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*It's one of our bumper editions this month, with lots of funding events taking place.
We do hope you can come along to some of them.*

EXTERNAL FUNDING CUSTOMER SURVEY

Our annual customer survey is currently online at <http://www.angus.gov.uk/bestvalue/consultation/documents.cfm?researchid=492> and we'd really appreciate it if you'd take a few minutes to complete it. We listen and act on, the feedback we get from your comments, so please do take part and let us know your views on our service. The survey will be online until 24 April.

NEWS FROM THE FUNDERS

ANGUS COUNCIL GRANTS – THEY JUST GOT SIMPLER

The Angus Council Community Grant Scheme has been simplified, and we'd like to tell you about it. We have arranged a series of short meetings, one in each Angus ward area and you are invited along to hear what you may apply for, and how much you may apply for and more details of the scheme.

The meetings will take place from 4pm – 5pm as follows:

- 28 April – Carmyllie Hall
- 29 April – Monikie Hall
- 5 May – Montrose Museum
- 7 May – Angus House, Forfar
- 12 May – Webster's Theatre, Arbroath
- 13 May – Kirriemuir Town Hall
- 19 May – Brechin Town Hall
- 21 May – Tealing Hall

It is not necessary to book a place, but it would be helpful if you email or phone us to let us know you are intending to attend. You can contact us at externalfunding@angus.gov.uk or by phoning Linda Caston on 01307 473221.

FUNDING SURGERIES

A reminder that this year's rural funding surgeries are about to start. They will run concurrently with the above event, but are an opportunity for you to have dedicated one to one time with Linda Caston, External Funding Officer and/or Rita Callander, the Rural Tayside LEADER co-ordinator to discuss your particular funding requirements. It's advisable to book a time slot to save you waiting.

The funding surgeries will all take place from 3pm – 5pm.

The times and dates are as follows:

- 20 April Damacre Centre, Brechin
- 23 April ACCESS Office, Kirriemuir
- 27 April Letham Hall, Letham
- 30 April Tealing Hall, Tealing
- 7 May Inglis Memorial Hall, Edzell

11 May Charleston Hall, By Glamis
14 May Monikie Hall, Monikie
18 May Millennium Hall, Birkhill

AWARDS FOR ALL

New application forms and guidance are now available on line at www.awardsforall.org.uk/index-scotland.html
Applications can now be completed and submitted electronically or saved and completed. Supporting documents e.g. constitution etc, do not have to be submitted until you are offered a grant.
Projects should meet at least one of the four outcomes:

- People have better chances in life
- Communities are safer, stronger and more able to work together to tackle inequalities
- People have better and more sustainable services and environments
- People and communities are healthier

There are also new priority groups – you can still apply if you do not fit into one of these, but your application will not score as highly. The priorities are:

- Older people and their carers
- Disabled and their carers
- Small towns with a population of 3,000 – 10,000 (Monifieth, Brechin and Kirriemuir are in this category)
- Black and minority ethnic people (this includes for example European migrant workers)
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people
- Areas that are high (in the top 15%) on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. To check put your postcode into the website at www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/SIMD
- Areas that are under-represented in accessing AFA grants

Individual schools may apply for non-curriculum activities, as before, and each Council department is eligible to apply for a grant for projects up to £10,000 a year. Groups with a turnover of under £20,000 will be given high priority.

Competition for grants is increasing, with a current overall success rate of 53% and less for those to Sportscotland at 32%. However, Angus is regarded as a coldspot in receiving fewer Awards for All Sportscotland grants so is regarded as a priority area for grants.

AWARDS FOR ALL EVENT

To find out more about the changes to the scheme, staff from the Awards for All team will be coming to the **Canmore Suite, Castle Street, Forfar on Tuesday 21 April at 2pm** to run a two hour workshop on the new processes and priorities.

To book your place at the event contact Chris MacInnes on 0141 242 1483 or email Chris.MacInnes@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Places will be limited to one per group or organisation so make sure you contact them as soon as possible to secure your place.

