

Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

May 2018

Welcome

Welcome to the May edition of Stirling Council's Community News Sheet. We have included a variety of information which we hope that you will find useful – if you have any questions or would like to know more – please don't hesitate to contact us.

If you are receiving this News Sheet you are part of the Community Engagement Team's mailing list. We collect, use and store your information in order to support you and your organisation's activities. We send a monthly News Sheet; training and event opportunity; and other relevant information periodically.

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Fair Start Scotland

A new support service designed to help unemployed people across Forth Valley find work has been launched in Stirling. Fair Start Scotland aims to help people across the area, who face barriers getting into work, to look for employment through the provision of a more targeted support service. Participants will be able to access up to a year of pre-employment support and a year of in-work support.

Fair Start Scotland will:

- Allocate a dedicated adviser to help applicants find work and offer support throughout their time with the service
- Develop the skills and attributes of individuals to help them with applications and interviews
- Help find volunteering and placement opportunities that can help build experience

The service is governed by the four key values of equality, dignity, respect and fairness that will be demonstrated to every person supported. Participation is entirely voluntary and does not affect existing benefits.

Councillor Scott Farmer, Leader of Stirling Council, who launched the programme at an event in Stirling said: "There is no one single reason why people find themselves unemployed or out of work so it is crucial we provide a service that acknowledges this, and can help our most vulnerable people on an individual basis.

Our aim here is to help people develop their skills, gain confidence and experience, and guide them to the right opportunities to get back into work.

Increasing investment in employability is essential to the Council's ambition of inclusive growth. Supporting residents farthest from the labour market to build their skills is critical to ensuring growth that both strengthens the economy and reduces inequalities."



Councillor Scott Farmer (middle) with Lesley Gallagher, Service Manager and Ed Gibbon, Team Leader.

Convener of the Finance and Economy Committee, Councillor Margaret Brisley, said: "Working with our partners in neighbouring local authorities, voluntary organisations and NHS Forth Valley will allow us to pool our resources and add real strength to this project.

This is great news for Stirling and will help us work with our most vulnerable people, especially those with complex issues who want to work and need our support to enter, remain or get back into the labour market."

To be eligible applicants must be:

- Living in the Forth Valley area and be eligible to work in the UK
- Over 18 and out of work in receipt of Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit
- 16 or 17 and are disabled

For more information contact the Learning and Employability team on 01786 237517 or e-mail learningandemployability@stirling.gov.uk

LinkAge

LinkAge Stirling combats loneliness and isolation in the over-65s by using a person's existing support network, such as GPs, pharmacies, relatives and even self-referral to help people stay connected.



LinkAge will first be delivered in the Trossachs and Teith area in a bid to help the ageing community there stay connected.

Once a person has been referred through LinkAge, a member of the team will arrange a visit to discuss their interests. New connections could improve the person's wellbeing as well as helping to address and breakdown any barriers to accessing help.

For more information or to make an appointment for yourself or someone else please contact 01786 233071, visit www.stirling.gov.uk/linkage or visit the Council headquarters at Old Viewforth, 14-20 Pitt Terrace, Stirling.

Have you signed up to Frog.net yet?

Frog.net is a new digital local information sharing platform designed to help a local authorities citizens lead long, safe, happy and healthy lives.

Stirling Council is a passionate advocate of effective information sharing and of providing individuals, families and communities with the information they need to help themselves. We want to ensure that every person within the area wishing to join a club, find a tradesman, seeking health support or simply planning a day out has easy access to current and relevant information at the click of a mouse. We are therefore urging all of our local service providers, businesses and visitor attractions to get a listing on Frog as soon as possible.

Organisations can sign up to www.stirling.frog.net today, free of charge using the voucher code: **stirling100**.

Black History Month

October 2018

Black History Month aims to raise awareness of the positive role that black and minority ethnic men and women have played in shaping both Glasgow and Scotland's history. For more information please email zandra@crer.org.uk. The deadline for submissions to the programme is 16 July 2018.

Trossachs Ton

Action Medical Research is looking for volunteer support for their charity bike ride which will begin and end at Stirling High School, Torbrex Farm Road on Sunday 17th June. It takes a dedicated team of different roles to make the event happen and we need volunteer crew members to take on many important tasks.



You don't have to be a cyclist but we do need friendly individuals to help at start and finish points, refreshment stops, going out to pick up cyclists and help set up and break down the event.

It's going to be a fun day and a fabulous way to help such a great charity. If you have a few hours to spare please contact Cecilia on 01237 782820 or email ccooper@action.org.uk.

Further information on the ride and the charity can be found at www.action.org.uk/trossachs-ton.

