and support at different stages of their lives and will house a drop in facility, training kitchen, meeting space, theatre and arts space and a workshop supporting a woodworking social enterprise. Traditionally the group has worked with people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless but they also work with people who have mental health issues and those experiencing long-term unemployment, who will also be welcome in the new building.

Richard Frazer, Minister at Greyfriars and Chair of Grassroots Steering Group, said: *"This grant from the Big Lottery Fund was the most wonderful news imaginable. To have won the financial support to make this project a reality is a sign that the commitment to an inclusive and integrated society is a reality. The new home for our work will be a huge source of encouragement and inspiration to our many service users. Many in our wider community have houses but are still without a home. They struggle with loneliness, poverty and boredom and are often vulnerable to many other problems. This money will help to provide us with the space in which to create a host of new and imaginative initiatives that will overcome isolation, lack of inspiration and low self esteem and bring success and fulfillment within the reach of many."*

Big Lottery Fund Scotland Chair, Alison Magee, said: *"This funding will mean that many adults will be able to use the centre as a focal point to help them cope with major changes and challenges in their lives."*

"The money will help to provide a home for those who often struggle to create one and will offer friendship and a chance to re-engage in the community as well as provide opportunities to develop new skills and a sense of self worth. I am also delighted that the project will be working with the wider community by offering volunteering opportunities which will renew and reinvigorate this part of the city."

For further information contact Landa Rolland at the Big Lottery Fund Scotland Press Office on 0141 242 1458.

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Community Renewal - Transforming Muirhouse

Capital City Partnership in collaboration with Community Renewal Ltd is developing a new employment project in Muirhouse, North Edinburgh, funded by Edinburgh City Jobs Strategy. This will provide a fresh approach to local regeneration, employment and improved health and wellbeing using a combination of methods including home visits and community work. Community Renewal has a good track record of helping to transform neighbourhoods. Enthusiastic staff are sought for the new locally based team.

Co-ordinator

Salary: £26,000 - £29,000

Key tasks include leading and managing the team in outreach work. Proven experience of project and staff management is essential. Good negotiating skills and the ability to liaise with a wide range of agencies. Knowledge of the needs of the target group and experience of direct support to them is required, as are IT and reporting skills.

Community Employment Workers

Salary: £16,000 - £18,000

Key tasks include outreach work, support for groups and individuals, advice and guidance. Knowledge of the needs of the target group and a non judgemental approach is required. Full and part time positions offered.

Health Case Manager

Salary: £26,000 - £29,000

Supporting people with health and personal needs to access appropriate services. Educated to degree level in a relevant discipline with qualifications in counselling or equivalent, good knowledge of health and social support services and a passion for person-centred support is required. This offered part time or sessional/self employed.

Administrator

Salary: £16,000 - £17,000

Excellent IT skills. Must be proficient in Access, Word and Excel. Ability to work on own initiative and prioritise workloads. Part time position.

For an information pack contact:

Community Renewal

61 Ivanhoe Road

Paisley PA2 0JZ

Tel: 01505 810309

or download the information pack at <http://www.communityrenewal.org.uk>

Closing date: Tuesday 11th March 2008

Only short listed applicants will be contacted.

Inspiring Scotland Launched with Government Backing of Over £9 Million

Inspiring Scotland, a new and exciting opportunity for charities, was launched in January. Up to £10 million a year over the next seven to ten years will be invested through its first fund which is targeted at improving the lives of young people. The Scottish Government is investing more than £9 million over the next three years, and this will be used alongside support from other investors. This is the first time in the world that a venture philanthropy approach has grown from within the voluntary sector itself and will combine resources from public, private and voluntary sectors.



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Developed by Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland, Inspiring Scotland is a new way of delivering strategic, targeted, long term funding to the Scottish voluntary sector. The Scottish Government investment of £9.44 million over the next three years is a strategically significant element of the investment, with individuals, trusts and foundations and businesses also involved. The first issue being targeted is 14-19 year olds who are struggling to make the transition from school to the next stage of their lives. There are approximately 32,000 young people in Scotland who fall into this category at the moment, and they represent a huge loss of potential for the country and their local communities.