Don't worry if you can't make it to the session as all the information on the new and improved programme can be found at the Awards for All website at www.awardsforall.org.uk/index-scotland.html

BIG LOTTERY FUND - THE PEOPLE'S MILLIONS 2009

The Big Lottery Fund has again teamed up with ITV, giving viewers the chance to vote on projects that provide opportunities for people to enjoy their local area, whether indoors or out, and improve local facilities for all to enjoy.

The People's Millions has funded a wide range of projects over the past few years including wildlife gardens, play areas, community halls and even an outdoor gym.

Since 2005, The People's Millions has given out 50 grants across Scotland totalling just over £3m. This year, a total budget of £3.5m is available across the UK with 14 grants of up to £50,000 including VAT available in Scotland.

To find out more about visit http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_peoples_millions

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 15 May 2009.

BIG LOTTERY – INVESTING IN IDEAS

The BLF is keen to continue the work of Investing in Ideas, especially in this period of transition in their larger funding programmes as 2009/10 will be primarily a bridging year in relation to their funding with new programmes not likely to launch until 2010.

There is an additional £1.3 million to spend on projects looking to develop an idea up until March 2010. Applicants should continue to use the existing material and criteria when applying to [Investing in Ideas](#). If you have any questions, contact the information team on 0870 240 2391.

COLD SPOTS IN ANGUS

The Scottish Funders Forum has alerted local authorities of areas where they are receiving fewer than average applications from. Three funders have reported that Angus is what is termed a “cold spot” As most national funders like to distribute their funds on a fairly even basis, this means they are likely to view an application slightly more favourably if it comes from an under-represented area, thereby increasing your chance of being successful.

Scottish Community Foundation – they report that Angus is one of the four local authority areas they’ve had the fewest applications from. We have covered this scheme several times before but for a reminder of what they will fund, see www.scottishcf.org

Comic Relief – as many of you will know, the recent fundraising Red Nose Day produced a record income of £59,809,938, and the final total is expected to be around the £65m mark. 60% of funds go to international projects, and 40% to UK projects. For further details of current Comic Relief priorities, go to http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk_grants where details of forthcoming programmes will soon be announced. We will also inform you of these in coming months when they become available.

Social Investment Scotland is not a grant giver, but provides loans. Full information about them is available at <http://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ARTS	BUILDINGS	EDUCATION	ENERGY
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ARTS

SCOTTISH ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING

The schemes – financial assistance is available to community, public (including local authorities and schools) and commercial organisations in Scotland for arts projects involving crafts, drama, dance, literature, music and visual arts. Maximum and minimum grant values vary for each project type

Crafts - £500 - £8,000 – no deadlines

Dance - £5,000 – no fixed maximum – 7 April, 6 October deadlines

Traditional dance projects - £5,000 – no fixed maximum – 7 April, 6 October deadlines

Drama – to be confirmed - 7 July deadline

Literature -£500 - £5,000 - 7 April, 7 July and 6 October deadlines

Writing and storytelling fellowships - £9,000 (to meet half of post holder's salary) No deadlines

Literature and storytelling development workers - £9,000 (to meet half of post holder's salary)

Translation - £100 - £2,500 No deadlines

Music

Education and Outreach projects £500 - £5,000 - 7 April and 6 October deadlines

Recording YMI training -£500 - £5,000

Continuing Professional Development -£500 - £5,000 no deadlines

Creating New Music - £500 - £15,000 - 7 April, 7 July and 6 October deadlines

YMI Demo Fund - £1,000 - £6,000

Informal Sector Fund £500 - £30,000 no deadlines for small grants, 7 April, 7 July and 6 October deadlines for applications over £5,000

Visual Arts

New work - £1,000 - £25,000 - 7 April and 6 October deadlines

Contact – application forms are available from the Arts Council. Call 0845 603 6000 or go to their website at www.scottisharts.org.uk

YOUNG SCOT - ARTS ACTION FUND

The scheme - Young Scot and the Scottish Arts Council are offering young people aged 11-26 the opportunity to follow their artistic dreams and fund their creative talents. Grants are for both individuals and groups and examples of the types of projects that can be funded are listed below:

- Travel to an audition
- Highlight a school performance
- Hire space to put together a new dance
- Buy some props for a show
- Buy some gig equipment
- Help to fund your own art exhibition

Amount - The Arts Action Fund is able to award £200 to individuals or £750 to groups of young people aged 11-26.