Volunteers' Week 2018

Volunteer' Week - the national celebration of volunteering from the 1-7 June - is fast approaching and therefore is no better time to start planning!

This year the tagline is '**Volunteering For All**,' which we hope will provide organisations an opportunity to highlight that volunteering is for everyone.

With thousands of great volunteering positions available in local communities across the country, from micro-volunteering to community based activities to online opportunities, Volunteers' Week helps organisations celebrate their volunteers' work and encourages volunteers to share their own stories.

The week can also help highlight how people can access volunteering opportunities and overcome any barriers they might be facing, so there's a real benefit in getting involved for charities large and small.

For more information visit <https://www.volunteerscotland.net/volunteers-week-2018/>



Trossachs Search and Rescue Fundraiser

Recently, when the village of Fintry was completely shut off for 5 days, due to the heavy snow, Trossachs Search and Rescue volunteers provided remarkable emergency services. Without them the village had no way of getting urgent medical & food supplies and ambulance help in. In other words, they came to the rescue of the whole community.

Trossachs Search and Rescue are self-funded and some of the Fintry community wanted to help them by raising money in the village as a thank them.

A Fun Day was organised on Sunday 15th April in the Menzies Hall Fintry to thank them for all their support through the extreme weather.

The total amount raised was £2,115



Credit Union Foundation
Lloyds Banking Group's Credit Union Development Fund
Deadline 18 June 2018



Funds are available to strengthen the financial position of credit unions and give them the capacity to develop new strategies for sustained and effective growth. Two kinds of grants are available: Large awards (of between £50,000 and £100,000) will provide a contribution to a credit union's reserves and help remove barriers to growth and innovation; Seed funding awards (of between £10,000 and £20,000) will help credit unions to make the changes they need to apply for a large award in a subsequent year or to pay for the costs of merger or investment in digital improvements.

Applications are open until 18th June 2018. and can be submitted via
<http://www.creditunionfoundation.org.uk/projects/developmentfund>

Training



Participation Requests

Monday 4 June 2018 - 7.00 - 9.00pm
McLaren Hall, Main Street, Killin

This is a new opportunity for communities and groups to proactively be involved in improving services and outcomes.

Participation Requests are part of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and allow groups to formally ask to be involved in how decisions are made and how services are run if they can contribute to improving services and outcomes. This Act is a new law brought in by the Scottish Government to help communities to do more for themselves and have more say in decisions that affect them through involvement with public bodies such as local authorities, Police, national parks, Colleges and the NHS.

This course aims to

- Explain what Participation Requests are and how they work;
- What organisations need to consider before applying; and
- Explore what it might mean for your organisation or community

This course is aimed at members of Community Councils, Community Development Trusts and Community Groups.

Booking is essential - to book please register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-stronger-communities-201718-tickets-29606216992>
or call 01786 233076.

Community Engagement Team, communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk phone 01786 233076

Please note

We ask that people let us know if they cannot attend a course they have booked onto as places are limited and other groups may be able to take their place.

PVG and Signatory Training



This course is for signatories who use Volunteer Scotland's Disclosure Services and will cover everything you need to know to act as a signatory, including:

- What it means to be a signatory;
- Forms and certificates;
- The PVG Scheme;
- Regulated work;
- Referrals – understanding your legal obligations under the PVG legislation;
- The implications of retrospective checking;
- PVG in context – good recruitment and management practice.

PVG & Signatory training sessions will run from 10am - 4pm at the Volunteer Scotland office in Stirling on the following dates:

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| • Tuesday 5 June 2018 | • Tuesday 4 September 2018 |
| • Tuesday 26 June 2018 | • Friday 28 September 2018 |
| • Tuesday 10 July 2018 | • Tuesday 9 October 2018 |
| • Monday 30 July 2018 | • Wednesday 31 October 2018 |
| • Wednesday 8 August 2018 | • Wednesday 7 November 2018 |
| • Tuesday 28 August 2018 | • Tuesday 27 November 2018 |
| | • Tuesday 11 December 2018 |

To book via the online booking system please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pvg-signatory-training-tickets-14956206416> . If you have any questions regarding this training please contact Volunteer Scotland at 01786 849777 or email disclosures@volunteerscotland.org.uk .

Volunteer Management - The Essentials

This 3 day course, split over 6 weeks, will give you everything you need to manage volunteers.

