



Dear All,

The Nationwide Building Society Community Grants programme is offering grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 to housing projects and charities to make a positive change in their area. Priority will be given to those projects which address one of the following key areas: Preventing people from being homeless; Helping people into a home; Supporting people to remain in their home. Deadline is 13th April. Foundation Scotland will be hosting two workshops offering guidance in completing an application to the fund. The first will be held in their Edinburgh offices at 15 Calton Road, on 27th March, from 11am – 1.00 pm; the second will be a webinar on 3rd April from 11am – 12 noon. To sign up click either of the following links [Workshop 27 March 2018](#); [Webinar 3 April 2018](#). For more information on the fund please visit www.foundationscotland.org.uk/nationwide

Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership Unpaid Carer Events. An event for Kincardine & Mearns unpaid carers is taking place in Stonehaven Town Hall on 20th April 2018. The Partnership has created Facebook 'events' on the page 'Aberdeenshire Carers & Self Directed Support' <https://www.facebook.com/sdsaberdeenshire/>. Please feel free to share widely.

Bank Closures Survey. The Scottish Parliament's Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee are conducting an inquiry into the impact of bank closures, inspired by the closure of a third of Scotland's bank branches between 2010 and 2017. The Committee wants to hear from as many people as possible, whether community council members, business owners or individuals. More information is available as follows a) Impact on local businesses, consumers and the Scottish economy: <http://parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/107957.aspx> b) The Call for Views (no requirement to answer every question) <http://parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/107960.aspx> c) Survey of individuals and businesses <http://bit.ly/bankclosures> Please email economyjobsandfairwork@parliament.scot with any queries.

Police Scotland Live Facebook Chat re Social Media. Thinking about buying a young person a mobile phone or computer but concerned how to keep them safe online? Worried that a young person is at harm from a person online but don't know where to start intervening to help? Police Scotland will be holding a LIVE Facebook chat on Wednesday 21st March from 7-9pm where officers and advisers who specialise in child protection will be on hand to answer any questions you might have. They will also be posting advice and tips on the night to help young people be aware, stay alert and keep safe. If you have a sensitive question to ask they will also have a private message function switched on during the evening so you can speak to them in confidence. No topic is off limits. Visit the North East Police Division Facebook page to join: <https://www.facebook.com/events/846907528837898/>

Community Heritage Scotland Early Phase Engagement. Do you belong to a group or organisation that connects heritage with people? Does your group or organisation work with communities running heritage inspired projects? A large part of Scotland's heritage is managed by volunteers and community organisations, but there is no clear picture of this rapidly growing sector. A new project called 'Community Heritage Scotland' has been launched which aims to map and bring

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about positive change. They want to find out who is doing what and to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to complete their online survey <http://bit.ly/communityheritage> by Thursday 22 March at 12pm.

Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness. The Scottish Government is running a consultation on “Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness”, which ends on 27th April. A consultation event will take place in Aberdeen for 3rd April - book a space here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-isolation-and-loneliness-strategy-aberdeen-consultation-event-tickets-42452386230> . More information on the consultation and how to take part can be found here: <https://consult.gov.scot/equality-unit/connected-scotland/>

Join the Aberdeenshire IJB. An opportunity has arisen to join the Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Integrated Joint Board (IJB). You don't need any official qualifications but will be asked to attend at least one meeting every month. There can be several long papers to read through before a meeting so do consider this too. It is a great opportunity to influence the development of Health and Social Care in Aberdeenshire so if you do have the time and the patience, we would encourage you to find out more. To find out more information on the Public Representatives role and request an information pack please visit: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health-and-social-care-integration/integration-joint-board/>. You can also request an information pack by contacting: Amanda Harkness, tel: 01467 537736, email: integration@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

With warmest wishes for the weekend,

Jacky and Lesley

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