Contact - to read more about the fund and download an application form go to <http://tinyurl.com/dh6kva> or for a hard copy call free on 0808 801 0338 or e-mail: infoline@youngscot.org

Deadline – none given but you should apply at least 10 weeks before the project start date.

BALVENIE ARTISAN AWARDS 2009

The scheme - The Balvenie Artisan Awards are open to anyone in the UK who uses a traditional skill to earn their living from crafts such as weaving and textile design, glass blowing and ceramics to working with wood, leather, metal, coopering, thatching, stone masonry and a host of others. In 2009 there are four categories to enter:

- Best Start-up Business based on a Traditional Craft or Skill - for those who have been in business for less than two years. Prize: £1,500 plus a selection of whiskies from The Balvenie and a specially commissioned trophy.
- Artisan Mentor of the Year - for those passing on skills to a new generation. Prize: £1,500 plus a selection of whiskies from The Balvenie and a specially commissioned trophy.
- Artisan of the Year - open to anyone who uses a traditional craft or skill. Prize: £4,000 plus a bottle of The Balvenie Thirty (a rare single malt worth over £300) and a specially commissioned trophy.
- Artisan Apprentice of the Year - for those learning a traditional skill or craft. Prize: £2,000 (to be put towards training/development) plus a selection of whiskies from The Balvenie and a specially commissioned trophy.

Contact - for further details and to nominate yourself, or somebody you know, please go to www.thebalvenie.com/en-gb/art_awards.php

Deadline - 30 May 2009

BUILDINGS

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER LOAN

The scheme - financial assistance is available to help charities, community groups and voluntary organisations to take on ownership and refurbish public buildings for community use. Loans can cover up to 80% of the total value of the property. Applicants will have to pay a non-refundable arrangement fee of £1,000, plus all the security and legal fees incurred in setting up the loan. The Unity Trust Bank provides Community Asset Transfer Loans to enable charities, community organisations and voluntary groups to improve buildings donated from local authorities through the Community Asset Transfer scheme.

Where the property involved is leasehold, it is a requirement that there is more than 35 years remaining on the lease at the time of the final repayment.

Loans can last for up to 25 years.

Interest will be fixed at 1% above the Bank of England base rate.

Amount - £100k - £6m

Contact - interested organisations are advised to contact the Community Asset Transfer Loan Manager, Neil Forman, at the Unity Trust Bank for further information. Tel: 0121 616 4161 or go to

<http://www.unity.co.uk/information/108270/>

Deadline - none

EDUCATION

THE EQUITABLE CHARITABLE TRUST

The scheme –The Equitable Charitable Trust is an education charity that supports projects for children and young people under the age of 25 who have a disability and/or are from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Grants fall into three broad categories:

- Education projects that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people.
- Education projects for disadvantaged children and young people, particularly those that support delivery of the National Curriculum or vocational learning.
- Education projects that will help to increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries.

Grants can be made for project costs, capital expenditure, equipment and/or the salary costs of a post. Priority is given to organisations and charities with annual incomes of under £5 million. UK charities and community organisations can apply.

Amount - grants range from £2,500 to £30,000. Most are for sums between £5,000 and £25,000. It is rare for a multi-year grant to exceed £10,000 per annum.

Contact – go to <http://www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/Home/tabid/294/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

Deadline - applications can be submitted at any time and are considered monthly by the Trustees.

ENERGY

INTELLIGENT ENERGY EUROPE

The scheme - the 2009 Call for Proposal for the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme has been published. The programme will fund projects in various areas such as capacity building, spreading of know-how, exchanges of experience, policy input, awareness raising, education and training. At least 3 partner organisations from 3 different eligible countries must be involved in projects.

Amount - the Call budget is €65M. The budget for individual projects is usually between € 0.5 - 2.5 million (mainly staff costs).

Contact - documentation can be accessed at

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm

Deadline - 25 June 2009 for projects starting in April 2010.

