

Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

July 2019

Welcome

Welcome to the July edition of Stirling Council's Community News Sheet. This is a free news sheet from Stirling Council's Community Engagement Team which includes a variety of information gathered from different sources and organisations that we hope groups and communities will find useful. We endeavour to ensure all information is accurate and up-to-date. We can also include information about community activities and topics, please feel free to email us any contributions.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact us: communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk

Stirling's Pontoon Launched

The first wave of boats are taking to the water as Stirling's new pontoon launches from the heart of the city. Both recreational and commercial boat operators can now book online via the [Council website](#) to gain access to the River Forth

The new Shore Road pontoon is aiming to make the River Forth a key feature for the city again for the first time since the 1940s. The pontoon landing stage is 30 metres long, with an additional five metre section for rowing boats and kayaks. The state-of-the-art pontoon and access walkway rise and fall with the tide and is designed to be wheelchair compliant.



Stirling Council's Preloved Clothing Platform Launched

The pre-loved clothing online platform is to be carried out in three phases:

- Phase One – School session 2019/2020 including nurseries and primary schools
- Phase Two - School session 2020/2021 extending to high schools
- Phase Three – School session 2020/2021 begin to include prom dresses and prom suits.

Parents and guardians are asked to hold on to school uniforms they wish to donate to the platform until nearer the end of the summer holidays in August. If you have any questions please email

preloved@stirling.gov.uk



Call for Evidence on the Long-Term Financial Sustainability of Local Government

The Local Government and Communities Committee launched a call for written evidence on its pre-budget scrutiny into the long-term financial sustainability of local government. Views are welcome from the local government sector itself and from any experts or individuals with an interest in local government and local services and with views about how best to ensure that the sector has a sustainable future.

Written submissions to the Committee should be completed and sent in electronic format no later than that date to LocalGovernmentandCommunities@parliament.scot. Submissions should ideally be no more than 4 A4 pages in length and we would also be grateful if you could read the [Parliament's privacy notice](#) before sending your views to the Committee.

To view information please visit the website:

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/112320.aspx>.

The written evidence closes on Friday 23 August 2019



Consultation on the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development

The Scottish Government is consulting on regulations to bring into force Part 5 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016, the right to buy land to further sustainable development. It is important that those who may seek to use Part 5 to buy land, and those whose land may be sought under Part 5, have the opportunity to comment on how the Part 5 process will work in practice. In addition to asking about the detail of the regulations, the consultation contains an overview of how the Part 5 process will work. This is an opportunity for consultees to consider and comment on whether this matches their expectations of how the Part 5 legislation would work in practice

To view the consultation please visit the website:

<https://consult.gov.scot/environment-forestry/right-to-buy-land-further-sustainable-development/>

The consultation closes on Thursday 19 September 2019.



Scottish Land Commission seeks Community Views

The Scottish Land Commission has launched a new survey seeking views of communities across Scotland about community engagement in decisions relating to land.



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The Commission wants to make sure that all people in Scotland have the opportunity to be involved in decisions about land that significantly affect them. The Commission is supporting communities, land owners and land managers to work together to make better – and fairer – decisions about land use with the publication of its first Protocol on Community Engagement in Decisions Relating to Land.

The Commission's Protocol supports the Guidance on engaging communities in decisions relating to land, which was published by the Scottish Government in April last year. Over the next couple of years, the Commission will review the effectiveness of the guidance, and recommend improvements if needed. The survey will establish a baseline against which progress can be measured and identify where further support needs to be developed by the Commission or other organisations.

The survey will be open for responses until the **end of September 2019** and can be found at:

www.landcommission.gov.scot/communityengagement

2019/20 Community Grant Scheme

NHS Forth Valley, Health Promotion Service is pleased to announce the third year of **Community Grant** funding. There are 3 large grants up to a maximum of £1500.00 and 15 small grants up to a maximum of £400.00 available.

Applications will be considered from community groups and organisations across Forth Valley and must address one or both of the Health Promotion Service Priorities - Health Inequalities and Mental Health and Wellbeing.

To receive an application pack email evonne.fleming@nhs.net



Funeral Director: Code of Practice Consultation

The Scottish Government is consulting on a statutory Funeral Director: Code of Practice. Funeral directors will be inspected against this Code once it comes into force and will be legally obliged to meet its requirements.

The Code was developed with input from a funeral director industry working group, chaired by the Inspector of Funeral Directors, and including funeral director representatives. It is important the people who will be affected by the Code are given the opportunity to comment on all aspects of the content of the Code, so that Scottish Government can understand the impact it will have on funeral directors and the funeral industry

To view the consultation please visit the website:

<https://consult.gov.scot/population-health/funeral-director-code-of-practice/>

The consultation closes on Friday 20 September 2019



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Challenge Fund



A Challenge Fund to support community based Dementia Friendly activities and supports was advertised through Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) on Monday 22nd July. The application process is open for 30 days and will close on Wednesday 21st August at 12 noon. Interested organisations are encouraged to bid and should register their organisation as a supplier using this link to PCS.

<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Questions about the process should be raised using the portal by Wednesday 14th August at 12 noon.

Hilden Charitable Fund

Grants of an average of £5,000 are available to charities working at community level in the UK, and developing countries, on causes which are less likely to be able to raise funds from public subscriptions.

In the UK, Hilden's grant making priorities are: Homelessness, Penal Affairs, Asylum Seekers and Refugees, and Community Based initiatives for Disadvantaged Young People Aged 16 to 25.

