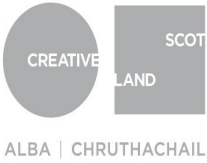




# Ross-Shire Voluntary Action Newsletter July 2020



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## Job Vacancies



### Development Officer (Highlands and Islands)

The STUC is seeking to recruit a Development Officer for Scottish Union Learning in the Highlands and Islands. This post is fixed-term to 31 March 2021 with a possible one-year extension on confirmation of funding. The SUL H&I office is based in Inverness; however, remote working will be considered. Secondments will also be considered.

The Development Officer (H&I) will develop and manage strong and relevant networks of trade unions, partners and learning providers to support trade union-led learning in the Highlands and Islands. This post will be line-managed by the Director of Scottish Union Learning.

Candidates will have a commitment to trade union values and have knowledge of the work unions do in relation to learning and skills. Candidates should also have a good knowledge of Scotland's learning environment and an enthusiastic belief in learning as a key to prosperity for employees and the economy.

Recruitment packs may be downloaded from below or from the STUC website or the Scottish Union Learning website or by email request to: Ann Garscadden, Operations Manager - [agarscadden@stuc.org.uk](mailto:agarscadden@stuc.org.uk)

**Closing date:** 7 July 2020

Interviews are likely to take place week beginning 20 July 2020



**RASASH**  
Rape and Sexual Abuse Service Highland

### Outreach Support Work Coordinator

An exciting new opportunity to be involved in the development and delivery of our new support outreach service. Funded through Scottish Government Survivors of Childhood Abuse Fund until March 2024. To coordinate the development and implementation of an outreach support service to survivors of rape, sexual violence, and childhood sexual abuse whether recent or historic across Highland. The service will be available to any survivors age 13+ with an initial focus on access from remote and rural communities.

For further information please visit our website [rasash.org.uk/get-involved/vacancies](https://rasash.org.uk/get-involved/vacancies)

Closing date for applications Thursday 16th July at 12pm

Interviews will be held via zoom week commencing 20th July 2020



## Sustainable Transport Co-ordinator

We have an exciting opportunity to contribute to Changeworks' vision of a world where everyone is able to live, work and enjoy life with a low carbon impact.

Changeworks delivers the Home Energy Scotland service in the Highlands and Islands and South East Scotland under contracts managed by Energy Saving Trust.

We are looking for a Sustainable Transport Co-ordinator to deliver our sustainable transport programme predominantly in the Highlands and Islands. This involves supporting local authorities and other organisations to increase the uptake of sustainable transport solutions such as decarbonising fleets and creating conditions for significant uptake of active travel with all its benefits.

You will have excellent communication and IT skills to engage effectively with decision-makers using a variety of channels such as video-conferencing, telephone, email and face to face at events; and will be experienced at providing high quality written reports and presentations.

You will have the drive and enthusiasm to work with minimal supervision whilst benefiting from excellent management, technical and peer support.

You will have an excellent understanding of sustainable transport issues, with further in-house training being provided.

Changeworks is a leading environmental charity and social enterprise in Scotland. We give people and organisations practical support to live and work more sustainably.

Closing date: 11am Thursday, 9 July 2020

Interview: Wednesday, 15 July 2020

Location: Virtual, Video Conference by invitation



Ross-Shire Voluntary Action has secured Supporting Communities funding from the Scottish Government, via Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), to support the communities of Maryburgh, Conon Bridge, Dingwall, Strathpeffer, Contin, Alness and Evanton during the COVID-19 crisis.

If you are a group or organisation from one of these areas and need funds to help with your Covid19 effort please get in touch either by phone – 01349 862431 or by email [seniorofficer@rossvolact.org.uk](mailto:seniorofficer@rossvolact.org.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you



Connecting Carers  
*A better life for unpaid carers in Highland*

## WELLBEING FUND

Connecting carers receive additional funding from the Wellbeing fund to help facilitate staying connected, which means that Carers can apply to request either a handset or tablet. The fund opens today 29th June and will close on Friday 17th July.

To find out more and to apply please contact either your Carer Link Worker, or our support line on 01463 723560.



## Ragdoll Foundation - Open Grants

The fund supports the cultural sector's work with children and young people where the concerns of childhood can be heard. Preference will be given to innovative projects that share the same values of imagination and creativity as the Ragdoll Foundation. In particular, those projects which have a deep commitment to listening to children and allow the perceptions and feelings of children themselves to be better understood. They are mainly interested in applications that involve children during their early years, but appropriate projects for older children (up to 18 years) will also be considered.

For more information or to apply click [here](#)

You can apply for this funding at anytime.



## Rank Foundation - Pebble Grants

This is Rank's small funding stream for UK registered charities and recognised churches which are raising money for projects where the total cost is less than £1million. It funds projects for which the mainstay is capital costs (building work, refurbishment or the purchase of long-term equipment) or a one-off short-term activity (such as an annual respite break or holiday for disadvantaged young people). You must have already raised a third of the total costs.

For more information or to apply click [here](#)

You can apply for this funding at anytime.



## The Magic Little Grants Fund

Localgiving is working with Postcode Community Trust, a grant giving charity funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery, to offer charitable organisations the opportunity to apply for over 900 grants of £500.

The Magic Little Grants Fund provides charitable organisations the opportunity to access funding to deliver engaging physical activities which help to overcome barriers to participation.

