

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.

Heather has the Winning Touch

March 2009 saw Heather Nicholson, Access to Industry - Passport's Looked After Young People's Caseworker, awarded a National Youth Worker of the Year Award 2009 by Youthlink Scotland.

The long standing employee won Silver in the Agencies and Partner Organisation category. The nomination was supported by Passport's partner - the City of Edinburgh Council - Throughcare and Aftercare Service.

Over the last two years, Heather has been instrumental in helping shape and develop the Passport Looked After Young People's Service, and the award is testament to her passion in supporting and motivating her students to move on to employment, training, and education.

Nick Newlands, from the Throughcare and Aftercare Service, commented *"I have found Heather to be a highly motivated, professional and caring individual. Always doing the best for her clients and seeking advice appropriately. She is a valued member of this team and I look forward to continuing working with her and Access to Industry - Passport"*

Upon receiving the award, Heather said *"Thanks to partners like Edinburgh's Throughcare and Aftercare Team, we have been able to assist 13 young people into employment, 28 into college and 26 into employability training. In addition to this, 58 young people have achieved 84 SQA qualifications. We are all very proud of the young people's achievements."*

Passport student and 2008 Adult Learner of the Year winner Karen (21) received Heather's assistance and said *"Heather deserves to get this award because she is hard-working and patient with young people. English is my second language so it has been very helpful to have Heather to help me apply first for college and now for university. Without Heather's help I probably would have given up because it is so complicated."*

A presentation of the Award will be made by a Youthlink Scotland representative at the Passport Certificate Ceremony due to be held in July 2009.

For more information on Access to Industry and the Passport Project, call 0131 226 3006 or visit their website at <http://www.accesstoindustry.co.uk>



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National and Local Provision to Help Combat Effects of the Recession

As the recession begins to bite, particularly on jobs, a range of new provision is being brought into play to help combat the effects.

Nationally, JobCentrePlus, as well as recruiting significant numbers of additional staff to meet the higher levels of demand from jobseekers, is offering an extended range of enhanced and new services. These include:

- Increased Rapid Response funding to help those facing redundancy
- An extended menu of support for all jobseekers from day one of their period of unemployment
- Making the opportunities available from Local Employment Partnerships (with local and national employers) available to newly unemployed people as well as those on the register for longer
- Significant new options for anyone unemployed for six months or longer including a £1,000 incentive to employers who take on eligible clients, additional training support and allowances for clients and additional help for clients to set up new businesses.

A more detailed description of the new provision is available at http://www.capitalcitypartnership.org/UserFiles/File/publications/New_Support_for_Jobseekers.pdf

A Future Jobs scheme with significant national funding was announced in the budget to provide good quality training and work experience schemes mainly for young people but with some provision for other clients. Details are being worked up but this should become available rapidly.

Locally the Edinburgh Partners are providing their own additional responses. These include:

- Enhanced PACE provision (from all lead partners) for those facing redundancy
- Additional training resources and apprenticeships support
- Integrated JCP/SDS services pilot at Highriggs Job Centre
- High level economic resilience planning and co-ordination with new resources freed up for resilience measures
- An 'economy watch' bulletin service to help identify issues and inform rapid responses across the resilience network
- A programme of business support events to help businesses weather the storm
- A range of college based programmes on business start up and self employment with more re-skilling and training provision to follow based on labour market demand

A more detailed review of local recession responses can be viewed at http://www.capitalcitypartnership.org/UserFiles/File/publications/Collected_Recession_Responses_from_Job_Strategy_Providers_April_09.pdf

The Jobs Strategy Partners are doing what they can collectively to combat the immediate needs of those affected by the recession – these are additional efforts and resources. Making sure that the needs of the most vulnerable in the city are met remains the number one priority, all the more important if we are to come through the recession without lasting generational damage as has been the case in previous times.

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Scottish Community Empowerment Action Plan

The Community Empowerment Action Plan, launched by the Scottish Government and COSLA in March, looks to encourage people in both rural and urban areas to participate in the running of their neighbourhoods.

The Action Plan provides clarity on what community empowerment is, why it is important and how communities can get involved. A range of best practice examples from across Scotland are set out, providing information and inspiration for people who want to have a say in the decisions affecting their communities.