Andrew Muirhead, who is leading the development of Inspiring Scotland, said: *"Inspiring Scotland is an exciting new way of using money and skills to improve the lives of Scotland's most vulnerable people. We are working with a range of investors, all driven by a desire for social change. Having Government involvement is vital as we'll be able to deliver more for everyone by linking our work to local and national strategy. We are excited by what we believe we can achieve and absolutely delighted with the support from the Scottish Government, which underlines their commitment to social change. Our aim is to change people's lives for the better through significant long term funding and development support for Scotland's charities."*

Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, said: *"Scotland's people are the powerhouse for progress of Scotland's economy. Scotland needs all its young people to be equipped to play their part in building a sustainable and prosperous economic future for our nation."*

"Too many young people in recent years have not been given the opportunity to succeed in Scotland. We need to find better ways to give these young people more chances and more choices to obtain work, training or continuing education. That's why we're investing in Inspiring Scotland. By providing charities with crucial funding, it will enable more projects to be established that will give young people the help and support, at the right time, to get their lives back on track."

Martin Sime, Chief Executive of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), said: *"Inspiring Scotland is great news for Scottish charities. New and long term investments in the sector's work are timely and very welcome - we wish this new initiative every possible success and hope that it can act as a major influence on how funding and support for the crucial role of the voluntary sector can best be delivered in the future."*

Dr. Rob John, Fellow Oxford's Said Business School and Advisor to the European Venture Philanthropy Association, said: *"This is one of the most exciting approaches to voluntary sector funding I have seen, and it is great news for Scotland. I believe Inspiring Scotland builds on the best of other venture philanthropy models round the world and will deliver something unique."*

Organisations interested in finding out more should call Inspiring Scotland on 0870 428 1982 or look on the website at <http://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk>. There is a two stage proposal process and the deadline for outline proposals is 28th March 2008.

Positive Action in Housing's New Directory - Entries Required

Positive Action in Housing are very excited to let you know that in Autumn 2008 they will be publishing a brand new Scottish-wide Directory of local initiatives, services, projects, groups and organisations that are serving the specific needs of New Migrants, Refugee, Asylum Seeker and Minority Ethnic communities.

They are also launching an online version of the Directory to help service providers engage with all their communities across Scotland.



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Andrew Muirhead, Chief Executive of Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland and Inspiring Scotland



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left to right: Andrew Muirhead, Maureen Watt MSP, Minister for Schools and Skills, and Norman Drummond, Chair of Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland



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If your project, group or organisation (statutory/voluntary/non-profit) provides such services, please help Positive Action in Housing make this Scotland's best ever directory by completing the quick online form at the following link - <http://www.paih.org/directory09>

The deadline for completed forms is Friday 21st March 2008 at 12 noon. If you have any questions or queries, please contact Jamie O'Neill on 0141 353 2220 or directory@paih.org

New Project in Gorgie Dalry gets EverybodyOnline

Local residents of Gorgie Dalry had the opportunity to experience the wonders of the World Wide Web when they attended the EverybodyOnline project launch event at FountainPark Entertainment Centre in Edinburgh.

The event, held at the beginning of February, attracted over 100 local residents and community organisations, and with help from newly recruited volunteers provided them with the opportunity to try out the internet and meet new EverybodyOnline Project Coordinator, Kirsten Cook who is based at the Gorgie Dalry Partnership on Dalry Road.

EverybodyOnline, an initiative from UK charity Citizens Online supported by BT Scotland and local partners: the City of Edinburgh Council, Capital City Partnership and the Gorgie Dalry Partnership, will be working in Gorgie Dalry over the next three years to provide a range of internet related activities to enable local people to learn the benefits of the internet and digital technologies.

The project was officially opened by Councillor Donald Wilson and Director of BT Scotland, Brendan Dick.

Councillor Donald Wilson, former executive member of Edinburgh's 'Smart City' strategy, the 10 year investment programme with BT Scotland to deliver interactive public services using new technologies said: *"This project is quite unique because it will actually encourage citizens who wouldn't otherwise see the benefits, get involved or indeed have access to the new technologies. We have projects at the council such as free internet access at libraries, but you can't just expect people to show up and start using it, people need to be trained how to use it so they can see how the internet can benefit their lives."*

EverybodyOnline volunteers were on hand with a host of internet work stations to show keen members of the public information and learning websites covering topics such as basic internet and computer keyboard tutorials, DIY, eBay and local services and information web pages.

A wide variety of local agencies turned out to offer their services and find out about the EverybodyOnline project as did members of the local community. Silver Surfers, a popular term for older internet users, from Age Concern project ACE IT came along to give their support and one of their members, Margaret Peat, was the lucky winner of a digital camera in the EverybodyOnline prize draw.

