

# Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

August 2018

## Welcome

Welcome to the August 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 ([communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk)). We can include information about community activities and topics, please feel free to email us any contributions.

## £90.2 million City Region Deal for Stirling and Clackmannanshire

The UK and Scottish Government are investing over £90 million in Stirling and Clackmannanshire through an ambitious UK City Region Deal, which will drive economic growth across the region.

The City Region Deal is an agreement between the Scottish Government, UK Government, Stirling Council and Clackmannanshire Council, and will unlock economic opportunities across the whole of the region, delivering new and up-skilled jobs across a range of sectors. This deal will trigger a ripple effect of investment in the area worth up to £600million.

Here are some of the commitments within the city region deal:-

### Innovation

The region has particular expertise in Aquaculture and Environmental management and the Deal will deliver new investment and facilities to build up new industries and support sustainable growth in these areas.

### Digital

The Digital District is a programme of investment in infrastructure and skills to transform and benefit urban, rural and disadvantaged areas of the region. Within 10 years, the Stirling and Clackmannanshire city region aims to be known as one of the UK's leading areas for digital technology and as a centre of excellence for digital skills and education.

### Culture and Tourism

In recognition of the significant opportunities to strengthen the regional economy's offering, investment in culture, heritage and tourism will form a key part of the deal.

### Skills and Inclusion

Inclusive Growth lies at the heart of City Region Deals and this Deal will drive future inclusive

economic growth and tackle inequality through growing local talent, creating new connections with the world and providing new opportunities and routes into employment for people across the region.

A new skills and inclusion programme will ensure that businesses and communities throughout the entire region are given the opportunity to engage with and benefit from the opportunities arising from the investments delivered through this Deal.

### Infrastructure

The UK Government will use the opportunity represented by the Defence Estate Optimisation Programme to release land at Forthside for development, working with Stirling Council to align the site with their housing and business plans exploring joint ventures and other development vehicles. The UK Government will contribute the value of the land transferred to the Deal, reflected today in the Heads of Terms as £5 million new funding from the UK Government. This is indicative and the ultimate contribution will depend on the land's final market value and nature of the final business plans.

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The Scottish Government supports the ambition of Stirling Council to work with other public sector partners to establish a Public Sector Hub at Stirling Harbour. This aims to build better alignment and collaboration across sectors and between organisations and to revitalise this area of the city, which has excellent public transport infrastructure.

### **Transport, connectivity and low carbon**

Improving and investing in the region's transport infrastructure is a key and integral part of the Deal and will support the city region partners to deliver their vision of inclusive economic growth.

The River Forth is an important, yet underutilised, asset to the city region. The Deal will help reunite the region with the River, creating opportunities in

travel, leisure, physical activity, sport and tourism, which will benefit the city region through social innovation, health and well-being, pathways to employment and the diversification of tourism.

### **Governance and Assurance**

Strong and effective leadership and governance is paramount to both successful implementation and in providing assurance to governments, local authorities and wider regional partners. To date, the city region deal has been developed through joint working by the region's local authorities and the partners have worked closely with local people, national agencies, all types of business, the Third sector, the University and College and the Stirling City Commission to develop proposals and a governance approach which will deliver transformative inclusive economic growth.

Within each of the commitments there will be a series of **Key** commitments which will outline in more detail about how the city region deal will be delivered. For more information on this contact Steven MacDonald at [macdonaldst@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:macdonaldst@stirling.gov.uk).

## **THE BIG CONVERSATION**

### **Have you joined the Big Conversation yet?**

Many have already taken part in our survey to help address some of the key issues facing the Stirling area against a backdrop of ongoing financial challenges and changing demographics. We need to make £17m of savings over the next 4 years on top of the £30m of savings we have already made since 2012. We are reviewing and transforming how we deliver our services to ensure we are doing things in the most cost effective way. We would like you to help us shape these services tailored to suit your needs. Your help and input is truly invaluable, so make sure you have your say.