ENVIRONMENT

LIFE+

The scheme - The European Commission will be launching a new call for proposals under the LIFE+ programme on the 15 May 2009. The LIFE + programme is the EU's main fund for supporting environmental projects. It will address the following priorities

- Climate change
- Nature and biodiversity
- Health and quality of life
- Natural resources and waste

Life + is divided into a number of funding strands that will support; best practice or demonstration projects that contribute to the implementation of the EU's Birds and Habitats Directives; innovative and demonstration projects that halt the loss of biodiversity; projects that contribute to the implementation of Community environmental policy; and projects that implement communication and awareness raising campaigns on environmental, nature protection or biodiversity conservation issues, as well as projects related to forest fire prevention.

LIFE+ funding is available to both public and private bodies registered in the EU. The maximum co-financing rate will be 50%. Since the LIFE unit anticipates that there are unlikely to be significant changes with respect to the 2008 call, it recommends that potential applicants begin preparing their applications using the 2008 applications package. The total budget that will be made available to support the call will be of EUR 250 million.

Contact - more information can be found at <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

Deadline – 15 September 2009 for projects starting July – August 2010

TREES FOR COMMUNITIES/TREES FOR SCHOOLS

The schemes – funds are available for schools and community groups to be actively involved in tree planting projects.

Amount - £100 to £700. Successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs.

Contact – go to <http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants> where you can download an application form

Deadline – 31 May 2009

SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE BIODIVERSITY AWARDS

The scheme – awards to support and encourage groups that carry practical environmental projects, creating or upgrading wildlife habitats or improving the life of Scotland's wildlife.

Amount - visit www.actionearth.org.uk for more information and application forms.

Deadline – 31 July 2009

CSV ACTION EARTH AWARDS

The scheme - Awards to help projects to purchase plants, tools and materials and to cover volunteer expenses. This can cover projects of all sizes and can cover community clear ups to litter picks.

Contact – go to www.actionearth.org.uk for more information and application forms.

Deadline - 31 July 2009.

HEALTH

COMMUNITY FOOD AND HEALTH SCOTLAND YOUTH FUND

The scheme – grant towards the costs of staff, volunteers or peer educators completing the royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland Elementary Food and Health course. Also grant for developing healthy eating activities with young people. This may include; healthier options in youth cafes/snack bars, equipment and food to run healthy cookery courses, gardening activities

Amount - up to £1,000 towards both costs of the course and healthy eating activities

Contact – there is a website at www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk for more information

Deadline – 17 April 2009

MISCELLANEOUS

TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The scheme –there are two overarching themes to the Foundation's grants programme:

- Rural issues
- Urban deprivation

Within these themes you can apply under a wide range of topics such as older people, youth, sport etc for revenue and capital projects. There is a one-page downloadable application form to complete as well as sending in essential documents and written details of the project.

Amount - Trusthouse currently awards around 350 grants a year totalling circa £2 million. The average grant is £6,000 though they can range from £1,000 to £30,000. There were only 3 grants for £20-£30k and about 30 for £10k - £20k. The trust says only one in ten grant applications for over £10k are successful. 5% of grants were made to Scotland.

Contact - for more information go to www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk for the application form and details on how to apply. There is an excellent annual report, detailing all grants given last year.

Deadline - applications can be made at any time.

TUDOR TRUST

The scheme – the Tudor Trust, one of the largest independent grant givers in the UK have new guidelines. They support a wide range of needs, including young and older people, community needs, relationships, learning, housing, substance abuse, mental health, criminal justice and financial security and prefer to support organisations with a turnover of less than £1 million. They want to encourage growth and progression and development, not just keeping things as they are. They are interested in building stronger communities. Grants can cover core funding, development funding, projects, capital grants or mix of them. However there are lots of exclusions, so take a look at their website.

Amount – around £20m a year though there is no minimum or maximum grant.

Contact – www.tudortrust.org.uk for guidelines, exclusions, details of previous grants, and the first stage application

Deadline – none. Decisions on first stage applications are made within a month, and if successful which only around 1 in 10 applications are, it will take a further three months to go through the 2nd round application process.

RADIO

COMMUNITY RADIO FUND

The scheme – the next round for funding applications for the Community Radio Fund opens on 15 April 2009. Community Radio Stations are invited to apply for funds to support their core running costs. Grants can only be made to community radio licensees that are broadcasting under a community radio licence.