One local Gorgie Dalry resident said *"I've learned quite a lot; how to use the browser; how to get into a website. As soon as I saw it advertised I thought I would come along. It has been a great help."*

Stephen Marlow, volunteer with EverybodyOnline commented, *"I was pleased to see how well attended the event was. It looks like we will be kept busy. I found it encouraging that what we are proposing to do is obviously needed. It is seen by the locals as worthwhile and therefore I think it will be very well used."*

EverybodyOnline Project Coordinator, Kirsten Cook said, *"Whatever people's interests are, we want to help people use the practical elements of computers and the*

EverybodyOnline



EverybodyOnline Project Coordinator Kirsten Cook and local Gorgie Dalry resident.

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internet which will improve their lives right away. That's what makes EverybodyOnline unique; instead of signing people up to computing modules, we ask them: "What will help you in your life?... online banking, keeping in touch with friends and family through email, job searching or booking travel and accommodation?"

In the first of their introductory internet sessions, EverybodyOnline are now offering free sessions on 'How to use computers to manage your money', 'Researching family trees online' and 'How to use online local council services'. Additionally, the project will provide volunteering opportunities and relevant ICT skills to improve prospects for future education and employment.

For more information contact EverybodyOnline Project Coordinator, Kirsten Cook on 07917 686913 or email kirsten.cook@citizenonline.org.uk

STUC Communities, Regeneration and Democracy Conference

10am - 4pm, Friday 14th March 2008

STUC, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow

The purpose of this conference is to examine policies at all levels of government which impact on regeneration and local democracy. The event will also explore community and campaigning initiatives with an emphasis on how trade unions, grassroots community organisations and the voluntary sector can work together on shared priorities. One particular focus of the conference will be the outcomes of the series of Community Conferences organised by the Scottish Anti Poverty Movement.

The event is a free conference, with lunch provided and is open to trade unions, community and voluntary organisations.

The event has been split into three distinct sessions with opening plenary and brief closing remarks. A range of speakers will be invited from community, trade union and academic backgrounds.

The three main sessions will include approximately three 15 minute contributions from a trade union, community and academic perspective followed by discussion.

It is anticipated that outcomes of the conference will be written into a report for circulation.

Draft agenda

10.00am - 10.45pm	Opening plenary
10.45am	Coffee break
11.00am - 12.15pm	Regeneration and poverty
12.15pm	Lunch
1.00pm - 2.15pm	Democracy and community empowerment
2.15pm - 2.25 pm	Comfort break
2.25pm - 3.40pm	Housing
3.30pm - 4.00pm	Closing remarks

If you are interested in attending please contact Lorraine Sanderson at lsanderson@stuc.org.uk for a booking form, which should be returned no later than Wednesday 12th March.

Launch of Grapevine Online

The Lothian Centre for Integrated Living (LCIL) has launched a unique online information service for disabled people in Edinburgh, East Lothian and Midlothian.

The Grapevine Online service is open to all disabled people, their friends, family

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members and supporters in Edinburgh, East Lothian and Midlothian.

The Grapevine Online service will enable disabled people living in the Edinburgh area to receive expert online advice from information staff on issues such as benefits, accessible transport, housing, employment, equipment and much more. The Grapevine Online service will ensure that disabled people will be able to access confidential, up-to-date advice using the latest technology.

Anyone wishing to use the Grapevine Online service should log onto the following link: <http://www.lothiancil.org.uk/support/addaccount.php>
Further information is available at <http://www.lothiancil.org.uk>

Community Empowerment - Making it a Reality

At the end of 2007 Communities Scotland organised a series of events to discuss the wide range of issues to do with community empowerment. This dialogue was held to ensure that the concerns and hopes of different communities, and individuals within the community, were listened to when making proposals on making community empowerment a reality.

The feedback from the discussions shows that a very wide range of views were expressed at these events, recognising that this is a complex subject. Read the feedback from these discussions for yourself, by following this link: http://www.communitiesscotland.gov.uk/stellent/groups/public/documents/webpages/otcs_021248.pdf

For further information and to be kept in touch with future developments, please contact communityengagement@communitiesscotland.gsi.gov.uk

City Centre Neighbourhood Partnership

The next meeting of the City Centre Neighbourhood Partnership will take place on Thursday 20th March 2008 in the Assembly Rooms, George Street at 7.00pm. Participation is welcomed from those who live, work, study, or visit the city centre as the Neighbourhood Partnership are keen to hear a wide range of views concerning what really matters to people in the ward 11 area.

Prior to the meeting commencing, a surgery will be held from 6.30pm where Council officers and Lothian and Borders Police will be present to address any service concerns or issues that people wish to raise.