There is also information on the variety of grants that are accessible to community groups, providing potential investment of around £180 million from a range of government sources.

Activities stemming from the action plan include:

- a new model and code of conduct for Community Councils which will enable consistency in the operation of Community Councils, all the while reflecting local circumstances
- promoting, in the right circumstances, the community ownership of assets
- developing a range of learning and network opportunities to ensure people have the right skills to make community empowerment happen
- working with COSLA to support a pilot that will give local people more direct control over budgets that are aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour
- working with other partners to measure the impact of community empowerment.

The Community Empowerment Action Plan is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/03/20155113/0>

Meet the Equality and Human Rights Commission Legal Team

10.00 – 12.00, 22nd May 2009

West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre, 19 West Pilton Grove, Edinburgh

This event is organised with the Black Community Development Project to assist organisations that are based in Edinburgh and the surroundings to get to know and find out how best to work with the Equality and Human Rights Commission legal team, and tell them about what issues are most important to you.

On 1st October 2007, the former three equality commissions namely the Equal Opportunities Commission, Commission for Racial Equality and the Disability Rights Commission were amalgamated to form the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

This event is for advice giving organisations, as well as frontline representatives of voluntary, community and educational organisations who give advice or assistance directly to the public.

These events are free. However, spaces are limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

For booking forms, please e-mail admin@bcdp.org.uk. For further information, please contact David Reilly on 0141 228 5967 or Jacqueline McWilliams on 0131 467 7990.

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Keep Well Voluntary Sector Funding Grants

Keep Well, previously known as Prevention 2010, is a national initiative aimed at strengthening and enhancing primary care services to deliver anticipatory care and reduce health inequalities in deprived communities. To do this the project is focusing on cardiovascular disease and its key risk factors.

In identified communities individuals aged 45-64 years and registered in one of the 14 participating practices (see below) will be invited to have a comprehensive health check which not only covers core clinical checks but will also explore diet, physical activity levels, language barriers, employment and benefits issues. Thereafter, the aim will be to support patients to manage any conditions or risk factors identified during the assessment and direct them to health, local authority and voluntary sector services as appropriate.

The 4 geographical areas and the 14 participating practices are:

- South East: Craigmillar Medical Centre, Durham Road Surgery, Gracemount Medical Practice and Ferniehill Surgery
- South West: Two practices in Sighthill Health Centre (Drs Watson and Brown and Drs Johnson and Rhein), Wester Hailes Medical Practice and Whinpark Medical Practice
- North East: Leith Walk Surgery, Leith Mount Surgery, Rose Garden Medical Centre and Restalrig Park Medical Centre
- North West: Crewe Medical Practice and Muirhouse Medical Practice

Part of the core Keep Well budget has been ring-fenced specifically to fund voluntary sector initiatives associated with Keep Well's core objectives. A Keep Well Voluntary Sector Funding Group has been established to oversee the process of allocating this funding.

Approximately £76,000 is available for submissions during 2009/10. The Voluntary Sector Funding Group has set indicative funding limits of £500 and up to a maximum of £10,000.

Who can access this funding?

- Any voluntary sector project/organisation, which is based within one of the four Keep Well cluster areas, may make a formal bid for Keep Well funding
- Any City-wide voluntary sector project/organisation may make a bid on the premise that any such bid would need to be for activities which reached into cluster areas or accepted clients from these areas.

What can the funding to be used for?

The Keep Well Voluntary Sector Funding Group has agreed that this funding can be used in a number of ways: to increase staffing and capacity levels (for example, increasing sessional hours of existing staff involved in coordinating activities), to expand current initiatives or develop blocks of activities. However, it must be stressed that ideally the funding should be used to build on existing initiatives rather than creating new projects from scratch given that this is short-term funding.

The Group has agreed that the funding should be used to encourage people to adopt more physically and socially active lifestyles such as; initiatives which fall within the following priority areas:

- Increasing physical activity;
- Improving diet and cooking skills;
- Addressing hazardous alcohol intake;
- Improving mental health and well-being.

Ultimately the activities funded will be aiming to engage individuals aged 45-64 years who have undertaken Keep Well assessments to improve their health and well-being through ongoing life-style change.