During the course you will be challenged to think beyond what is needed for the traditional volunteer, gaining an understanding of today's volunteers and what your organisation needs to have in place to give them a great experience. The sessions will cover preparing for volunteer involvement, attracting the right volunteers and getting them started. We will also discuss supporting volunteers, managing challenging situations, reward and recognition and evaluating your volunteer programme.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Explain what volunteering is, why people do it and what they can do.
- Plan a recruitment process to get volunteers involved.
- Design an induction and support process to get volunteers started.
- Feel confident in dealing with challenging situations surrounding volunteers.
- Identify where you can recognise and reward your volunteers as well as identify opportunities for further development.
- Critically assess your policies and procedures that support volunteering.
- Drive forward volunteering in your area of work.

All training days begin at 10am and finish at 4.15pm and will be delivered in Stirling at Volunteer Scotland offices on the following dates:

- 31st July, 21st August and 11th September 2018.
- 5th, 26th February and 19th March 2019.

The total cost for this 3 day course, including lunch is:

- Organisations with an income of £100,000 or less per annum: **£90 per person.**
- Organisations with incomes between £100,000 and £500,000: **£130 per person.**
- Organisations with incomes over £500,000: **£210 per person.**
- Individuals not connected to an organisation cost: **£90 per person.**

To book please visit <https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/training-courses/volunteer-management-leadership-training/volunteer-management-the-essentials/>

Fairer Scotland for Disabled People

A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People, published by the Scottish Government in December 2016, seeks to drive transformational change to improve the lives of disabled people in Scotland. It recognises the challenges and barriers disabled people face in the labour market and sets out a range of commitments to support our ambition to reduce the disability employment gap by at least half.

In recent months, the Scottish Government has engaged with disabled people, their representative bodies and other stakeholders both inside and outwith government to consider how this very ambitious target can be achieved. The public sector clearly has a key role to play in achieving this ambition and its institutions should set the standard for Scotland.

This consultation sets out the current situation in terms of the employment of disabled people in the public sector in Scotland. It discusses current data collections and what can be done to improve these, and it sets out potential options for targets and other measures.

The Scottish Government want to hear from public sector bodies and disabled people's organisations on how they can improve the employment of disabled people in the public sector in Scotland, including what their views are of targets, and what other measures can be taken to improve this. Importantly we also want to hear from disabled people themselves.

This consultation closes 15th August 2018. To give your views, please visit

<https://consult.gov.scot/fair-work-employability-and-skills/disability-employment/>

Changes proposed for those working with vulnerable people.

Proposals which would require all sports coaches working with children and other vulnerable groups to undergo mandatory disclosure checks have been outlined.

Disclosure Scotland published a consultation to review Scotland's disclosure regime, including the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme, which covers those working with children and the vulnerable.

Proposals include:

- Simplifying the disclosure system
- Making membership of the PVG scheme mandatory for those in sensitive roles
- Making PVG membership time-limited
- Making the disclosure system respond better to young people's circumstances
- Using digital technology to better and more efficiently meet customer needs

Minister for Childcare and Early Years, Maree Todd, said: "We have a duty to make Scotland a fair and safe society, supporting people into work, protecting children and those in receipt of medical or care services.

Establishing the PVG scheme in 2011, the Scottish Parliament created a forward-thinking disclosure regime to balance safeguarding individual rights with respect for their private life.

These new proposals will allow Disclosure Scotland to improve its services to customers, simplifying and modernising our disclosure system so that it's fit for a digital future, whilst continuing to ensure people receive the best possible protection.

I encourage all organisations and individuals who are involved with disclosure to give us their feedback."

The full consultation is available here <https://consult.gov.scot/disclosure-scotland/protection-of-vulnerable/>.

Communities to shape democracy

People to have their say on Scotland's public services.

People across Scotland are being invited to join a conversation about community decision-making to help make public services more locally focused.

The Democracy Matters conversation will identify new legal rights for communities which would place them at the heart of decision-making.

As part of the conversation people are being invited to consider a short set of questions on shaping local democracy. Community groups can also apply for grants of up to £300 to host their own events related to the project.

Communities Secretary Angela Constance said: "The start of the Democracy Matters conversation is an important moment for community decision-making in Scotland. We believe that more decisions about public services should be taken locally, and that communities should be able to influence those decisions. We want to hear from people across Scotland about the issues they want decisions on in their neighbourhood, town or village, and the kind of arrangements that would help that happen."

COSLA President Alison Evison said: "Across the country, it is widely recognised that Scotland needs local solutions to the opportunities and challenges it faces. The conversation is a vital contribution to the change that is needed across all spheres of government to make Scotland a more democratic place, and to ensure that Scotland's public services are built around the communities they serve."