If you have any queries or require further information then please contact Alan Dean on 0131 529 7519 or e-mail alan.dean@edinburgh.gov.uk

Community Engagement Improvement Strategy - Practitioners' Seminar Programme

The Edinburgh Partnership was launched in June 2003 and comprises representatives from the key public agencies and from communities. It aims to improve services through collaborative working.

Community Planning is about organisations and communities working together to improve public services and quality of life. At the heart of Community Planning is listening to and communicating with communities. It is also about involving them in decisions about how services can better meet local circumstances.



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The Edinburgh Partnership is the city's community planning partnership. It has published a Community Engagement Improvement Strategy aimed at improving public services interaction with communities.

Excellent customer focus and meaningful community engagement are key ambitions that successful organisations and services should strive to achieve. The way to achieve this focus and engagement is through the careful blend of a range of different ingredients in innovative and appropriate ways.

A seminar programme is being provided to help practitioners explore good and innovative approaches to engagement.

Personal (and Organisational) Effectiveness in Community Engagement 9.00 - 12.30, Monday 17th March 2008

This seminar will raise awareness of the impact of individual working practices and of organisational culture on working effectively. To understand and influence the main factors of commitment and inter-relationships such as leadership, openness and culture.

Before launching or authorising any community engagement activity, it is well worth asking some simple questions:

- what is the purpose of the engagement?
- do you know your audience?
- what are the costs and benefits?
- what methods and styles are appropriate for them?
- are you allowing people the opportunity for feedback?
- are there associated internal engagements that are needed?
- has it achieved its objective?

Monitoring and Evaluating Community Engagement 9.00 - 12.30, Wednesday 30th April 2008

This seminar will highlight the need to demonstrate the impact of community engagement activities, to feed back and evaluate at organisational, national and/or local levels. It will look at how to measure satisfaction and performance against the National Standards so we can understand whether services are delivering what customers want.

Community Engagement and Information Management 9.00 - 12.30, Wednesday 14th May 2008

New technology provides an ongoing source of ideas and developments that can stimulate new approaches to customer focus and community engagement. Information Management and Technology (IMT) can help an organisation to convert information about its communities into intelligence for decision making, while 'customer relationship management' systems can help the organisation to tailor its services to meet the needs of customers.

Seminars will be held at the Edinburgh Training Centre, 16 St. Mary's Street.

To book a place on any of the above seminars please contact Pamela Roccio, Community Engagement Co-ordinator on 0131 469 3983 or pamela.roccio@edinburgh.gov.uk

International Journal of Neighbourhood Renewal

The International Journal of Neighbourhood Renewal is a new journal aimed at supporting the development of high quality research and analysis in the field of neighbourhood renewal.

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In most developed economies, the effective renewal of local neighbourhoods has become a key feature of the public policy strategies of city, regional, federal and national governments and agencies. However, examples from around the world indicate that many neighbourhood renewal strategies despite being well meant, have failed to deliver effective neighbourhood renewal because of a lack of understanding of the societal effects that have led to the long term decline of neighbourhoods.

The International Journal of Neighbourhood Renewal aims to contribute to the development of high quality neighbourhood renewal strategies by publishing research and practice from around the world. The first edition of the Journal will be published in September 2008.

To find out more information about subscription fees, planned content for the Journal and submitting papers for inclusion please visit the website at <http://www.ijnr.co.uk>

Community Regeneration: How Housing Associations can Contribute to Financial Inclusion

**A Scottish Centre for Regeneration practice event – learning from others
Radisson SAS Hotel, 301 Argyll Street, Glasgow
9.30am–3.30pm, Thursday 20th March 2008**

Financial exclusion makes life difficult in many of our communities. Housing associations through their wider role activities and community ethos are ideally placed to help tackle exclusion in the communities they serve.

Developing and maintaining sustainable mixed communities includes people being able to retain a tenancy, and removing the barriers that prevent them from doing so. At this event you will hear first hand what is happening in Scotland and throughout the UK. It is an opportunity to hear what Government policies mean for the sector and the work the Financial Services Authority (FSA) is doing in this area.

This event provides an ideal opportunity to hear practical solutions on how financial inclusion can help build and maintain sustainable mixed communities for the people who live in them. You will hear about good practice within communities, how to engage tenants and partnership working between sectors and organisations.