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It is recommended that projects/organisations planning on bidding for Keep Well funding discuss their proposals in advance of submission with their local Keep Well Outreach Worker and their local Public Health Practitioner.

The submission deadline for bids is 15th May. Further information is available from the Keep Well Project Manager at Terry.Kirkwood@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

Regeneration: Sustaining Development through the Recession

A Holyrood/SURF one-day conference

Wednesday 20th May 2009

The Royal Society of Edinburgh

The Scottish Government has long supported regeneration as key to 'promoting successful and sustainable transformation of communities', by encouraging the development of projects which will provide jobs, encourage social development and the creation of thriving communities by boosting the local economy. Physical construction is just one aspect of regeneration, but it is a vital one. However, in the current financial climate, how can physical regeneration plans become constructive realities?

All sectors have seen financial capital diminish sharply, resulting in potential developers having to look to alternative sources of funding and new partnerships. This conference will examine options for funding physical regeneration, as well as the role and potential of these alternative models including:

- The £50m Big Lottery's Growing Community Assets (GCA) fund, aimed at encouraging communities to acquire and redevelop physical assets
- The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) which has been recently proposed for use in Scotland. This new approach, which uses future tax income to invest in projects for present gain, is already favoured by local leaders in the United States.
- European support

This timely Holyrood conference, in association with the Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum (SURF), will also examine wider issues facing regeneration projects in light of current economic, environmental and practical developments.

Key questions and discussions will focus on:

- Regeneration as a valuable contribution to the Scottish Government's strategic goals
- New responsibilities for local government; what enhanced role can Local Authorities play under their new responsibilities?
- The merits and practicalities of alternative funding streams
- Opportunities for accessing European funding
- The success and future of Urban Regeneration Companies
- The impact of successful and innovative physical regeneration projects
- Recognising and preparing for challenges of the future including economic, social and environmental issues

Confirmed keynote speakers at this event include:

- Alex Neil MSP, Minister for Housing and Communities, Scottish Government
- Cllr Tom Buchanan, City of Edinburgh Council and Chair of Capital City Partnership
- Gordon McLaren, Chief Executive, East of Scotland European Partnership
- Craig Sanderson, Chief Executive, LINK
- Alison Newton, Head of Regeneration, McGrigors LLP
- Bill Nicol, Chief Executive, Riverside Inverclyde URC
- Andy Milne, Chief Executive, SURF

Further information and booking details are available at <http://conferences.holyrood.com/content/view/1063/142/>



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Implementing the Early Years Framework: Delivering a Strategy for Effective Intervention

A Holyrood one-day conference

20th May 2009

Edinburgh Corn Exchange

'This framework is at its simplest about giving all our children the best start in life and the steps the Scottish Government, local partners and practitioners in early years services need to take to start us on that journey.' - The Early Years Framework

The Scottish Government and COSLA launched the Early Years Framework in December 2008, setting out a strategy for intervention in early years (pre-birth to 8 years) to break the cycle of inherited inequalities in health, education and employment opportunities passed from one generation to the next. The framework aims to tackle the reproduction of inequalities in the formative early years of a child's life, and in so doing, seeks to confront entrenched socio-economic inequities, and build economic strength, both locally and nationally. The aims of the framework are ambitious, and the emphasis is not only on investing in intervention when a crisis occurs, but also on prevention and early intervention. Building on work already underway through 'Getting it Right for Every Child' and the 'Curriculum for Excellence', the framework aims to generate outcome focused services that work together with a coherent approach to deliver better outcomes for every child in Scotland.

With a renewed focus on partnership working, local factors and community engagement as a key to achieving improved outcomes for all children - with no new money available for implementation - the framework has far reaching practical implications for both public and private early years services, social services, health services and education services.

Building on the success of Holyrood's 2008 Early Years Conference, this timely conference will bring together professionals from across Scotland involved in Early Years Service delivery to examine the content and implications of the framework; debate how the framework can be delivered in terms of partnership working, training and finance; and to hear from a range of experts in the field regarding the context, implementation and impact of the framework.