Scottish Community Alliance Director Angus Hardie said: "As things stand, communities often find that the really important issues that affect them the most are decided without their involvement and in faraway places. But if democracy is working well, most of those decisions would be taken much closer to these communities and often by local people themselves. Democracy Matters is a rare opportunity for communities everywhere – especially for those groups whose voice doesn't always get heard – to become involved and to re-imagine how democracy can be made to work for everyone."

Background

The Democracy Matters conversation is a joint venture between the Scottish Government, COSLA and the community sector and will run over the next six months.

More information on how to take part in the conversation and how to apply for funding to run an event is available online. People can also contact the organisers via: democracymatters@gov.scot

Welfare Foods

A consultation on meeting the needs of children and families in Scotland

The powers over Welfare Foods have been devolved to Scotland through provisions in the Scotland Act 2016. As part of the Scottish Government's drive to give children the best start in life, improve health outcomes and tackle inequality, this consultation is asking how best to take forward these powers to better meet the needs of children and families in Scotland. Welfare Foods includes the current UK Healthy Start Vouchers and Nursery Milk Scheme.

To give your views, please visit <https://consult.gov.scot/health-protection/welfare-foods/>. This consultation closes on 28th June 2018.



REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene

Sunday 10th June 2018

9.30am–5pm

Cowie Community Centre, Cowie, FK7 7BL

REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene is a practical course designed to give individuals a basic knowledge and understanding of the causes of food poisoning, measures for prevention and the legal aspects of food hygiene in Scotland.

Participants will also have the opportunity to complete a short exam as part of the course. Upon successful completion of the exam, participants will be awarded a Certificate in Elementary Food Hygiene.

By the end of the session participants will have an awareness of: Food Hygiene, Food Pests, Bacteria, Food Premises, Equipment & Utensils, Food Poisoning, Cleaning & Disinfection, Personal Hygiene and Food Hygiene Law.

Please note: Tea/Coffee will be provided but participants will be expected to bring their own lunch

This course is aimed at members of Community Groups

Please note booking is essential, to book please register at :

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-stronger-communities-tickets-29606216992>

Or 01786 233076 or communityengagement @stirling.gov.uk

Please include in your email your group's name, contact person and their telephone number

If you need help or this information supplied in an alternative format please call 01786 404040



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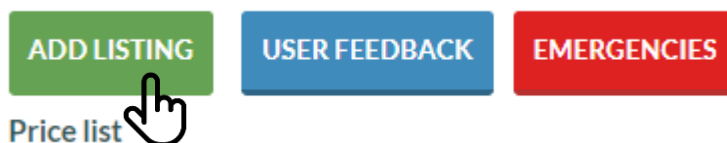
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Simply click **JOIN FROG** on the homepage at <https://stirling.frog.net>

