

Community Resilience Briefing – 29 August 2022

Welcome to The Highland Council's fortnightly briefing for groups with an interest in local community resilience.

Covid related information

- [Scottish Government Covid-19 Guidance](#)
- [NHS Inform Covid data](#)
- [NHS Inform Covid information and guidance](#)
- [NHS Highland local vaccination information](#)

Funding

SCVO is a key source of funding information for the third sector <https://scvo.scot/funding>. Funds that may be of interest include:

- [Crown Estate Scotland - Community Capacity Grants Programme](#)
Provides early stage financial support for projects contributing to local regeneration and sustainable development. The fund is open to all communities within 5 miles from coastal and estuarine foreshore, or those within 5 miles from Scottish Crown Estate's four rural estates. Next deadline: 19 Sept 2022.
- [CalMac Ferries Limited - CalMac Community Fund](#)
This fund is open to all non-profits based in a main port town or island Calmac serves. It supports services addressing social isolation, encouraging community re-engagement, and services supporting mental health and well-being. Next deadline: 6 January 2023
- [Highlands and Islands Environment Foundation Grants](#)
Supports projects throughout the highlands and islands focusing on sustainability, capacity building, and community participation involving montane, fresh water, marine & coastal, and forest & woodland. Next deadline is September 2022.
- [Highland Council invites new applications for the Nature Restoration Fund](#)
The Highland Council is inviting communities to apply for a share of the 2022/23 allocation of the Nature Restoration Fund. This is a two-stage application process, expressions of interest should be submitted by **Wednesday 31 August 2022**.
- [Community Learning and Development Device Fund](#)
A new fund has opened from SCVO called the Community Learning and Development Device Fund, which offers funding of up to £15,000 for organisations to purchase digital devices to support learners. Here is a link to information about the fund – you will have to create an account and log in to the online portal to view the guidance and application materials.

Welfare, poverty reduction and resilience

- [HMRC can help with childcare costs](#)

Information issued by HMRC as children go back to school. HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is reminding families in Scotland to not miss out on up to £2,000 a year towards their child's wraparound care.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

- [NHS Highland Mental Wellbeing](#) – a collection of resources and signposts to help people of all ages to look after their own mental wellbeing.
- Attached is a flyer for an introductory course in mental health and wellbeing training. The training is intended for anyone working in a health, social, or community care setting and requires no previous experience. The training is online via Teams and takes place on Thursday 29th 1.30-4.30pm and Thursday 6th October 1.30-4.30pm.
- [Mental Health & Wellbeing Platform for Employers](#) A new platform has been launched by the Scottish Government and Public Health Scotland for employers of all sizes, which streamlines access to free and reputable health and wellbeing resources. Details are attached.
- [Coping with stress following a major incident](#) - Guidance Issued by NHS Highland containing information about psychological wellbeing practitioners who can offer advice and recommendations to local support services.

Emergency Planning

- Met Office Weather Warnings <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings#?date=2022-08-11>
- Met Office Weather Ready <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/weatherready>
- Floodline Scotland <https://floodlinescotland.org.uk/>
- Ready Scotland - preparing for emergencies <https://ready.scot/>

Consultations

- [Highland Council has launched a new public local housing strategy survey](#) to seek local community feedback to help inform the new Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2023-2028.
- ["Have your Say Highland" - consultation period extended to seek views on the delivery of area-based funds](#) Earlier this month, The Highland Council launched a community engagement exercise to ask people's views on how they would like to see funding being prioritised in their local area. To allow more people to have an opportunity to have their say, the consultation period has been extended to the 9th September."

Other

- [Counter Terrorism First Aid Awareness](#) - Protect UK has released a video raising awareness on administering first aid during a terrorist attack.
- **Flood Re – Build Back Better** – Attached is information for homeowners regarding Build Back Better, which is designed to reduce the costs and impact of future flood damage by including resilience measures as part of flood repairs.