Delegates attending the conference will:

- Hear from and engage with the Scottish Minister for Children and Early Years, Adam Ingram MSP
- Understand the wider policy context from which the Early Years Framework emerges and feeds back into
- Consider issues relating to intervention at key stages in a child's development including, ante- and post-natal issues and services, parenting, education, play and community involvement
- Discuss with fellow practitioners how the framework can be delivered through partnership working in practical terms and identify what the challenges are
- Consider the costs of not getting it right for every child, with a particular focus on health inequalities
- Examine what the implications are for workforce planning

The framework makes it clear that investing in early years is no 'magic bullet' and that no single programme or approach will deliver the outcomes sought. However, it does present an opportunity for long term improvements in early years service delivery and intervention that cannot be missed. This event is a must-attend for practitioners and researchers involved in pre-birth and early years intervention issues and presents a unique opportunity to engage with professionals from across the early years spectrum to scrutinise the framework and debate how best to deliver it in practice



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Conference Chair:

- Jacquie Roberts, Chief Executive, The Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care

Keynote Speakers:

- Adam Ingram MSP, Minister for Children and Early Years, The Scottish Government
- Councillor Isabel Hutton, COSLA Spokesperson on Education, Children and Young People

Further information and booking details are available at <http://conferences.holyrood.com/content/view/1011/142/>

Shaping the Future Together

An away day to discuss the future of third sector support services and networks

10am – 4pm, 27th May 2009
Hampden Stadium, Glasgow

The Supporting Voluntary Action (SVA) Think Tanks project is hosting this day to bring together senior staff and board members from intermediary, infrastructure, community, voluntary and social enterprise organisations.

This Away Day is hosted by the sector, for the sector, and is an opportunity to input your ideas into the SVA Programme. Now is your chance to contribute to designing a future-proof support system for the voluntary sector.

The day will focus on considering the future vision and purpose for local and national support, as well as exploring what delivery of effective support for the sector might look like.

The SVA Think Tanks are made up of members of local voluntary sector support organisations (Councils of Voluntary Service and Volunteer Centres) and national intermediaries (network organisations). The Think Tanks have been funded by the BIG Lottery Fund “to develop a shared vision, purpose and direction for the voluntary sector support infrastructure in Scotland”.

Further information and booking details are available at <http://thinktanks.eventbrite.com/>

Awards for All Scotland

Lottery small grants scheme introduces new forms and improved processes

Faster turnaround times and a simpler application process are just two of the features of the new look Scotland Awards for All grant scheme.

Awards for All Scotland aims to help people become actively involved in projects that bring about change in their local communities and is run by the Big Lottery Fund, sportscotland and the Scottish Arts Council, three of the organisations that distribute money raised by the National Lottery for good causes.

This Lottery small grants scheme will continue to make awards of between £500 and £10,000 to grass-roots groups in the community and voluntary sector, health bodies, schools and statutory bodies but with a few changes to the programme making it easier for applicants to apply for and get money from.

To coincide with the relaunch a new application form is available, which can, for the first time, be downloaded electronically and e-mailed directly to Awards for All Scotland. Groups should be aware that Awards for All will no longer accept the old application materials.

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The changes also mean that groups should get a faster turnaround on their applications as the Scotland Awards for All team aim to give a decision within six weeks. Groups will not have to submit supporting documents or signatures until a grant is offered, while smaller voluntary and community sector organisations will continue to be prioritised when applying for funding.

The Heritage Lottery Fund, previously one of the four Lottery distributors which made up Awards for All Scotland has now left the scheme. This change means that Awards for All will still pay for heritage projects but these must have a strong fit with one of Awards for All's main outcomes:

- People have better chances in life
- Communities are safer, stronger and more able to work together to tackle inequalities
- People have better and more sustainable services and environments
- People and Communities are healthier

Awards for All Scotland will continue to be a rolling programme and does not have a closing date.

Further information and applications forms are available at
<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/index-scotland.html>

Nationwide Foundation Grants

The Nationwide Foundation has launched a £3.2m grants programme for charities dealing with financial exclusion, housing issues and homelessness.

The fund will be split between a small grants programme and an investor programme.

The investor programme will offer three-year grants of up to £300,000 to charities with annual incomes of up to £10m. One-off grants of up to £5,000 for charities with incomes below £500,000 will be offered through the small grants programme.

