

Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

September 2018

Welcome

Welcome to the September edition of Stirling Council's Community News Sheet. We have included a variety of information which we hope 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. We can include information about community activities and topics, please feel free to email us any contributions.

Make a Difference in your Community!

This is your chance to be the voice for your area by being a Community Councillor. Community Councils are looking for members



Community Councils represent local people, voice peoples' views and work with others to improve services. As the most local tier of elected representation, they play an important role in local democracy.

It is important that a diverse range of people form local Community Councils, so different opinions and ideas are heard.

Anyone over 16 can take part and nomination papers are available at:

www.stirling.gov.uk/community-councils-elections

Nominations should be submitted by 4pm on Friday 19th October 2018

If you need more information please contact communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk

Scottish Government Consultations

Local Governance Review: Democracy Matters: Your Community. Your ideas. Your Future

The way we live our lives is constantly changing; just think of all the changes that have happened in your lifetime. Democracy is changing too. It used to be that most citizens were content to cast their vote and then leave the decisions to others. Increasingly people want a say in making those decisions, or at least have a greater understanding as to why certain decisions have been made on their behalf. In order to make democracy work better for everyone, and especially for those who feel left out, the Scottish Government is asking people all over Scotland to consider a short set of questions: -

Q1. Tell us about your experiences of getting involved in decision making processes that affect your local community or community of interest.

Q2. Would you like your local community or community of interest to have more control over some decisions? If yes, what sorts of issues would those decisions cover?

Q3. When thinking about decision making, 'local' could mean a large town, a village, or a neighbourhood. What does 'local' mean to you and your community?

Q4. Are there existing forms of local level decision-making which could play a part in exercising new local powers? Are there new forms of local decision making that could work well? What kinds of changes might be needed for this to work in practice?

Send your responses to - democracymatters@gov.scot

Further information including an easy read information and question booklet is available at <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/improving-public-services/local-governance-review/>

Delivering Improved Transparency in Land Ownership in Scotland: Consultation on Draft Regulations

Improving transparency of land ownership in Scotland is at the very heart of progressing land reform in Scotland. The Scottish Government is consulting on proposals that will help people and communities to know more about, and engage with, the individuals who control the decision making of land owners and tenants of land in Scotland.

In these draft regulations they propose to establish a new Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land and to require categories of entities who may own land in Scotland, and where the controlling interests in the entities are not currently transparent, to make details of their controlling interests publicly available in the new Register

More information is available at:

<https://consult.gov.scot/land-reform-and-tenancy-unit/transparency-in-land-ownership/>

Scottish National Investment Bank

As a critical new investment in the development of Scotland's economy, the Scottish National Investment Bank will work for the benefit of the people of Scotland. As such the Scottish Government is keen to ensure that the people of Scotland are given the opportunity to express their opinions on the final configuration of the Bank.

<https://consult.gov.scot/economic-policy-unit/scottish-national-investment-bank-1/>

1-7 October 2018

- Poverty exists in Scotland and affects us all.
- Poverty can be solved by boosting incomes and reducing costs.
- Solving poverty is about ensuring we can all participate in society.

For more information on activities and taking part visit:

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



The Effects of Poverty

It has been known for some time that health inequalities exist, but NHS Health Scotland's new report shows the scale of the problem. They found that people living in the poorest areas have double the rate of illness or early death than people in our wealthiest areas. Nearly a third (32.9%) of early deaths and ill health in Scotland could be avoided if the whole population had the same life circumstances as the people who live in our wealthiest areas.

The report also shows that early death and illnesses associated with the things that harm our health the most, like drugs, tobacco, poor diet, and alcohol, are more common in the poorest areas.

Dr Diane Stockton, the study lead at NHS Health Scotland said:

"The stark inequalities highlighted in our report represent thousands of deaths that didn't need to happen. Illnesses that people didn't have to endure, and tragedy for thousands of families in Scotland.