**You can take the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LXCSGD2>**

A big thank you to everyone who has taken part so far - we'll be sharing some of the great ideas and suggestions that have come forward very soon.

We would appreciate if you could forward round your networks. We want to hear from you, the people who live and work in our communities.

**Please complete the survey and have your voice heard.**

The survey closes on 16th September.

## Scottish Community Councils Website

The Scottish Community Councils website was created to support and promote Scottish community councils through advice and resources, and real success stories of the impact that they can have on their community. This website is for anyone interested in community councils as well as both new and experienced community councillors. The site has up to date information on news, events, guidance, and grants that are related to community councils and offers advice on how to be a community councillor.

For further information see <http://www.communitycouncils.scot/index.html>

For more funding opportunities from various organisations, visit the Funding page on the Scottish Community Councils Website's Help and Support section.



Why not join the Scottish Community Councilors Development Network, which is a Knowledge Hub group for community councillors and people interested in community council work. Join the group to network with other community councilors, share knowledge and experience, and discuss queries or issues.

Sign up for free to Knowledge Hub at  
<http://www.communitycouncils.scot/community-councillors-khub-group-renamed.html>

## Tenants and Residents Association for Dunblane

An Inaugural General Meeting of the new Tenants and Residents Association Dunblane (TRAD), will take place on the 12th September at 7.30 at Dunblane High School.

A Steering Group of local residents have been working with Stirling Council and the Tenant Participation Advisory Service to set up the new group. The group aim to improve living conditions and housing services for tenants and residents living in Dunblane.

The purpose of the meeting is to adopt a draft constitution and elect a committee. Anyone from Dunblane can attend. Membership of the Association is free and any resident can stand for election as a committee member.

If you wish to attend the meeting please register at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tenants-and-residents-association-dunblane-igm-tickets-49088747766>

## Let's Make it Better for Men

We are a small group of like-minded men experiencing mental health problems who meet twice a week to support one another at the Sunlite Café in the Cowane Centre on Mondays from 10am - 2pm.

Mondays are usually about meeting up for a chat and having a lunch at the Sunlite Café in the Cowane Centre. The second part of the week usually involves a mid-week activity such as an excursion, sports or social activities. However this usually involves the group having a chat to decide on what they would like to do and or where to go.

If you feel you could benefit from meeting others in similar situations, getting support and social contact, then please get in touch by calling the Sunlite Café on 01786 475459 or Craig on 0734042655.

# Consultations

## Consultation on Free Bus Travel for Older and Disabled People and Modern Apprentices

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Michael Matheson, has announced that the National Concessionary Travel Scheme will be extended to companions of eligible disabled children aged under five, which could result in over 3000 families and children additionally benefitting from the bus pass.

Additionally, Mr Matheson announced that the age of eligibility will not change for the National Concessionary Travel Scheme and that the options to provide free bus travel for Modern Apprentices will continue to be considered.

The consultation on the scheme closed in November 2017, with nearly 3000 responses received from people and organisations all across Scotland. Two thirds of respondents felt that the free bus pass should remain available from the age of 60. A similar number of respondents felt that Modern Apprentices should benefit from free bus travel, and an overwhelming number of respondents were in favour of providing companion cards for eligible disabled children aged under five.

For more information on the research/analysis and consultation responses see

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/consultation/consultation-on-free-bus-travel-for-older-and-disabled-people-and-modern-apprentices/>

# Funding

## Scottish Government – Making Places

The 2018 /2019 Making Places initiative to encourage communities is now open. This initiative is for community-led design (the evolution of the Charrettes fund) and the Place Standard Conversations Fund.

The 2018 to 2019 Making Places initiative aims to encourage communities to positively and actively contribute to the development of their local places. Making Places represents a broadening of the charrette mainstreaming programme to support communities at all stages of their thinking. In all cases, projects coming forward to access support should be able to demonstrate a strong emphasis on tackling inequality, and will have a clear ambition to combat disadvantage through community activity and creative thinking. For further information, please read the prospectus on their website. The making places initiative offers two funding options:

1. The Place Standard Conversations Fund will support communities who are keen to develop their understanding of place and build their skills and confidence.
1. The Community-led Design Fund will support communities to participate in and lead design events, such as workshops and charrettes.