These can include:

- Management
- Administration
- financial management and reporting costs
- fundraising to support the station
- community outreach work
- costs involved in using volunteers

Amount - the minimum grant is £5,000 (there is no upper limit).

Contact - for more information go to www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/commun_radio/Communityfund.

Deadline - 12 May 2009

REGENERATION

TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION FUND

NEW

The scheme - to support the regeneration of town centres throughout Scotland affected by the recession. Applications will be invited from local authorities, the third sector and others working alongside Community Planning Partnerships, Business Improvement Districts, Town Centre Managers and private sector agencies. Projects will need to deal with economic, social and environmental needs to the benefit of local communities. All bids will be expected to include a range of sectors and agencies, including the voluntary sector and Registered Social Landlords.

The money will only support capital costs. This could include better pedestrian or disabled access, bringing derelict sites into use, improvements to the look of the place, better car parking or cycle access etc.

Projects must be additional to any current spending plans, and as well as receiving money from the Fund budgets should allow for injections of cash from other parties be they private sector or public sector sources.

The outcomes might include the creation of new jobs, the provision of new or better community facilities and generally making the town centre a more attractive place for further investment and community use.

Amount - £60 million is available overall this year through bringing forward money allocated for 2010/11. No fixed minimum or maximum amounts.

Contact - go to www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/town-centres/tcrf/faqs for info on the basics of the Fund. Much more information will be available when the application guidance is released towards the end of April.

Deadline - to be announced. The first round application packs should be available by the end of April 2009.

VETERANS

HEROES RETURN 2

The scheme – funding for anniversary trips to the places where they saw action is now available to World War veterans. The Big Lottery Fund has announced the opening of its funding initiative for veterans, spouses, widows and carers wishing to mark overseas anniversaries throughout 2009 and 2010 for veterans wishing to attend 65th anniversary events overseas. This includes funding for Normandy veterans wanting to attend events in June of this year but also includes all servicemen who saw action in other theatres during WWII.

Amount – applicants can apply for a grant of between £150 and £5,500 depending on the number of people taking part and the destination. A fixed amount of money will be available for each veteran and their spouse and/or carer towards the cost of their visit. There will five levels of funding according to the destination. These fixed amounts have been set so that there is enough money to cover the cost of travel and insurance.

Contact - for more information contact the Heroes Return 2 helpline on 0845 00 00 121 or email us at general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk or visit http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return?regioncode=uk&status=theProg

Deadline – 30 January 2011

YOUTH

LEARNING LAUNCHPAD

NEW

The scheme – this is a new fund to support young people aged 14-25 who have an innovative idea that will enable them to be successful outside the confines of academia. The fund is open to individuals, groups or early-stage organisations regardless of whether they are charities, social enterprises or for-profit organisations. The fund will support projects designed by young people that will both develop themselves and encourage social change within disadvantaged communities.

Amount - initial support can be for up to £30,000, followed by stage-two opportunities up to £100,000.

Contact - <http://www.learninglaunchpad.org/>

Deadline - the first closing date was 31 March 2009 with further opportunities later in the year.

AWARDS

GREAT BRITONS AWARD SCHEME

British Airways' Great Britons award scheme is open to all UK residents aged 16 and over who need support to develop their talent in the following fields:

- Fashion
- Art and Design
- Performing Arts
- Innovation
- Sport
- Helping the Community

If you're committed to being the best in your field, you could win a flight to any destination in the world where British Airways flies and a camcorder to film your journey. Just tell them your story so far for your chance to win.

Once you have applied, you will be showcased on the Great Britons website. Every two months an independent panel of judges will select the strongest entries, including profiles with the highest public ratings, and shortlist them. Then friends, family and the general public vote to choose the winning entries. To find out more go to www.greatbritons.ba.com

SCOTTISH CALOR VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

The scheme – this year's award scheme is now open for applications.

The category labels are:

- People: how people work together to help each other, provide facilities and community activities
- Sustainability: what communities are doing to protect and improve the local and global environment, and any conservation activities being undertaken to ensure sustainability and self-sufficiency.
- Business: how local businesses and the population interact to support one another and the community.
- Communication: what is done to promote inclusion and encourage participation.