It does not have to be this way. The fact that people in our wealthiest areas are in better health and that conditions that cause most of the ill health and early death result from things we can change – like illnesses associated with mental wellbeing, diet, drug use and alcohol dependency – shows that it is possible to create a fairer healthier Scotland."

The full report is available at:

<https://www.scotpho.org.uk/comparative-health/burden-of-disease/overview/>

For more information on the impact of deprivation on health visit:

<http://www.healthscotland.scot/health-inequalities/impact-of-ill-health/impact-of-deprivation-on-health>

Students to Get Free Access to Sanitary Products

Schools in Stirling are to provide free sanitary products to all girls from October 2018

Backed by funding from the Council and Scottish Government, the move will mean every pupil will have access to free sanitary products when they need them.

The launch of the scheme follows on from successful pilots which took place at Stirling High school, Bannockburn Primary School and Bannockburn High School, and were positively received by pupils. Girls from the schools were able to access the service over weekends and holidays, having taken ownership of the programme which encouraged pupil feedback and engagement.

The experiences and lessons from the pilot schools were shared with all local schools at a launch event at Stirling High school on Thursday, August 23, which was also attended by Councillors. The initiative was then given the green light to be spread through all schools in Stirling after the Scottish Government awarded the council further funding (£37,715 August 1st 2018- 31st March 2019) as part of a nation-wide strategy.

In February 2018, a paper was put to Council on the subject of free access to sanitary products in school establishments, detailing the potential costs of supplying free products for one year. Stirling Council agreed to provide £30,000 of funding.

In August, the Scottish Government became the first government in the world to make free sanitary products available to all pupils and students.

Participation Requests

If improving public services is the puzzle, how important a 'piece' are participation requests?

In the year since they were introduced, SCDC has learned a lot about participation requests. Their new briefing 'One Piece of the Puzzle', summarises the learning so far. And can be found at:

<http://www.scdc.org.uk/media/resources/policy-and-practice/One%20piece%20of%20puzzle.pdf>

Participation requests are a way for people to have their say about what improvements they would like to see made to public services they use. Community groups in Scotland have been able to make them since April 2017, when they were introduced as part of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act. Further information is available at:

<http://www.scdc.org.uk/what/community-empowerment-scotland-act/>

The SCDC briefing highlights that more information and support needs to be available to groups that want to make participation requests. The legislation and guidance may require some strengthening as well. If this happens, participation requests have the potential to be an important piece of the puzzle in making bottom-up co-production happen in Scotland.

#Engender25

2018 marks Engender's 25th year and to celebrate they're embarking on a project to chart the history of the organisation, and the wider women's movement in Scotland, over the past quarter of a century.

They want to tell the story of Engender and the women's movement in Scotland over the past 25 years. They will be doing this through a documentary podcast featuring interviews with women across Scotland, and by producing a series of photographs of women we should celebrate.

And they need our help to tell us who should feature!

Tell Engender about the individuals, groups and organisations that have shaped the fight for women's equality over the past quarter of a century. You may want to celebrate a campaign win, or high-profile advocate for equality, or you might want to remember a community group which no longer exists, or simply highlight the all-too-often unnoticed efforts and contributions of those that keep the fight going.

To nominate visit <https://www.engender.org.uk/engender25>

Leap onto Frog and Help us Prepare for Launch

Stirling Council is preparing for the launch of Frog.net - a new digital information sharing platform designed to help citizens lead long, safe, healthy and happy lives.

Developed in partnership with Glasgow based Frog Systems, Frog.net brings together health, wellbeing and social care service providers in addition to businesses, groups, visitor attractions and local activities. For the first time ever in the UK, these will all be found in one single, easy to use digital directory.



Frog effectively builds upon the self-directed support model by connecting citizens with local service providers and groups. It will also provide a powerful promotional and communication channel for the many locally run support, activity and special interest groups that struggle to gain visibility within their communities.

Councillor Farmer of Stirling Council stated: "Stirling Council is a passionate advocate of effective information sharing and of providing individuals, families and communities 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.net as soon as possible."