Successful organisations will receive an annual membership with Localgiving funded by Postcode Community Trust. This membership will give them access to the Localgiving online fund-raising platform, regular fundraising competitions and expert fundraising advice

For more information or to apply click [here](#)

You can apply for this funding at anytime.

## Training



**START-UP SCHOOL**

SOCIAL BUSINESS START-UP SCHOOL – ONLINE  
Sutherland | Wester Ross | Easter Ross | Uist  
'Food Growing Social Enterprises 2' - Workshop  
Friday July 3rd, 10am-12noon via zoom

A workshop to help you develop a food growing social business

- Case Study – Greenshoots, Glencruiten, Oban and the story of how it came about
- Constitutions and legal formats for food growing social businesses

Register online [here](#) and scroll down to 'view Additional Workshop' button

or email [lorna@socialenterprise.academy](mailto:lorna@socialenterprise.academy)



## Cala E-Learning Zone

The Care and Learning Alliance have a e-learning platform – there's 18 modules, over half of which are free for anyone to use – Child Protection and Supporting Young Children's Behaviour for Parents are particularly pertinent for the current circumstances.

<https://calaelearning.co.uk>

# PVG Training



**8 July**  
**10-12pm**

PVG disclosure online training for Third Sector organisations in the Highlands.

- ★ **Disclosure Checking in the current Coronavirus situation**
- ★ **General PVG information**
- ★ **PVG Going Forward**
- ★ **Q&A with attendees**





Volunteer Opportunities—your chance to make a difference.

## Highland Community COVID-19 Response



HTSI has launched a new website and helpline to support our local communities in dealing with COVID-19.

The Website is a new resource for community groups and charities in the Highlands. You can find the Community Response Register that we had on our own website, which can be viewed and added to. We are also registering volunteers on this site as well.

To further support the third sector we have also created a Helpline which will operate Tuesday - Thursday



**covidhelp4highland.org**



**Highland Third Sector Helpline**  
**Tuesday - Thursday | 10am - 4pm**  
**01349 808022**



**COVID-19**  
**Freephone Helpline**  
**0300 303 1362**

Providing assistance; and to collect details of individuals and community groups looking to volunteer.

**Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm**



Supporting older people who are isolated in our  
community

## **Free Daily Morning Call Service**

**We offer a daily morning telephone call service to any  
older person in Inverness, Inverness-shire & Ross-shire  
communities**

**Tel: 07514494053**

**Email: [info@morningcall.org.uk](mailto:info@morningcall.org.uk)**

**[www.morningcall.org.uk](http://www.morningcall.org.uk)**

**Registered Charity SC049015**

**Free Tech Advice**



## **Supporting disabled people and older people**

Our volunteers and helpline staff are all ready and available to help you stay connected and active online in these difficult times.

We can offer advice and support with a variety of tasks such as how to setup video calls to talk to family and friends, how to do online shopping and use other online services.

**[abilitynet.org.uk/contact-us](http://abilitynet.org.uk/contact-us)**



## What's on



How can we support young people's mental and emotional wellbeing post lockdown?  
Join us for a meeting with other youth work practitioners

**WEDNESDAY 8th July 2pm**

for zoom meeting ID & p/W - contact  
[jacquie.steel@youthhighland.org.uk](mailto:jacquie.steel@youthhighland.org.uk)

## Sheila's Cafe



Grab a cuppa and come join us for a chat.

To find out how to join us in our virtual cafe.

Email: [rva@rossvolact.org.uk](mailto:rva@rossvolact.org.uk) or  
phone us - 01349 862431

Every Wednesday  
10:30am - 11:30am

A vibrant promotional poster for the Tartan Home Festival. The central focus is a computer monitor displaying the text: 'EXCLUSIVE LIVE PERFORMANCES, INTERACTIVE CONTENT, COMPETITIONS AND SPECIAL GUESTS'. The monitor sits on a desk with a keyboard and mouse. The background is a collage of colorful, whimsical illustrations including a cow, a cat, a dog, and various people in costumes. At the bottom, the text reads: 'Belladrum BBC ALBA TARTAN HOME FESTIVAL SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2020 A VIRTUAL CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS BELLA! LIVE BETWEEN 1PM &amp; 11PM ON FACEBOOK LIVE/INSTAGRAM AGUS BBC ALBA 5-6F AGUS 9-11F 1 LUNASTAL 2020'. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are also present.





Are young people volunteering in your organisation?

...And have you considered  
registering as a Saltire Provider?

**Saltire Awards is a special way of celebrating and recognising the volunteering achievements of young people in Scotland**

#### What is it?

Saltire Awards is the **Scottish Governments national youth volunteer awards**. They celebrate, recognise and reward the commitment, contribution and achievements of young volunteers in Scotland, aged between **12** and **25**.

Young people gain nationally recognised certificates, signed by Scottish Government Ministers, for the different amounts of volunteering they do.

Saltire Awards helps young volunteers to reflect on, capture and communicate their learning and development gained through their volunteering.

#### Who is it for?

Saltire Awards is for young people between the ages of **12** and **25** and who are volunteering for the benefit of the community or a good cause.

Saltire Awards is delivered in each local authority area by the local **Third Sector Interface** (TSI) They provide support and assistance on achieving and accessing the Saltire Awards.

To find out more information, or how to register your organisation, please visit:

<https://saltireawards.scot/>



#### Ross-shire Voluntary Action

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