**The next deadline is 28 September 2018.**

For more information see

<https://beta.gov.scot/publications/making-places-initiative-2018-2018-prospectus-and-application-form/>

## Crowdfund Stirling



Stirling communities, businesses and social enterprises will be able to tap into funds as part of a pioneering crowdfunding portal - Crowdfund Stirling which has recently been launched.

Stirling Council has set aside £30,000 on Crowdfund Stirling - to enable communities, businesses and social enterprises to boost their campaigns and support local economic growth.

The portal is a partnership between Crowd Funder - the UK's leading crowdfunding platform and Stirling Council. Crowdfunding is an alternative means of funding that allows individuals to take their ideas forward and make them a reality with the power of the Crowd and change the world around them by promoting projects and giving away rewards in return for pledges of money.

Projects that launch on Crowdfund Stirling, that meet the criteria will be eligible for match funding from Stirling Council, a maximum grant of £2,500 is available on a maximum intervention rate of 50%. The Economic Development Grant supports local communities, businesses and social enterprises to deliver projects that will help both the development of their ideas but also the overall economic growth of the whole area.

Examples of types of projects that could receive support include:

- initiatives to increase visitor numbers and spend
- new events that attract visitors from out with the area
- activities that stimulate growth and create new jobs
- activities that attract investment
- activities that increase export levels

The decision to match fund a project will be made by the Council and will involve meeting the criteria above through the Crowd Funder process.

Crowdfund Stirling is designed to encourage digital entrepreneurial skills. The portal will help release funds in a more streamlined approach allowing projects to start faster and strategically over the long term, supporting local economic growth.

For more information see <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/crowdfund-stirling>

## Young Scot - Nurturing Talent - Time to Shine Fund

This fund aims to support the artistic and creative ideas of young people aged 11 to 25. It will support young people that show ambition, enthusiasm or talent in their chosen art form and require some financial support to develop or promote this further. Funding may also be awarded to those who face significant barriers to access, such as rural isolation or additional support requirements.

**The next deadline is 26 October 2018.**

For more information see

<https://young.scot/information/spending/where-to-apply-for-funding-in-scotland/>

## Eat Well Age Well



We'd like to encourage people across Scotland to help us in our quest to reduce the number of older people who are at risk of becoming malnourished, or already are hungry and malnourished.

Applicants can apply for funds ranging from £50 to £5000 to test ideas which will prevent, detect and/or treat malnutrition.

This fund has been specifically designed so that individuals, community groups, social enterprises, charities and public-sector workers can test out their ideas around the theme of older people living well via food.

If at any point in preparing your application you would like additional help or want to talk over your idea please contact us at any time at [hello@eatwellagewell.org.uk](mailto:hello@eatwellagewell.org.uk) or call us on 0131 447 8151 - we will be more than happy to talk to you.

Applications for the Small Ideas, Big Impact Grants Fund open on **October 1st 2018** and will close on **7th December 2018**. For more information see <http://www.eatwellagewell.org.uk/>

## The Robertson Trust - Open Grants



The Trust has the following awards:

- Small awards for revenue funding up to and including £10,000 per annum and capital funding from £500 to £20,000.
- Main awards for revenue above £10,000 per annum and capital funding of more than £20,000 up to a maximum of £250,000. These may have continuation funding processes.
- Major Capital awards - applies to awards of over £250,000.

The Trust provides funding to third sector organisations to deliver positive outcomes for the individuals and communities that they work with through three funding strands:

Care and Wellbeing seeks to improve people's physical and mental health. This includes ensuring the best quality of life for Scotland's vulnerable adults, including those directly or indirectly affected by dementia; improving the health and wellbeing of children & young people affected by mental and/or physical ill health; supporting adults with life limiting, long term health conditions or disability to overcome barriers and remain involved with their communities.