As partners in the innovation and design of Frog.net, Stirling Council are able to offer you year-round visibility for no charge. Simply register at www.stirling.frog.net create your listing, and enter the Voucher Code: Stirling100.

Uploading a listing to Frog is easy thanks to our new User Guide which can be accessed at <https://frogsystems.net/resources/>. The guide takes users directly through each step of the process whilst providing helpful hints and tips along the way.

Frog systems and Stirling Council support team have been working towards pre-populating the page by uploading demonstration sites, so if you find that your organisation or service is already on Frog, don't worry! We are able to transfer ownership from us to you, which will then allow you to add or change any available content.

With the national launch of Frog.net coming in the next few weeks, Stirling Council strongly encourage local health, wellbeing and social care providers, support groups, local businesses and tradespeople to upload their listing today.

In doing so, you will become part of our initiative to enhance stronger social connections throughout the community. To upload your listing and become part of our initiative please visit www.stirling.frog.net.

Funding

Wesleyan Foundation: Small Grants

Wesleyan Foundation Small Grants aim to support:

- Registered charities
- Constituted voluntary groups
- community groups

Grants will be considered from community groups (as long as you have a constitution), registered charities, not-for-profit company limited by guarantee and social enterprises that focus on:

- Improve people's life skills, education, employability and enterprise
- Maximising ability to strengthen community cohesion and build social capacity
- Advancing people's physical, mental health and wellbeing

This programme is intended to support groups/organisations with an income less than £250,000. The maximum grant available is £2,000.

To apply visit <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/wesleyan-foundation/>

Community Capacity & Resilience Fund - Round 4 Now Open for Applications

New round of grants for smaller grassroots, third sector organisations in Scotland working hard to tackle welfare reform and poverty in communities throughout Scotland.

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) are delighted to announce that with continued investment from Scottish Government we are now accepting applications from Scotland's third sector organisations to support their delivery of projects and activities that help mitigate the effects of welfare reform, combat social inequality, promote social inclusion and have a preventative impact in communities. This investment from Scottish Government will increase the capacity and resilience of communities and third sector organisations to provide people with the support and skills they need.

Awards will range from £1,000 to £10,000 with project activity starting 1st December 2018 at the earliest. Applying to this fund is simple, with an easy online application process supported by guidance notes and FAQs and all of this can be found at

<https://scvo.org.uk/running-your-organisation/funding/community-capacity-resilience-fund>

Applications close on Thursday 26th October 2018 at 5pm.

Training



Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise
Volunteering | Social Enterprise | Voluntary Action

Monday 19th November 2018
1 - 4pm

Volunteer Scotland
Jubilee House, Forthside Way
Stirling
FK8 1QZ

Aim:

- To have a clear understanding of legal obligation on organisations.

Objectives:

- The roles and responsibilities in relation to the legal obligations on organisations to make a referral to PVG when the criteria has been met.
- Updates on PVG and recent consultation.
- An opportunity to ask questions.

To book visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pvg-training-tickets-48837768079>

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 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 the Community Engagement Team on 01786 233076 or email communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk.



COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Want to influence
decisions affecting
your area?

Do you feel
strongly about your
neighbourhood?

Think services
could be
improved?