Charities offering financial and housing support to victims of domestic abuse and to elderly people will be the fund's main beneficiaries.

Lisa Parker, chief executive of the foundation, said: *"Without financial education, many people will not know how to survive the current harsh economic realities, so we are targeting charities that help the minority groups who are the most vulnerable and in need."*

Applications for the investor programme must be made by 31st May, but the small grants programme has no deadline.

Further details are available at <http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/default.asp>

Grantsnet

Grantsnet is a search engine for grants available to:

- Charities and voluntary organisations
- Public service organisations
- Businesses
- Funders

Grantsnet have launched a new style search engine to help organisations find potential funding.

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Their new system is free to use and doesn't need organisations to register to access it. There is also a grant alert facility where you can elect to receive details of updates and new grants.

Grantsnet is available at <http://www.grantsnet.co.uk>

Learn Together Survey

Social Investment Scotland is conducting a survey to find out about the needs of social enterprises for investment funding. By completing the survey, you will be contributing to the improvement and accessibility of investment funding for social enterprises throughout Scotland, including, hopefully, your own.

The intention is to improve investment products for social enterprise, so that packages are more relevant, more sector specific and more affordable. The findings from the survey results will be published on the Social Investment Scotland website and will be the focus for discussions about improving funding for social enterprise with Scottish Government, social enterprises and intermediaries with a social enterprise support role.

All information provided will be treated as confidential and will not be used in any way that allows the details of individual social enterprises to be identified.

The survey is being conducted by means of an on-line questionnaire. The questionnaire seeks your opinions about investment funding. It mainly requires tick responses to the questions and it is estimated that it will take about 15 minutes to complete.

The deadline for returns is Tuesday 12th May. The survey is available at <http://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/survey.cfm>

Scottish Third Sector Interactive Evidence Library

The Interactive Evidence Library has been developed by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) and is funded by the Scottish Government.

The Evidence Library is an extensive, searchable online archive of research reports, briefings and other evidence materials produced by government agencies, academia and the voluntary sector itself.

The Evidence Library is an indispensable resource for anyone interested in understanding the Third Sector in Scotland.

The Library currently pulls together over 800 documents on areas of interest to the Scottish voluntary sector, including recent research items on: Facts and Figures; Finance; Carers; Rural Issues; Environment; Governance; Innovation; Single Outcome Agreements; Education. Where possible, the Library links directly to the web location or PDF of the report.

The database is regularly being added to and visitors are encouraged to submit their research for possible inclusion on the site.

As well as being a free and accessible research resource for the voluntary sector, the Library also has a number of interactive features which allow registered users to post comments and discuss new research publications.

The Library is available at <http://www.scvo.org.uk/EvidenceLibrary>. For further information, please e-mail research@scvo.org.uk

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Introduction to Economic Development Course

22nd to 23rd June 2009

The Lighthouse, Mitchell Lane, Glasgow

On behalf of the Economic Development Association Scotland (EDAS), Glasgow University's Training and Employment Research Unit (TERU) will lead a 2-day course on 'Policy and Practice for Local Economic Development'.

This non-residential course sets out to provide an introduction to economic development and the basic approaches required in delivering economic development in all areas.

The course will attract a small group of 15- 20 people, to ensure the course is as discussive and interactive as possible. You will benefit from this course if you are working in economic development but:

- are new to economic development
- have limited experience of economic development and have not been exposed to the strategic aspects of economic development. For example those involved in front line roles.
- work in any functional area, but have an interest in economic development.

Speakers:

TERU team, led by Professor Alan McGregor, Director of TERU & Professor of Economic Development, University of Glasgow

Fee:

£400 + VAT (member)

£500 + VAT (non member)

A 5% discount is available to non members who are members of the Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum (SURF)

Further information and booking details are available at
<http://www.edascot.org.uk/event.php?id=16>

Pilotlight Scotland

Are you, or do you work with, a small charity or social enterprise looking to grow and develop? Are there big plans and ambitions for the organisation, but you would like some help in getting there?

Pilotlight Scotland provides a free strategic planning and skills development service to charities and social enterprises. They match teams of 4 senior members of the business community with third sector organisations and manage the transfer of skills between them for a 12-18 month period.