Programme

- 09.30–10.00 **Registration** (tea and coffee will be available)
- 10.00 -10.10 **Introduction**
Anne Cook, Tenant Participation Development Manager,
Scottish Government, Social Housing Division
- 10.10-10.25 **A UK overview of financial inclusion and implications for communities in Scotland**
John Gray, Financial Inclusion Policy Manager,
Department for Work and Pensions
- 10.25-10.40 **Financial Inclusion in Scotland – the way ahead**
Catriona McKay, Head of Financial Inclusion Team,
Scottish Government
- 10.40-11.15 **Round table and plenary discussions**
Anne Cook to Chair
- 11.15-11.30 Coffee break



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11.30-12.30 Practice presentations**How Housing Associations can engage tenants**

Dawn Eckersley-Wright, Financial Inclusion Manager,
Places for People

At present Dawn is seconded to Now Let's Talk Money Campaign

Opportunities for greater partnership working within communities

Chris Mathieson, Financial Inclusion Officer,
Grampian Housing Association

12.30-1.00 Round table and plenary discussions

Anne Cook to Chair

1.00-2.00 Networking lunch

2.00-2.20 Financial Services Authority – its work with Housing Associations and the wider community

Sharon McLeod, Financial Capability Department, FSA

2.20-3.00 Practice presentations – joint working within local authorities

Julie Borland, Marketing Assistant, Glasgow Credit Union

Helen Crawford, Community Development Worker,
Queens Cross Housing Association

3.00-3.30 Panel question time and plenary

3.30 Close

There is no charge for this event, but places are limited per organisation. Further information and booking forms are available at http://www.scr.comunitiesscotland.gov.uk/stellent/groups/public/documents/webpages/scrcs_021302.pdf

Partnership Working in North Edinburgh

Business Support for Employment and Training Day

Local members of Scottish Business in the Community (SBC) North Edinburgh have joined forces to support an Employment and Training Day 'Opportunity Rocks' organised in partnership with the Pilton Youth and Children's Project (PYCP), Working Links and local Secondary Schools.

In order to 'sign post' the young people to appropriate advisers, volunteers from McGrigors, Pinsent Masons, HBOS and the Prince's Youth Business Trust welcomed and engaged with attendees.

Organisations invited by SBC North Edinburgh to offer advice included McGrigors, North Edinburgh Business Incubator, City Appointments, State Street, Apex International Hotel, Design Links, Escrivo Internet Consulting, Scotland Gas Networks, Molly's Play Centre, the Town House Company, Amey Business Services and Farmers Autocare.

James Cran from McGrigors LLP commented *"The three staff we sent to help at 'Opportunity Rocks' were extremely impressed with the organisation and professionalism of the day and found it most encouraging that 10 of the companies involved had job opportunities on offer. This certainly is the type of worthwhile initiative that McGrigors is pleased to support."*

'White Light Media' help Broughton Students become Creative

Broughton students are fast becoming creative as they update a new look school magazine inspired and mentored by successful local contract publishing agency, White Light Media. And behind this project lies a story of partnership working at its best.

It all kicked off when Inverleith Partnership Development Officer, Elaine Lennon,

Partnership working in North Edinburgh



Two Craigroyston 4th year pupils with, left-right: Brian Baillie (PYCP), Emma Hall (Emma Hall Hair Design), Elaine Martin and Maureen Hall (both of McGrigors) at 'Opportunity Rocks'

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introduced her husband Alan of White Light Media to SBC North Edinburgh, knowing he wanted to raise his company's positive impact on the community. Never one to miss out on an opportunity Hazel McDonald, Business Development Manager for SBC North Edinburgh, quickly matched Alan and his talented team to Broughton High School to help them revamp their school magazine.

Alan Lennon, Creative Director of White Light Media, explained, *"It really is great to help in this project and most apt as my daughter was a former pupil of Broughton. I thought that to start the ball rolling Broughton should enter the 2008 Scottish School Magazine Competition, as this would be an exciting opportunity to showcase and develop the students' creative skills by writing, designing and producing a magazine. Obviously being a competition I could only facilitate, guide and mentor but it really has given me a lot of pleasure working with such talented young people."*

Rob Windever, English teacher at Broughton High, said *"This is a new challenge for me and my pupils as we have never produced a school magazine before. The aim is to create a product that is both saleable and cost effective and White Light Media have been invaluable with their advice. The pupils have gained from this experience enormously and their new found skills will most certainly be of benefit to the school in the long term."*



left-right: Students from Broughton High, Seyi Wedgewood and Paul Wright in discussion with their teacher Rob Windever and Alan Lennon, Creative Director White Light Media

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Inspire Fund

The Scottish Arts Council has launched Inspire, a major new Lottery fund for the development of exciting, innovative projects to inspire and encourage the people of Scotland to participate in the arts and become creative, imaginative members of a confident, cultured nation.