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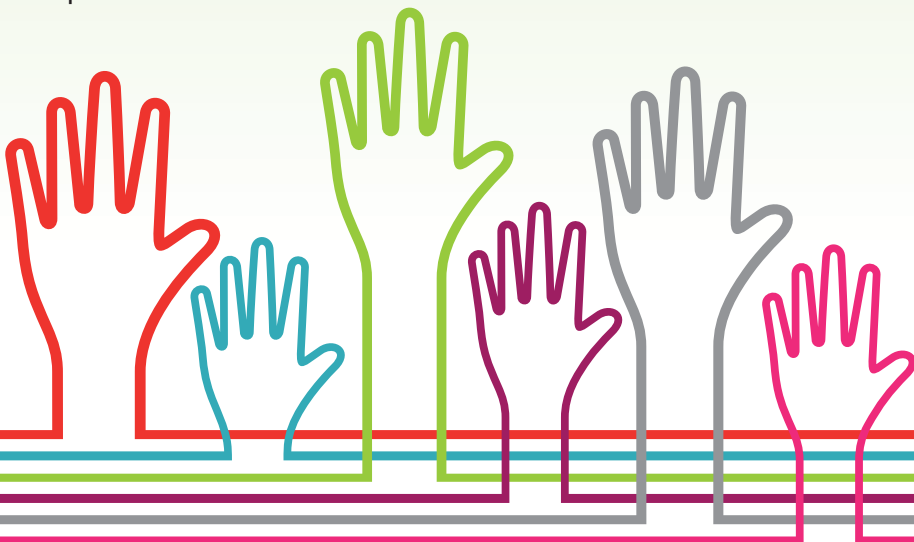
It is important that a wide range of people are part of Community Councils so different opinions and ideas are heard.

Anyone over 16 can take part.
Nomination papers available from 1 October
Contact us for reminder/pre-register

**communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk
01786 233076**

Nominations submitted by 19 October 2018

**[www.stirling.gov.uk/
community-councils-elections](http://www.stirling.gov.uk/community-councils-elections)**



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



Stirling- We need your views!



**Raploch Community Campus, Wednesday 10th
October, 6.30pm - 8pm**

Join Froglife's Workshop & Consultation to learn more about wildlife gardening and offer your views on Froglife's upcoming Neighbourhood Wildlife Corridors.

Neighbourhood Wildlife Corridors are part of Froglife's developing project and we aim to work with local people in Raploch, Cornton and Stirling Centre. We want to hear your views on wildlife in your area and find out how we can make the area more wildlife friendly.

Our workshop will feature tips on wildlife gardening before we focus on our consultation. All are very welcome to attend this free event at Raploch Community Campus, Drip Road, Stirling, FK8 1RD.

For more info email: james.stead@froglife.org
www.froglife.org
07972 593603

Froglife is a charity working to save frogs, toads, newts, snakes & lizards – inspiring us all to take action & get involved.



LOTTERY FUNDED

COULD YOU MENTOR A YOUNG PERSON?

Stirling Council is setting up a new Mentoring Service for Young People aged 16-25 and we need to recruit volunteers who are up for the challenge!

VOLUNTEER MENTORS WILL

- Build a supportive relationship in an informal way with a young person to help them **build confidence** and **access new opportunities**.
- Commit 1.5 -2 hours a week to support a vulnerable young person
- Put the young person first
- Be **non-judgemental** and **supportive** in a fun and friendly way

MENTORS WILL

- **Learn new skills** via our enhanced training programme
- **Meet new people**, both young people and other mentors
- Receive tailored support from our Mentor Coordinator
- **Enhance your CV**
- Be able to give back to your community in a rewarding and enriching way

Could this be you?

Contact Molly Feinmann

Tel: 01786 233733 Email: Feinmannm@stirling.gov.uk



COULD YOU MENTOR A YOUNG PERSON?

What is mentoring?

Mentoring provides a young person (mentee) with a relationship with a reliable and trusting person who will put them first. This relationship will help the young person grow in confidence and through this access new opportunities and experiences. The Mentor Coordinator will work hard to match people together to ensure a positive bond is built.

The mentor's key role is to become a reliable source of support for the young person they are paired with. The mentor is not adopting the role as a parent or guardian but someone who is there to offer a friendly and helpful listening ear.

WHO ARE THE MENTEES?

Every young person is different and each will have different requirements and needs. For some care experienced young people, life may not have been easy and some of these young people have not experienced a consistent person who puts them first. As a result the young person may be struggling with accessing employment, further education, be low in confidence and in need of a supportive adult.

MENTORS WILL:

- Provide person-centred support
- Meet with their young person weekly for approximately 1.5 -2 hours.
- Help their young person set goals and support them in achieving them
- Provide a friendly, fun, listening ear. The support will take place in their local community.

Could this be you?

Contact **Molly Feinmann**

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