Pilotlight Scotland work with the Director or Chief Executive of a charity/social enterprise (so that they can cascade their learning 'up and down' within their organisation).

Some of their first projects have now come to an end and they are delighted to report some excellent and positive feedback from the charities on their experiences with Pilotlight Scotland. The Director of one charity said that Pilotlight Scotland's input means that *"now I know where we want to be in a year or two. I've learned to keep focussing on the big picture, while dealing with the ongoing challenges around funding, staffing and the rest of it."* In their opinion, *"Pilotlight Scotland helps build sustainability for the long term"*.

Pilotlight Scotland asked the Director of another charity, if she would prefer to have £8000 cash rather than her 4 Pilotlighters. Her response was *"Even if it was £80,000 I would still go for my team of Pilotlighters!"* She explains that, because her



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organisation has grown very quickly over the past 18 months, she has been concerned about staffing: *“But the Pilotlighters reassure me that the issues we face are normal for an organisation like ours and tell me not to worry.”* She expanded: *“Pilotlighters provide a superb sounding board and I can’t recommend the scheme too highly. They give you a lot of confidence and help to create a balance between operational demands and the need for strategic development.”*

As these projects have ended Pilotlight Scotland now have the resource to take on additional charities and social enterprises in Scotland. Get in touch if you like the sound of what Pilotlight Scotland are doing, and your organisation, or those you work with, fit the following description:

- You address social disadvantage within the local community
- You employ at least 1 full-time member of staff
- You have been operational for a minimum of 2 years
- You have secured core funding for at least the next 6 months
- You have a Board/Trustees who are willing to participate in the relationship with Pilotlight
- You have an annual turnover of less than £3m
- You are ready to take the next step in growing or developing the organisation
- You have more than one main source of funding

For further information visit <http://scotland.pilotlight.org.uk/> or contact Dehra on 0131 243 2767/8 or dorme@pilotlight.org.uk

Alcohol and Drug Partnerships

Alcohol & Drug Partnerships (ADPs) will be set up for every local council area to transform the provision of services to tackle substance misuse.

The Partnerships are at the heart of a landmark framework agreement between the Scottish Government, councils and the NHS, signed by Ministers and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) at a national conference on service delivery.

Replacing the current model of alcohol & drug action teams, they will be brought into the community planning process for each local authority area, including decision-making and accountability systems such as Single Outcome Agreements and NHS performance management.

Each ADP will develop and implement a local alcohol and drugs strategy to reduce the numbers of people with substance misuse problems. The strategies will ensure all relevant partners play their part, better identify local needs and ensure investment is focused on achieving agreed outcomes.

Plans to set up a delivery commission to oversee the implementation of the national drugs strategy, identify emerging challenges and help drive forward the necessary reforms have also been unveiled. With an independent chair and expert membership representing NHS boards, clinicians, local authorities, police, voluntary sector and other interests, it will operate at arms length from government, in contrast to the ministerial advisory committee it will replace.

Plans for a Scottish Drugs Recovery Consortium have also been announced. This charitable trust will bring together key partners from the voluntary, public and academic field to promote and assist the greater focus on recovery among service providers, workforce and the public.

The Scottish Government will work to ensure Single Outcome Agreements give appropriate emphasis to reducing substance misuse, including relevant, robust indicators to measure outcomes. NHS performance management will also be used, including HEAT targets, which for the first time (from April 2010) will include one to

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reduce drug treatment waiting times. The Government is also examining the scope to extend the target to alcohol services.

Further details of the new Drugs Strategy Delivery Commission, to replace the Scottish Advisory Committee on Drug Misuse (SACDM), and of the proposed Scottish Drugs Recovery Consortium will be announced in the coming months.

A document which sets out the new framework for local partnerships on alcohol and drugs is available on the Scottish Government's website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/04/23084201/0>

International Conference: Social Capital & Community Resilience

**4th June 2009
New Lanark**

Social Capital has been shown, by a large number of studies, to extend collective well-being in a variety of different and complex ways. The quantity and quality of social capital in a community plays a crucial role in the ability of community members to solve their problems, act for the future and participate in decision making.