For more information please visit their website: <http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>

The next closing date is Thursday 12th September 2019

BBC Children in Need Main Grants



Grants of over £10,000 per project are available to not for profit organisations and schools that work with young people who are experiencing disadvantage through illness, distress, abuse or neglect; any kind of disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties; and / or living in poverty or situations of deprivation. Schools can also apply for funding but the project must be additional to their statutory duties. The funding is being made available through the BBC Children in Need Main Grants programme. For more information please visit their website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1N4ddmFHns8VPKjyp3PMYwn/apply-for-a-grant>

The next closing date for applications is the 13th September 2019.

Cash for Culture Publication



Voluntary Arts Scotland has extended and re-printed its popular 'Cash for Culture' publication which is a guide to fundraising for voluntary/community groups. The guide contains details of major funders, trusts, corporate giving and a variety of tips and ideas to help groups access money or in-kind support. Whilst its focus is on the arts and culture, this is a useful publication for any voluntary/community group and can be viewed at:

<https://www.voluntaryarts.org/cash-for-culture>

Pop Up Stand in City Centre

As part of this year's Festival of Volunteering, why not take over the Festival of Volunteering Pop Up stand in the Stirling Thistle Shopping Centre to promote your volunteering opportunities, showcase your work and celebrate the work of volunteers!!



The Pop-Up stand will be available from the 9 to 15 September. Bookings will be for half a day per organisation.

If you are interested please contact Volunteer Scotland at: volfest@volunteerscotland.org.uk

Please specify in your email your preferred date and time. Bookings are on a first come first served basis and spaces are limited to just 14 organisations so be quick if you want a space!

Once your booking is confirmed your involvement will be added to the Festival of Volunteering website under the "Stirling City Centre Pop-Up Stall" event page, as well as promoted on social media by the Festival of Volunteering and partner organisations.

Festival of Volunteering Co-production Group

Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise (SVE) has set up a Festival of Volunteering Co-production Group so that smaller local Volunteering Involving Organisations can contribute to the Festival of Volunteering in September 2019 and the Festival year in 2020. The Co-production Group will feed directly into the Festival Steering Group.

The meetings include updates on The Festival of Volunteering as well as information about the Inspire Volunteering Award Ceremony, which will be held on Tuesday 3 September 2019.

The Group will look at ways that smaller organisations, who may not have the resources for an event, can celebrate their volunteers. One example of this is The Volunteering Tree. This is where volunteering organisations can add short quotes on paper leaves about their volunteers, and service users can talk about how volunteers makes a difference to them, or volunteers can add something about how volunteering has made a difference to them. The leaves are then added to a wooden tree. In 2018, SVE also produced a book, highlighting a few of the 400 quotes that were added to the tree.

SVE are also hosting a Story of Volunteering. This is an opportunity for organisations to send images, quotes, stories, photographs, videos or any visual representations that reflects their organisation. These will be collated to give an insight into volunteering in the Stirling and Forth Valley area.

If you have images please send them, with permission for us to show images during the Festival period, to story@sventerprise.org.uk

For more information about this please contact Joanne Rae by email joanne@sventerprise.org.uk or telephone 01786 430000.

16 Days of Action Against Violence

The annual campaign 16 Days of Action starts on 25 November 2019. This campaign raises awareness to end violence against women and girls around the world. Locally the Stirling Gender Based Violence Partnership is putting on a variety of events and activities but would also like to support communities to put on awareness raising events across Stirling during this time. Themes this year include coercive control and how the new Domestic Abuse legislation is working; Sexual Harassment; safe dating and how communities can recognise and challenge gender based violence.

Communities can participate in a variety of ways including holding exhibitions, film nights, talks, distributing publicity and awareness information or simply making people aware of the ways to recognise and challenge gender based violence. The Partnership can provide support, advice and possibly speakers. If you would like more information about holding an event, raising awareness or what you can do to support the campaign, contact Ali Ryan on 01786 233862 or ryana@stirling.gov.uk.



Scottish Co-production Network

The Scottish Co-production Network is a way for people to share ideas and learning about co-production. Co-production is a way for those who run public services and those who use them, to come together to make the most their own skills and ideas to improve how services work. The Network was created in 2012 and has more than 1,200 members who contribute their views and ideas about how co-production can become the way Scottish public services work.

The Network's main activity includes:

- Hosting learning events where people can share their learning and experiences
- Publication of materials and resources
- Promotion of co-production in Scotland
- Support dialogue and advance co-production approaches in Scotland

For more information please visit website: <http://www.coproductionscotland.org.uk/>



Knowledge is Power - Supporting Community-led Action Research

Knowledge is Power is a new programme from Scottish Community Development Centre and The Poverty Alliance to support community-led action research in Scotland. Over the next two years, six community organisations will be supported to use the knowledge – and power – of their communities to make change happen.

The Scottish Community Development Centre and The Poverty Alliance will work with activists, volunteers, and staff of community organisations to deliver community-led action research on the issues that matter to them – and share people's experiences and learning.

SCDC and The Poverty Alliance will be working with people and groups across the country – from communities, funders, academia and government - to build a long term programme to help community-led action research develop and grow across Scotland.

For more information please visit website: <https://www.knowledgeispower.scot/>



National Cycle to Work Day - Thursday 8 August 2019

Take part in the UK's biggest cycle commuting event. Cycle to Work Day is for absolutely everyone. It doesn't matter if you haven't cycled in years or have never cycled at all. This is just about giving it a go.

For more information and to register, visit the website

Love to Ride online community cycle scheme -

<http://www.lovetoride.net/>



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