Inspire is an £8 million fund that has been developed as part of the Scottish Arts Council's commitment to increasing participation and aims to provide more, wider, better engagement with the arts:

- **More** – increasing the number and range of people enjoying and taking part in the arts, particularly arts activity for and by children and young people.
- **Wider** – making the arts available to those who have had little opportunity to participate in the past; ensuring a fair geographic spread of activities; and supporting projects across artforms and technologies.
- **Better** – increasing further the quality of arts activities by supporting creative, ambitious projects.

Inspire is a unique opportunity for a wide range of organisations, including arts organisations, voluntary and community groups, to apply for Lottery funding.

Priority will be given to applications which demonstrate that they extend the reach and nature of engagement with the arts, ensure quality artistic engagement and create potential for new, creative cross sectoral partnerships.

Roadshows

A series of Inspire roadshows will take place across Scotland during March at the following venues:

Location	Date	Time
Inverness (Eden Court)	Thursday 6 March	1.30-4.30 pm 5.30-7.30 pm
Ullapool (The Ceilidh Place)	Friday 7 March	1.30-4.30 pm 5.30-7.30 pm
Dundee (DCA)	Monday 10 March	1.30-4.30 pm 5.30-7.30 pm



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Aberdeen (Aberdeen Arts Centre)	Wednesday 12 March	1.30-4.30 pm 5.30-7.30 pm
Edinburgh (Out of the Blue)	Tuesday 18 March	1.30-4.30 pm 5.30-7.30 pm
Glasgow (Scottish Youth Theatre)	Thursday 20 March	1.30-4.30 pm 5.30-7.30 pm

For further information log on to <http://www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding/inspirefund.aspx>

CashBack for Communities Fund

The latest strand of the Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities scheme is now open for applications.

Grants will be given to projects from areas of multiple deprivation to fill gaps in provision for young people in those areas. The grants will fund organisations which support young people who are currently involved or at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs and/or anti-social behaviour. The emphasis is on youth work interventions constructed with and for young people in the 10-19 age group.

The grant scheme is being administered by YouthLink Scotland and there are two application stages. Applications for the first stage must be with YouthLink Scotland by 25th April 2008. The second stage will take place in August 2008.

Application forms and guidance notes are available at <http://www.youthlink.co.uk>

Discover the Fun of Music-Making for Free at Drake Music Scotland

Drake Music Scotland is delighted to be providing free taster sessions, funded by the Scottish Arts Council, to individuals and groups interested in interacting with music technology and discovering the enjoyment of music-making.

Drake Music Scotland is the nation's leading organisation creating opportunities for people with disabilities to access music making and music education. Working across Central Scotland with the education, health and community sectors, Drake Music Scotland provides opportunities for people of all ages and with a wide range of disabilities to play, learn and compose music independently.

The Drake studio, where taster sessions take place, is situated within SPACE, Craigmillar Social Enterprise & Arts Centre and is fully accessible. The music technology includes Soundbeam, a fantastic, fully adaptable musical sensor, played by moving any part of the body within the beam. An enormous variety of instrumental sounds is available, including violin, piano, electric guitar, saxophone or even Chinese Guzheng Zither! Switches can be used to trigger all kinds of sounds and provide special effects.

Drake Music Scotland believe everyone has the ability to participate in music making. They run a series of projects both small and large scale that see participants composing and performing their own music. Projects often involve the recording and production of an original CD or putting on a public performance. Taster sessions are an excellent introduction to some of the elements of Drake Music Scotland's wider programme.

To find out more please contact Bethany Whiteside, Administrator on 0131 659 4766 or e-mail bethanywhiteside@drakemusicscotland.org. Drake Music Scotland's website is available at <http://www.drakemusicscotland.org>



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Are our Young People Ready for Work?

23rd April 2008, 12.30pm - 4.30pm
Glasgow

The Economic Development Association Scotland will present the findings of new research from Futureskills Scotland and discuss and exchange views on the work-readiness of young people moving from school or FE/HE into the workplace.

This is complemented by presentations from key representatives responsible for ensuring our young people are armed with the required skills to move from education into the workplace.