Community Resilience is gaining ground as an internationally recognised element in the wellbeing of communities. *"Resiliency is the capability of individuals, families, groups, and communities to cope successfully in the face of significant adversity and risk. This capability changes over time, is enhanced by protective factors in the individual/system and the environment and contributes to the maintenance and enhancement of health"* (Mangham et al., 1994)

Assist Social Capital wishes to focus on practical examples of the connection between community resilience and social capital in the success of a community's efforts to cope with adversity and enhance collective wellbeing.

The conference will take place at the historic site of New Lanark Heritage Centre, famous for the work of Robert Owen and its influence on the cooperative movement 150 years ago. The event will gather a number of keynote speakers and present a series of case studies on the theme of community resilience and the role of social capital.

Further information and booking forms, which must be returned no later than 14th May, are available at <http://www.social-capital.net/showart.php?articleid=1>

PUBLICATIONS

Single Outcome Agreements - a review of publications

This summary, by SCVO, has been written with the Scottish voluntary sector specifically in mind. It reviews some of the key documents relating to Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs) – principally policy, guidance and research – and in the process it also seeks to provide some background to the arrangements in place with respect to the provision of public services in Scotland since the signing of the Concordat between the Scottish Government and CoSLA on 14th November 2007. **The review is available at <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/Information/ViewInformation.aspx?al=t&from=h&Info=1873>**

Employment, Unemployment and Poverty in Scotland

Unemployment is back on the political agenda. Although some have believed that unemployment has not been a big problem over the last five to 10 years, this paper highlights that despite real progress, many people have continued to be affected by unemployment. This Poverty Alliance briefing paper looks at the trends in employment

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over the last 10 years and considers some of the implications of the economic downturn for policy aimed at addressing unemployment. **The paper is available at http://www.povertyalliance.org.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/briefings/Briefing10_Unemployment_in_Scotland.pdf**

Community Regeneration - What Do We Know About Poverty?

This SURF Open Forum in March 2009, built upon a variety of recent publications and other relevant activities around the theme of poverty and inequality in Scotland. Participants at the Forum were given the opportunity to explore what we know about poverty in Scotland, where the gaps in knowledge and skills lie, and what opportunities exist to make further progress. The focus was on a particular piece of recent research by the Scottish Government's Social Justice Analysis (SJA) team. An Outcomes Paper encapsulating the flow of the event and the keynote presentation given by Tom Spencer, statistician, and Tom Rutherford, economist, of the SJA team are now available. **Both documents can be downloaded at <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/knowledge/events.asp?sid=9>**

Health, Wellbeing and Regeneration in a Cold Climate

In recent years, SURF has been working to promote the links between the regeneration and health agendas in Scotland, and at their 2008 Annual Conference, it was asserted that, "health and wellbeing is the point of regeneration, not just a factor in it." With that in mind, and with a view to supporting ongoing national and local government efforts to support a 'flourishing' Scotland, despite a difficult economic climate, SURF adopted the linkages between health, wellbeing and regeneration as the main focus of their 2009 Annual Conference. The purpose of this event was to explore options for linking health and regeneration agendas in promoting wellbeing. Speaker presentations, discussion group feedback, electronic voting results, suggested further reading and related information from the conference are now available.

The relevant documents can be accessed at <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/knowledge/events.asp?sid=2>

The Cost of Affordable Warmth

This report, produced by Energy Action Scotland and National Energy Action, examines the relationship between Government and energy supplier investment in programmes to mitigate fuel poverty and the extent to which these fall short of the measures required to meet statutory targets on fuel poverty eradication. **The report is available at http://www.eas.org.uk/downloads/The%20Cost%20of%20Affordable%20Warmth_FINAL%20VERSION.pdf**

Valuing Young People: Principles and connections to support young people achieve their potential

This paper, from the Scottish Government and CoSLA, has been designed to support partners deliver positive outcomes for all young people, while recognising that some need more help than others to realise their potential. It is founded on the principle of partnership: partnership with young people that offers them participation in their communities and local services; but also partnership across national and local government and the voluntary sector to provide the right kind of access to services that meets the diverse needs of young people. **The publication is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/04/21153700/0>**