Realising Potential addresses social and educational inequalities in children and young people. This includes enabling young people to realise their potential; supporting "at risk" young people to make positive choices; broadening horizons and nurturing talents among Scotland's young people.

Strengthening Communities looks for solutions which address local need. This includes reducing health and social inequalities in Scotland's communities; supporting people and communities to find routes out of poverty; empowering communities.

The Trust is encouraging applicants to send all requests for Main and Major (revenue and capital) applications as soon as they are ready. **The next deadline for applications is midday on 14 September 2018**

For more information see <http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/what-we-fund>



## Foundation Scotland



The 'Scot Rail in the Community' initiative, a £60,000 annual Cultural and Arts Fund which can provide individuals and constituted community groups grants of between £500 and £5,000 is now open.

Funds arts, community recreation, and sports activities and projects in the vicinity of a train station or with a travel or safety theme. Priorities also include: promotion of performing arts, visual arts, literature, community arts, and cultural traditions; play areas for children; provision of local activity programmes (including local festivals, civic weeks and galas), increasing participation in sport and physical activity, sports events and outreach.

**The next deadline is 29 October 2018.**

For more information see

<https://www.foundationScotland.org.uk/programmes/scotrail-cultural-and-arts-fund/>

## Have your say about the future of human rights in Scotland

Last year, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon set up an independent advisory group to develop a series of recommendations and actions around human rights in Scotland - and you can have your say at these events across the country.

Human rights are a vital part of a just and equal society. They give you a set of rights and freedoms regardless of where you are from, how old you are, what you believe, or how you choose to live your life.

How your human rights are affected by governments and other bodies is becoming increasingly important, with the advisory group making recommendations on how we can protect our existing rights and examine how Scotland can go further in demonstrating human rights leadership.

The Advisory Group want to hear your views and feedback on their developing recommendations and how they can be made as effective as possible in improving the lives of people. We're inviting you along to a discussion event so you can have your say:

**Dundee - Monday 17th September** - Dundee Centre for Contemporary Arts

**To book see -**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSea2f3n0gV3oih1ftHJLZtS4Wl\\_id6uUGFyrAcZsNlpCt\\_ilw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSea2f3n0gV3oih1ftHJLZtS4Wl_id6uUGFyrAcZsNlpCt_ilw/viewform)

**Glasgow Thursday 20th September** - The Alliance, Venlaw Building, Bath St.

**To book see -**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScH3C42zyswAjfyCOR4VFTRCvkFmvt7sjoQm5gA8mDBXC5GjQ/viewform>

**Inverness Tuesday 25th September** - Eden Court Theatre

**To book see -**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDH4VrQILPZIA\\_tEGJX01-ocK1EiBUAPJENy5PtvSLxreffQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDH4VrQILPZIA_tEGJX01-ocK1EiBUAPJENy5PtvSLxreffQ/viewform)

All events will be held in the afternoon, with exact timings to be confirmed. We'll also have an opportunity to share your views online soon.

We'll also be having lots of discussion on Facebook and Twitter using #HumanRightsLeadership, you can follow the @HRLeadershipSco Twitter account, like them on Facebook and visit the website [www.humanrightsleadership.scot](http://www.humanrightsleadership.scot) for more information.

## University of Stirling Health and Behaviour Patient and Public Involvement Group

At the University of Stirling we are committed to conducting high-quality research, which makes a positive and relevant impact on the individuals, and communities it affects.

We are looking to expand our Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) group which supports the University's Health and Behaviour Research Programme. Led by Professor Ronan O'Carroll, the programme addresses important links between the behaviours people perform, and their health and wellbeing. The PPI group is well-established and has been helping to inform our research, for example, ensuring study descriptions and materials are relevant and accessible to participants.

People who are involved in the group may contribute to activities surrounding the development of new project ideas, advise on existing projects, or help to develop research materials.

