



Dear All,

Living With Hope. There is still just time to register for the first of these linked events being held in Fetteresso Church Hall, Stonehaven. The events aim to bring groups and organisations within K&M together to discuss how the 'Living With Hope' research project can inform and improve wellbeing in our local communities.

8th March 10.00 - 12.00 *Considering Living With Hope:* Feedback on the study and discussion on its key themes of culture, social isolation and empowerment.

19th April 10.00 - 13.00 *Looking Forward:* How the themes can be addressed and next steps, followed by networking lunch.

For more information and to book a place, please email jane.mitchell@avashire.org.uk

TESCO Bags of Help. Constituted groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding of between £1000 and £4000 for projects that bring benefits to the community. The on-line application can be accessed via <http://bit.ly/bagsofhelp4>. Eligible projects include but are not limited to activity in outdoor spaces; purchase of items such as sports kit, camping equipment or specialised medical equipment; improvements to community buildings; seasonal events, volunteer expenses and training. Following a public vote in tesco stores every 2 months, three projects in each of the local Tesco store areas will receive a grant with first place receiving up to £4000, second place up to £2000 and third place £1000. Please contact 01786 849757 or email your local enabler on rita.callander@greenspacescotland.org.uk for further information. PDF versions of the application form and eligibility criteria are attached for guidance.

Calor Rural Community Fund. This fund aims to give off-grid communities the chance to gain funding for projects that will improve local life. With a total fund of £50,000 and with 21 individual prize pots up for grabs, this year's Calor Rural Community Fund will be open for applications between 20th March and 30th April. If you have a rural community project that needs funding, simply register your details now and complete the online application form, then submit between 20th March and 30th April 2018. The projects that receive the most votes will be shortlisted and then considered by a panel of impartial judges, who will select the winning entries. www.calor.co.uk/communityfund

Building Brighter Future Funds. This scheme is focused on providing disadvantaged young people with the opportunities to gain the skills and confidence to succeed through education, training and employment, throughout Scotland and is now open for applications. The fund will distribute up to £300,000 in total per annum over three years to selected organisations supporting young people,

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aged 12 to 21, into employment, education or training. Funding awards will range from £20,000 to £60,000 per annum over three years and will be subject to ongoing monitoring, reporting and review. The application deadline date is 5pm on 16th March 2018.

Visit: <https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/thematic-funds/building-brighter-futures-fund/>

SSEN North of Scotland Resilient Communities Fund Now Open. The £220,000 fund is available for non-profit making organisations, community groups and charities working in the Scottish and Southern Electricity Network distribution area. Applications up to £20,000 will be accepted until 15 May 2018. The Resilient Communities Fund supports local projects that protect the welfare of vulnerable community members through enhancing their resilience and improving community participation and effectiveness and/or enhance community facilities, services and communication specifically to support the local response in the event of a significant emergency event. Visit <https://www.ssen.co.uk/RCF/Scotland/> for more information.

Employment & Skills Event. A free event for jobseekers is being held on 23rd March 2018 in Stonehaven Bowling Club from 10am - 4pm. Businesses and organisations from across the North East will be present at the event and attendees will have the chance to find out about local vacancies and meet employers. On hand will also be some organisations that can provide free, impartial advice on jobseeking, considering your options, writing CVs, preparing for interviews, money advice and identifying learning and training opportunities. During the event a range of workshops will be delivered covering the My World of Work website, Individual Training Accounts, CV Skills and an Introduction to Starting Your Own Business. Contact Claire Murray on 07887 642358 or 01467 535614 for further details.

Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action Training - Reducing Barriers to Volunteering for People with Disabilities. AVA is running a one-day course on Tuesday 13th March 2018 from 09.30 - 12.30 in Ellon Kirk Centre. By the end of the session participants will have considered what constitutes a disability; have recognised the barriers disabled people may face when trying to volunteer; have explored what difficulties a volunteer with disabilities would face in various roles; have identified how an organisation could reduce the barriers and difficulties faced to aid both recruitment and continued involvement. The cost for AVA members is £15, and for non-members it is £30. If you have any queries please email training@avashire.org.uk.

With warmest wishes,
Jacky and Lesley

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