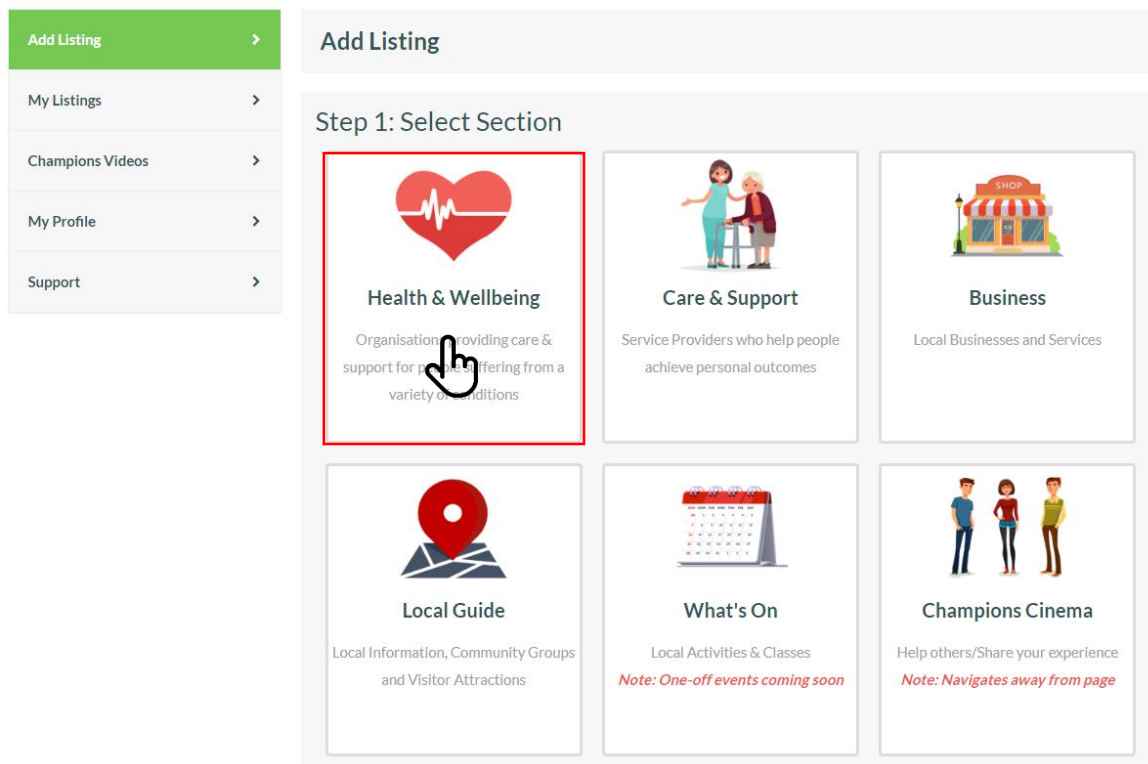


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Once registered click on the green **Add Listing** button at the top of the page



3. Select Listing Type



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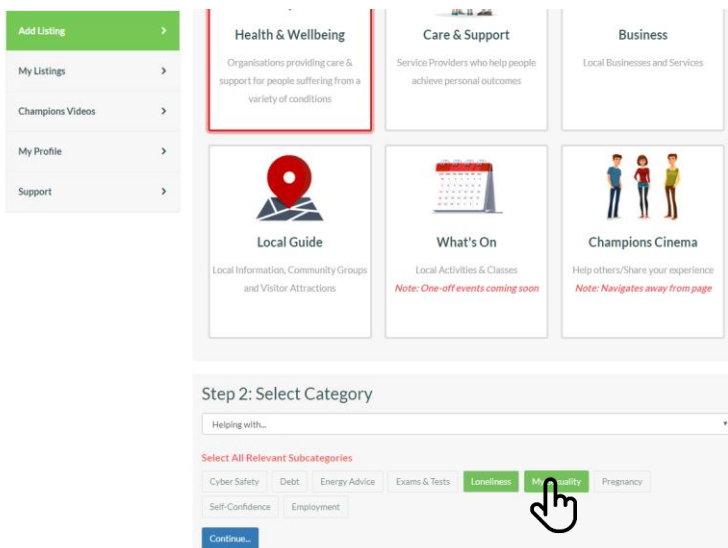
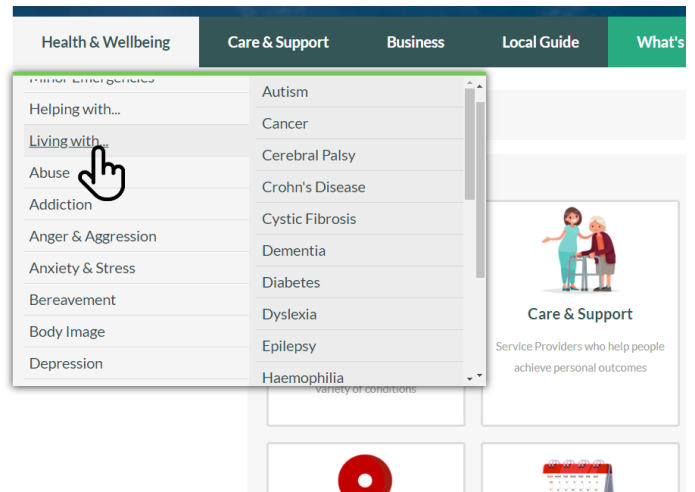
Only you will know what is the best Listing type for your organisation but try and think what would **you** search for if you were trying to find the activity, support, product or service that you offer and in which category would **you** expect to find it?

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Quick Tip

If you are unsure of the most appropriate listing type for your Organisation. Take a couple of minutes to browse the top level categories and subcategories from the main menu before you decide.



4. Select Category/Subcategories

Once you have selected the listing type you then select a main category and subcategories.



Quick Tip

If you select an incorrect subcategory, simply double click until the green highlight disappears.

5. Enter Organisation Name

Enter your organisation name exactly as you wish it to appear in your listing remembering to use both upper and lower case characters and spaces.

Step 3: Enter Organisation Name

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6. Complete Your Organisation Details

➤ Promotional Image and Logo



A picture speaks a thousand words! Your Listing will really stand out with a great image. Try and use an image that conveys what you do.

➤ Address and Contact Details

➤ Location and Categories

➤ Video



Own a smart phone/tablet?
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➤ Service Description

➤ Key Features



Ensure you list your key 6 messages .

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