Speakers:

- Patrick Watt, Head of Futureskills Scotland
- Professor Alan McGregor, Director, Training & Employment Research Unit, University of Glasgow
- Careers Scotland/Skills Agency (tbc)
- FE/HE Representative (tbc)
- Member of the Scottish Funding Council Skills Committee (tbc)

Further information and booking details are available at <http://www.edascot.org.uk/event.php?id=52>

Adult Literacy and Numeracy Research Conference

Tuesday 29th April 2008
The Radisson Hotel, Glasgow

Learning Connections is holding Scotland's first national Adult Literacy and Numeracy Research conference. The conference will showcase the recent research work carried out by the adult literacies team, and discuss possibilities for implementing the findings of the research.

This will create an opportunity to:

- disseminate the research findings to a wider audience
- discuss the implications of the research findings
- raise interest in research into adult literacies among practitioners, managers, academic researchers and policy makers
- explore the purposes, possibilities and priorities for future research
- discuss mechanisms for putting research knowledge into practice
- Presentation of the research will be via workshops and through marketplace displays.

For further information contact Fiona Macdonald at fiona.macdonald@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or John Leavey at john.leavey@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

2010 to be the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion

The European Commission has designated 2010 as the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. The €17 million campaign aims to reaffirm the EU's commitment to making a decisive impact on the eradication of poverty by 2010.

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“The fight against poverty and social exclusion is one of the EU’s central objectives and our shared approach has been an important tool to guide and support action in the Member States,” said Social Affairs Commissioner Vladimír Špidla. *“The European Year will take this even further, by raising public awareness of the way poverty continues to blight the daily lives of so many Europeans.”*

The 2010 European Year aims to reach EU citizens and all public, social and economic stakeholders. Its four specific objectives are:

- Recognition of the right of people in poverty and social exclusion to live in dignity and to play a full part in society;
- An increase in the public ownership of social inclusion policies, emphasising everyone’s responsibility in tackling poverty and marginalisation;
- A more cohesive society, where no one doubts that society as a whole benefits from the eradication of poverty;
- Commitment of all actors, because real progress requires a long-term effort that involves all levels of governance.

The European process for social protection and social inclusion supports Member States in their drive for greater social cohesion in Europe through an open method of co-ordination. Over the period 2007-2013 some €75 billion will be distributed from the European Social Fund to Member States and regions.

Further information is available at <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/07/1905&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

S2S Social Enterprise Trade Fair

Wednesday 23rd April 2008
Caird Hall, Dundee

S2S Social Enterprise Trade Fair is back for 2008 offering a bigger trading platform for social enterprises in Scotland than ever before.

On April 23rd trading will begin at a new venue for S2S. Due to the popularity and demand for the event with both exhibitors and delegates it was decided to move to a larger venue, Dundee’s Caird Hall. This year there is capacity to accommodate over 70 exhibitors, whilst still offering a range of workshops.

The workshops at this year’s S2S will take the form of master classes which have been developed in order to show you ways in which you can help your social enterprise to develop and grow. Workshops will cover marketing, pricing, legal entities and procurement.

Full details and booking forms are available at <http://www.s2stradefair.com/index.html>

PUBLICATIONS

Taking Forward the Government Economic Strategy: A Discussion Paper on Tackling Poverty, Inequality and Deprivation in Scotland

This wide-ranging discussion on how economic growth can be harnessed to make Scotland wealthier and fairer for all has been launched by the Scottish Government.

The paper is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/publications/2008/01/30131443/0>

Closing the Opportunity Gap (CtOG) Programme: Phase 1 Evaluation

Statistical report on the progress made by the Scottish Government’s Closing the Opportunity Gap programme and recommendations for the future measurement of achievement of the programme’s aims and objectives. **The report is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/12/07105255/0>**

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Housing and Community Regeneration Perspective Paper

Published in collaboration with the Chartered Institute of Housing, this Scottish Centre for Regeneration Perspective Paper sets out the roles and responsibilities of the housing sector in terms of regeneration, explaining the historical context between housing and regeneration. **The paper is available at http://www.scr.comunitiesscotland.gov.uk/stellent/groups/public/documents/webpages/scrcs_018114.pdf**

Local Links - Developing Active Networks in Local Communities

Common Purpose piloted 'Local Links' to improve neighbourhood networking, support, skills development and information sharing for local decision-makers and active citizens in four Yorkshire areas. The aim was to assist them to be better informed, empowered and more effective in their community roles. **The findings are available on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's website at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/knowledge/findings/socialpolicy/2184.asp>**

Position Statement on Community Empowerment

The Local People Leading campaign believes that Scotland's Community Sector should articulate its own independent position on Community Empowerment and, to get this process underway, it has drafted a position statement. **The paper is available at http://www.localpeopleleading.co.uk/downloads/lpldraftstrategy_positionstatementjan08.doc**