Amount - the overall winner for 2009 will receive £7,000, with £2,000 going to the four regional winners. Awards are for rural communities with a population of under 5,000 and are designed to allow Scotland's rural communities to promote their success and achievements.

Contact - Entry to the competition is by completion of an online questionnaire and submission of up to 500 words explaining 'What makes your rural community a special place?' Go to the Calor website <http://www.calorvoy.org.uk/login.php> for more information and an online entry form. You can also contact Lynsey Shepherd on 01224 217345 or email lshepherd@avcmmedia.com to find out more.

Deadline – 15 May 2009, at 12 noon. Judging will take place during the summer, with the winner due to be announced in August.

FUNDING SUPPORT

FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUALS

Funderfinder's People in Need software has been available for installation on computers for more than 10 years. The program compares the specific needs of individuals against a database of UK funders and comes up with a list of potential sources of assistance.

Funderfinder has now launched an online version of the service, meaning anyone can pay to access it. Fees for using the service start at £5.50 for 24 hours' access and yearly subscriptions start at £100. It's available at <http://www.funderfinder.org.uk/pin.php>

MENTORING OPPORTUNITY

The Third Sector is to be given mentoring and coaching business support in order to help it become more enterprising and successful. The Scottish Government has decided to give a £186,200 contract to a consortium made up of the Scottish Chambers of Commerce, Forth Sector, Edinburgh Business Development and the Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) to provide the mentoring support.

The contract lasts until 2011 and will provide mentoring for a range of Third Sector organisations such as community and voluntary groups, registered charities, social enterprises and credit unions.

ABBEY LAUNCHES FREE GUIDE TO PR

Financial services company Abbey has launched a free guide to Public Relations (PR) designed to help charities together with voluntary and community groups get the most out of promoting their work to potential volunteers and funders. The guide has been developed by Abbey's Charitable Trust and PR professionals and offers an introduction to media relations, from interacting with corporate PR teams to hosting journalists at events. The free guide covers:

- How to work with corporate partners
- What journalists want from media releases and press material
- Planning media activity
- Best time of day to contact people working in the media
- How to evaluate your PR activity and
- General top tips

You can download the free guide from <http://tinyurl.com/bveo5k>

WIN £2500 CASH OR FREE INSURANCE FOR A YEAR

Keegan & Pennykid are offering charities and voluntary organisations the chance to win £2,500 cash or one year of free insurance cover, up to the value of £2,500 through their Encompass Insurance Policy.

To enter the prize draw, visit their website and complete the short online entry form. The last date for entry is the 1 May 2009. Winners will be announced on the 11 June at the TFN Awards.

ONLINE ASSISTANCE TO BEAT ECONOMIC BLUES

A new website has been launched to help third sector groups overcome the recession.

Umbrella organisation the Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations (ACEVO) has unveiled their Recession Support portal in a bid to provide groups with the practical advice and guidance they need to emerge through the economic downturn.

The website, which is free to use and also available to non-members of ACEVO, includes various guides written by a range of experts covering key topics such as finance, management and career development.

It will also include the latest recession news, along with links to other useful organisations, sector events and training courses.

For further information about the new portal, visit the Recession Support website at <http://www.recessionsupport.org.uk/main/>

SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

The Social Enterprise Academy, in conjunction with First Port, are ready to deliver their dynamic and practical Starting Your Social Enterprise programme for those who are in the process of setting up their own social enterprise.

The programme, delivered in a highly participative style, will equip participants with the skills and knowledge that they will need to take their ideas forward. The programme gets underway on 11 & 12 May and will last 8-days in total.

To learn more about the programme and how to apply contact Kim at Firstport by email at kim@firstport.org.uk or by telephone on 0131 220 0511.

Are you a small charity or social enterprise looking to grow and develop and have big plans and ambitions for the organisation, but you would like some help in getting there?

If so, Pilotlight Scotland provide a free strategic planning and skills development service to charities and social enterprises by matching them with senior members of the business community.

Some of Pilotlight's first wave of projects are now coming to an end and the feedback from participants has been excellent so far. They are now looking for additional charities to work with so do not delay getting in touch with them.

Further information is available from <http://tinyurl.com/dal6qj> or visit <http://scotland.pilotlight.org.uk/>

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