We are hoping to recruit as wide a range of individuals as possible, including (but not limited to) those who have experience of a health condition or illness, or using health or social care services; those who support on a professional or personal basis people who have been impacted by a health condition or illness, or has used health or social care services; or anyone else with an interest in health and behaviour-related research.

Group members:

- Do **NOT** need any previous research experience, we are interested in their lived experiences
- Should be over 18 years old
- Must be based in Stirling (or within the surrounding 40-mile area) and able to attend meetings at the University of Stirling
- Should **NOT** be a researcher, or have a professional role in health and social care services (e.g. the NHS or Local Authority), however may work on a paid or voluntary basis within a charity or third sector organisation

**Members can be involved in as many or as few projects as they wish, and will be compensated for their time and reimbursed for any travel expenses.** There will be **two** scheduled meetings per year, plus ad-hoc meetings and email consultation on individual projects, which members may or may not wish to be involved in.

For more information contact

*Research Fellow, Health and Behaviour Research Programme*

Room 3A96a

Psychology

Faculty of Natural Sciences

University of Stirling

Stirling, FK9 4LA

01786 473171

## ACE Cornton Programme 2018

The new adult learning and training programme for ACE Cornton is now available at -  
[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/8650c8c88f88c720c85ae146e/files/49d74578-e831-4fc6-9fad-ab2caff05e71/Sep\\_Dec\\_2018.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/8650c8c88f88c720c85ae146e/files/49d74578-e831-4fc6-9fad-ab2caff05e71/Sep_Dec_2018.pdf)

For more information on any aspect of the sessions or on Adult Learning opportunities contact ACE Cornton on [office@ace-cornton.org](mailto:office@ace-cornton.org)



## Central Disability Sport



SDS is the Scottish governing and co-coordinating body of all sports for people of all ages and abilities with a physical, sensory or learning disability. SDS is constantly attempting to widen the range of available sports options for individuals of all levels of ability with a disability in Scotland.

Members have featured prominently in GB teams that have been hugely successful at past Paralympic Games. At the 2014 Winter Paralympic Games in Sochi, five Scottish curlers in the GB wheelchair curling team returned to Scotland with a bronze Paralympic medal.

Individual Scottish athletes and teams have enjoyed considerable success and profile in the international arena over many years. Scottish athletes and support staff have gained the respect of their international sporting colleagues across a wide range of sports.

SDS provide a range of training opportunities for coaches and volunteers interested in working with people with a disability. For more details of Central Disability Sport or the training calendar see - <https://www.scottishdisabilitysport.com/>

## Stirling's Fun Palace

Macrobert Arts Centre in partnership with a host of community organisations and local people invite you to Stirling's first Fun Palace, a campaign to place community at the heart of culture and culture at the heart of community.

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October groups will collaborate to create a programme of activities by, for and with local people. Come learn new skills, have a go at something new or teach others what you know. Please drop-in and join in some creative fun.

If you would be interested in sharing your skills and interests with others, then please get in touch with Kathryn Welch ([Kathryn.welch@macrobertartscentre.org](mailto:Kathryn.welch@macrobertartscentre.org)).

For more information see <http://funpalaces.co.uk/discover/macrobert-arts-centre-stirling/>

If you are receiving this News Sheet you are part of the Community Engagement and Participation Team's mailing list. We collect, use and store your information in order to support the community development needs of you and your organisation's activities.

Your information will be kept secure and not shared with other Council services or Partners. You have various rights with respect to your personal data, including the right to access a copy of what we hold about you; have it changed or removed. If you no longer wish to receive this information, please contact us - Community Engagement Team 01786 233076 [communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk)



# SCOTTISH RESILIENT COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE 2018

## Is it for you?

This FREE one day event will bring together communities, voluntary sector organisations, public sector emergency responders, and anyone with an interest in working collaboratively on building resilience.