Breakthrough Glasgow - Ending the Costs of Social Breakdown

The Centre for Social Justice has published this report which details the social problems faced by the city and makes recommendations for solving some of the problems. The report outlines the problem of worklessness in the city, with nearly 110,000 people of working age being economically inactive and it also notes that the proportion of people claiming incapacity benefit is the highest of all the major UK cities. The report also highlights the problem the city is facing with drug abuse, stating that there are 15,000 problem drug users in Glasgow. In response to the problems detailed, the report recommends personalised and sustained support to help people back into work, promoting family cohesion through tax credits and more family oriented support networks, and an integrated drugs and alcohol addiction service. **The report is available at <http://www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/client/downloads/BreakthroughGlasgow.pdf>**

Qualitative Research Exploring the Pathways to Work Sanctions Regime

This report from the Department for Work and Pensions is an assessment of the sanctions used in the Pathways to Work pilots which were aimed at encouraging people on Incapacity Benefit to return to work. The report is available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep475.pdf>

Increasing Employment Rates for Ethnic Minorities

The National Audit Office (NAO) has published this report on the gap in employment rates between ethnic minorities and the general population. It states that despite some progress, there is still a significant gap between the employment rate for the ethnic minority population and that for the general population which could take thirty years to eliminate. The DWP strategy to tackle this has had some success, but has lacked continuity in the NAO's view. **The report is available at http://www.nao.org.uk/publications/nao_reports/07-08/0708206.pdf**

Helping People from Workless Households into Work

The House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts has published this report which evaluates the Government's welfare to work programme. The report outlines how job entry rates from the New Deal programme are levelling off or declining, indicating that the people remaining out of work are those who are more difficult to help. The Government is facing a tough challenge if it wants to increase employment levels from their current 30-year high, it concludes. **The report is available at <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmselect/cmpubacc/301/301.pdf>**

Mothers' Participation in Paid Work: the Role of 'Mini-Jobs'

This Department for Work and Pensions report investigates the possible use of 'mini-jobs' – jobs where less than 15 hours a week are worked, to encourage more lone-parent mothers back into employment. The report concludes that mini-jobs could

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play an important role in increasing participation in the labour force of lone-parent mothers, but in order to do so mini-jobs need to be made more worthwhile, especially for those in social rented accommodation. This would need to be done through changes to the Housing Benefit system, the Council Tax Benefit system and the rules for those in receipt of Income Support. **The report is available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep467.pdf>**

Community Benefits in Public Procurement

The Community Benefits in Procurement report shows that using social inclusion clauses in contracts in five pilot areas delivered new training, apprenticeships and permanent jobs. **The report is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/02/13140629/0>**

Growing Up in Scotland: Year 2: Results from the Second Year of a Study Following the Lives of Scotland's Children

Growing Up in Scotland is a major longitudinal study launched in 2005 with the aim of tracking a group of children and their families from the early years, through childhood and beyond. Funded by the Scottish Government, its main aim is to provide information to support policy-making, but it is also intended to be a broader resource that can be drawn on by academics, voluntary sector organisations and other interested parties. **This report provides information from the second sweep of the study and is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/publications/2008/02/12135003/0>**

EQUAL Learning Points

In support of EQUAL, the European Social Fund initiative, the Scottish Centre for Regeneration have published five new learning points which capture innovation and good practice. The Learning Points are:

- **Working Together to Create Ways to Employment** - http://www.scr.comcommunitiesscotland.gov.uk/stellent/groups/public/documents/webpages/scrcs_021132.pdf
- **A Case Management Approach in Tackling Employability Issues** - http://www.scr.comcommunitiesscotland.gov.uk/stellent/groups/public/documents/webpages/scrcs_021131.pdf
- **Integrating Health and Employment Services in Tackling Employability** - http://www.scr.comcommunitiesscotland.gov.uk/stellent/groups/public/documents/webpages/scrcs_021130.pdf
- **Service User Involvement in Employability** - http://www.scr.comcommunitiesscotland.gov.uk/stellent/groups/public/documents/webpages/scrcs_021129.pdf
- **Creating Pathways to Work** - http://www.scr.comcommunitiesscotland.gov.uk/stellent/groups/public/documents/webpages/scrcs_021134.pdf

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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 published on the first Monday of each month. The next issue will, therefore, be available on **Monday 7th April** and any information for inclusion, along with contact details, should be submitted to gillianbaxter@capitalcitypartnership.org under the heading 'CCP e-zine contribution' by **Friday 28th March** and should be relevant to the publication date.

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