



Community Cash. There is still just time to register for our next Community Cash event which is being held in the Harbour Bar, Gourdon, at 6.45pm on Tuesday 6th March. Groups give a brief presentation on their proposed project, then everyone present votes for the group they think should receive the micro-grant of £300. Please see the attached poster and Ts & Cs, and register by Monday 5th March.

St John's Hill Windfarm Community Fund. This new fund is now open to applications from community and not-for-profit groups in the Arbutnott and Catterline Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council areas. Applications are open until Friday 30th March. Please contact lesleykdp@gmail.com before submitting an application - we are always delighted to provide advice and support.

Scotmid Community Connect. Three 'Good Cause' groups from Scotmid's North member region will receive a financial award of up to £15,000 voted for by members. The regional panel will invite a longlist of six groups to attend a meeting in Aberdeen on 16th April to discuss their applications. Three groups will then be shortlisted and invited to present at the Scotmid Member meeting in October, where the final amount awarded to each shortlisted group will be decided. If you have already made an application that was unsuccessful, Scotmid ask that you don't re-apply within 12 months, even if it's for a different project. Applications close on 29 March 2018. See <http://www.scotmid.coop/community-connect/> and <http://www.scotmid.coop/how-does-community-connect-work-for-community-groups/> for more details.

People's Health Trust – HealthKind. Funding is available for Aberdeenshire for local projects designed and led by local people that help to create fairer places to grow, live, work and age. Projects should be designed and led by local people to support their neighbourhood or community to come together to address an issue that is important to them. It should create stronger connections between people by supporting them to meet up regularly and support people who experience greater social and economic disadvantage than people living in other parts of the country. Funding is available between £5,000 and £50,000 for projects lasting up to two years. Deadline 22nd March. <http://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/news/news-stories/active-communities-tell-us-your-great-ideas>

Bank of Scotland Foundation. The Bank of Scotland Foundation supports people and their communities across Scotland. The Foundation aims to do this by assisting registered Scottish charities in their work through Small (£1k - £10k), Medium (£10k - £25k) and Large (£50k - £100k) funding programmes. The concerns that charities address may be unique to their own area, or they may be shared with other organisations in other regions. They may even be of national importance. It is the Bank's intention to make a genuine, tangible difference to individuals and their communities. The next application deadline for the Small and Medium

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programmes is 6th April 2018. Visit <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes> for eligibility criteria and guidelines.

Rural Wisdom. The Rural Wisdom project is exploring ways to make rural areas work better for older people. A series of events across Scotland are being held for anyone who is interested in this work to come together, to share thoughts, to hear from others and to build the Rural Wisdom network around the country. The latest will be on Friday 8th March, 11am – 3pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, teas & coffees will be served from 10.30am, Smithton-Culloden Free Church, Murray Road, Smithton, Inverness, IV2 7YU. Click on the link to register. <http://ruralwisdom.org/2018/01/31/rural-wisdom-get-together-inverness/>

Consultation on Social Housing (Fire Suppression Systems) (Scotland) Bill. The public consultation on the Bill's proposals is now open and will run until **16 April 2018**. In addition to new-build social housing the consultation is also seeking views on what action can be taken to retrofit sprinkler systems into existing high-rise social housing stock. If you would like to read more on the detail of the proposals, as well as the consultation process, you can find information in the consultation document on the consultation website: www.sprinklersforscotland.com. Responses are being gathered through the Parliament's online system which can be accessed here: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/FireSprinklers/>

English Speaking As Other Language Survey. To improve access to learning English for Aberdeenshire residents whose first language is not English, the Aberdeenshire Learning Community Partnership is conducting a survey to gather information on what support exists and how it could be increased. The survey should take only 5 minutes to complete and will help the Partnership engage with stakeholders to agree a strategy for the delivery of English language learning support. Your feedback will assist in establishing a single portal for those who need support for learning English to connect with those who can deliver that support. Your assistance would be much appreciated. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XF38NMQ>

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