## What can you expect?

Building on previous conferences and learning from live incidents, this intensive event will examine opportunities for cross-sector knowledge-sharing, consideration of priorities and shaping future work.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 3.30 pm**  
**SFRS Headquarters, Cambuslang, G72 7NA**

**Please hold the date in your diary, and register an interest with Kate Anderson at:**  
**[Kate.Anderson@gov.scot](mailto:Kate.Anderson@gov.scot) or on 0131 244 5489**



# Ladies Pool Time

## Free @ Stirling Uni Pool



For girls & women of all ages hoping to build confidence or fitness, meet new people or learn to swim

**Sundays, 10.30am-11am**  
**16<sup>th</sup> September/ 28<sup>th</sup> October/**  
**18<sup>th</sup> November/ 16<sup>th</sup> December**

To book or for more information please contact Eva on  
01786 466486 or [goga@fvds.org.uk](mailto:goga@fvds.org.uk)



# Fun Pool Time

for all the family

## Free @ Stirling Uni Pool



Pool sessions for all the family to have fun, help build confidence or learn to swim for the first time

**Sundays, 11am- 11.45am OR 11.45am-12.30pm**  
**16<sup>th</sup> September/ 28<sup>th</sup> October/**  
**18<sup>th</sup> November/ 16<sup>th</sup> December**

To book or for more information please contact Eva on  
01786 466486 or [goga@fvds.org.uk](mailto:goga@fvds.org.uk)

Are you involved in a community group, a social enterprise or voluntary or charity organisation and considering a project that would require funding? Or need advice on Gift Aid?

# funding fair



**Tuesday  
2nd October 2018**

(Drop in anytime)

**3.00pm - 6.30pm**

Bridge of Allan Parish Church  
12 Keir St, Bridge of Allan  
FK9 4NW

The fair will give you the opportunity to see what funding streams are available, and to speak to other support agencies for relevant information and guidance. It will also be a chance to attend the **HMRC Gift Aid Workshop** from 4.15pm – 5.45 pm (advance registration required – see below).

**Some funders include:**

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| Big Lottery          | The Robertson Trust            | Eat Well, Age Well                |
| BBC Children in Need | Corra Foundation               | HLF Scotland                      |
| Tesco Bags of Help   | Go For It - Church of Scotland | Co-operative Community Investment |
| Scotland Grow Wild   | Climate Challenge Fund         | Stirling Council Community Grants |
| Foundation Scotland  | plus more...                   |                                   |

This is a partnership event organised by Stirling Council & Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise



To register for the Gift Aid workshop or for more information contact Lee on 01786 430000 or email [leestevenson@sventerprise.org.uk](mailto:leestevenson@sventerprise.org.uk)





THE ADVISORY GROUP

# Community Development Worker (Self Directed Support)

(Stirling & Clackmannanshire)

£25,050pa

**If you are looking for the boring and predictable,  
DON'T APPLY FOR THIS JOB!**

**We only want people who are motivated, creative and enthusiastic!**

We are a charity run by people with disabilities who are interested in developing new opportunities in Stirling & Clackmannanshire and to explore how Self Directed Support can help us to that.

**We're looking for someone who...**

- is passionate about inclusion
- is great at motivating people
- has a commitment to Self Directed Support
- is fun and easy to get on with

Find out about us at [www.theadvisorygroup.org.uk](http://www.theadvisorygroup.org.uk)

*This initiative is funded by the Scottish Government, Support in the Right Direction fund. This is a full time post (35 hours per week) until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021*

*To discuss this exciting opportunity contact:*

[leam.mackeown@theadvisorygroup.org.uk](mailto:leam.mackeown@theadvisorygroup.org.uk) or call 0141 342 1876

This is a collaboration between TAG, Turning Point Scotland, Central Advocacy Partners and Key. Applications will be processed by Key, however the successful candidate work with all providers in the area.

**Closing date: 10 September 2018**

For an application pack please contact our hotline on 0141 342 1892

Or visit KEY's website at [www.keycommunitysupports.org](http://www.keycommunitysupports.org)

Or email [jobs@theadvisorygroup.org.uk](mailto:jobs@theadvisorygroup.org.uk)

Quote reference CED/CLA/6145