16+ Learning Choices - First Step Activity and Financial Support Consultation - Responses

The responses to the Scottish Government's Consultation on the 16+ Learning Choices - First Step Activity and Financial Support are available to view. **The responses can be accessed at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/03/24115411/0>**

Evaluation of the Working for Families Fund (2004 - 2008)

This Scottish Government report evaluates the Working for Families Fund which was available in Scotland 2004-08, latterly in 20 local authority areas covering 79% of Scotland's population. This fund invested in initiatives to improve the employability of disadvantaged parents facing barriers, particularly childcare barriers, to participating in the labour market. **The report is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/04/20092521/0>**

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Recent Migration into Scotland: The Evidence Base

Migration has a key role to play in meeting Scottish Government targets in its Economic Strategy. This review uses evidence from a range of published and unpublished sources, including datasets, surveys and qualitative studies, across the two main areas of economic and employment impacts and social impacts. The report is available on the Scottish Government's website at

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/02/23154109/12>

Drug and Alcohol Services in Scotland

This Audit Scotland report provides further evidence of Scotland's growing problem with drug and alcohol misuse. The report calls for a coordinated effort to ensure services meet local needs and are delivered to consistent standards nationally.

The report is available at http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/docs/health/2009/nr_090326_drugs_alcohol.pdf

Closing the Gaps

The results of a three-year pilot project into young people and substance misuse are reported in this publication by Addaction. The study found that young people respond well to treatment when it is carefully tailored to their needs, and the results when families are also included in treatment is even more positive. **The report is available at http://www.addaction.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/closing_the_gaps.pdf**

Ethnicity, Gender and Poverty in the UK

Gender and ethnicity remain two of the most important factors influencing individuals' economic well being. However, a person's likelihood of being in poverty cannot simply be 'read off' from their gender or ethnicity. This Poverty Alliance briefing paper analyses the statistics relating to gender and ethnicity and highlights the complex intersection of the two. Some of the implications for policy makers are also drawn out. **The paper is available at http://www.povertyalliance.org.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/briefings/Briefing11_Gender_Ethnicity_Poverty_Final.pdf**

Close to Home: UK Poverty and the Economic Downturn

This paper, from Oxfam, sets out a pro-poor policy response to the recession that lays down the foundations for a more equitable, sustainable society. It argues that government action should be based upon a long-term vision of moving to a society based on sustainability, with good quality jobs that allow people to have a more secure livelihood, but also backed up by a welfare state safety net which neither traps people nor leaves them living in poverty. **The paper is available at http://www.oxfam.org.uk/resources/policy/economic_crisis/downloads/close_to_home_uk_poverty_economic_crisis.pdf**

Should Adult Benefit for Unemployment now be Raised?

With unemployment rising steadily for the first time since the early 1990s, the adequacy of JSA is a matter of acute importance. Taking account of inflation, its value has not changed in thirty years. This report from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation covers three main questions:

- What JSA is worth, and why – a comparison of JSA against various measures, and a review of its progress over the 60 years of the Welfare State.
- Why increase JSA – an examination of the case for (such as social security, anti-poverty) and against (including disincentives to work) increasing JSA.
- Whether the recession alters the argument – and if so, how far it is supported by the evidence.

The report is available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/should-adult-benefit-now-be-raised>

Exploring a Distance Travelled Approach to WORKSTEP Development Planning

This report presents findings from a qualitative research project exploring the development of a Distance Travelled approach to WORKSTEP development planning. Researchers from Northumbria University worked with experts and providers

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to develop a Distance Travelled approach to use in development planning with WORKSTEP customers and then piloted the approach with 10 WORKSTEP providers between April 2007 and September 2008. **The report is available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2009-2010/rrep566.pdf>**

Making it Work: Analysing Different Ways of Tackling Worklessness

A new report, published by the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES), argues that Jobcentre Plus is constrained in its efforts to assist residents to find work by a system that is not wholly responsive to personal needs or to local contexts.

The report is available at [http://www.cles.org.uk/files/103791/FileName/Makingitwork\(web\).pdf](http://www.cles.org.uk/files/103791/FileName/Makingitwork(web).pdf)



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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>

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