

Volunteer Centre Dundee Bulletin

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We now have a new look [Volunteer Scotland](#) website. It's not just a nice new shiny website but it can do much more than before!

Volunteers can register and save their searches and applications online. More importantly, your organisation will now be able to log-in to update and personalise your own information. This can be to add a new opportunity, suspend an existing opportunity and you can also add a logo or image to personalise your opportunities.

So watch out for your organisation log-in email that will be arriving in your inbox after the 10th May from Volunteer Scotland. This will allow you to log-in, view your opportunities, update your details and personalise your information. It will also help us to keep your information up to date and accurate and support us with our annual data checks.

Regards

Wendy

Please feel free to forward this bulletin on.

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Volunteer Scotland Website

As previously mentioned we now have a new re-vamped [Volunteer Scotland website](#) where your volunteering opportunities are advertised online to potential volunteers. The search engine behind the website will search on key words rather than just on the categories selected giving the user more relevant search results. People can now search for opportunities by organisation name, by category or by any search term they enter. They can then further filter their search results by options on the left hand side of the page. Take a look and let us know what you think.

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Pilotlight Scotland

Pilotlight have had an excellent response from organisations interested in working with them but are still looking for more! They have asked me to mention their project to you all again with some new developments and training opportunities. Contact Sam for more information:

Pilotlight Scotland has helped over 30 Scottish charities and social enterprises since 2007 and we now have additional capacity to work with more charities and social enterprises in Central Scotland, Tayside, Fife and North East Scotland.

We offer a uniquely managed capacity-building process, exploring all aspects of your organisation and giving you the skills to develop a strategic business plan...and it won't cost you a penny because we are funded by donations from our business partners.

To have a closer look at the 'Pilotlight Process' please click [here](#).

We are also expanding our service offerings and have teamed up with Jan Roberts Consulting to put together a series of three hands-on workshops tackling the difficult but very relevant issue of change leadership.

'Lunch Bites' sessions will:

- use a dynamic mix of facilitated teaching and group work so that you can relate

the learning directly to your organisation

- equip you with not only the theory but also the tangible tools to help you ease the process of organisational change.
- introduce you to the dynamic network of business people and third sector organisations that we work with.

Sessions will be delivered at Thorn House, 5 Rose Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PR from 12-2.30pm by Jan Roberts Consulting on Pilotlight Scotland's behalf between 20th May and 29th June. Jan Roberts has kindly offered a Third Sector rate of £40 per session. Lunch will of course be included!

For more information about either the Lunch Bites or to have a chat about what Pilotlight Scotland offers please email Sam James: sjames@pilotlight.org.uk or call her on 0131 2432768.

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CRBS Update

Website

CRBS launched its new website on the 8th April. Clear, user friendly information on issues relevant to the current disclosure process and information on the new PVG Scheme can be viewed at www.crbs.org.uk. Included also on the website are details of our new quick and efficient enrolment process, updates on our requirements for ID checking for disclosure applications and the additional support services that CRBS can offer to enrolled organisations.

ID requirements

Please note that as of the 1st April 2010, CRBS recommends for 3 types of identification to be provided by applicants when completing an application for a standard or enhanced disclosure. It is preferred that at least one of these is photographic (for example, a current passport, new style UK driving licence) plus a least one item of address related evidence (for example, a utility or telephone bill, bank, credit card or mortgage statement containing the name and address of the applicant). For further guidance on ID requirements please go to www.crbs.org.uk/IDguidance

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Volunteering Counts

The 'Volunteering Counts' conference held in Manchester in early March 2010 brought together those researching volunteering around the UK. Co-organised by the Institute for Volunteering Research, Volunteer Development Scotland, the Wales Council for Voluntary Action and the Volunteer Development Agency, Northern Ireland, it drew a range of researchers and practitioners to assess the current state of our knowledge and the future research agenda.

Extracts from some of the papers presented have now been uploaded to the Institute for Volunteering Research [website](#).

Source: Volunteer Development Scotland Newsletter

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Training and Forums

Volunteer Managers Forum

These meetings bring together voluntary organisations working with or interested in working with volunteers. You don't have to be a volunteer manager to attend but if your role includes working with and supporting volunteers within your organisation, you may find the forum useful. It is a good opportunity to network, to find out about new developments as well as look at different aspects of involving volunteers and best practice. [Notes](#) from the previous two forums can be accessed from our [Managers Forum page](#).

Do you want to find out more about the Dundee Volunteer Managers Forum? [Click here](#) for an information sheet.

Next forum:

**Wednesday 26th May (12-2pm) in Dryburgh Education Centre, Napier Drive
Dundee**

As usual please email Anne (anne@volunteerdundee.org.uk) if you would like to book a place at any or all of the above dates. Refreshments will be provided however feel free to bring your own lunch (except in April when lunch is provided)! New faces always welcome. The Forum is for anyone who coordinates volunteers whether in a paid post or in a voluntary capacity.

Training

Recognising Volunteers and engaging with the media

Volunteers Week (1st-7th June) is creeping up on us fast, it's a great opportunity to celebrate the contribution that volunteers make across the UK. In Dundee we would like to encourage all organisations to say thanks to their volunteers so we have arranged a training session where you can find out about:

- Writing a press release
- Tips / hints about recognising and rewarding volunteers
- Creating Volunteer Certificates
- Accredited Learning for volunteers

If you are looking for ideas about celebrating the hard work of your volunteers or need the tools to engage with the media come along to this new course:

When: Wednesday 12th May 10:00am to 1:00pm
Where : Number Ten, 10 Constitution Road, Dundee
Cost : £25.00

For more information or to book a place please email Anne Leslie:
anne@volunteerdundee.org.uk or phone 01382 305705

From Sick Note to Fit Note Training

DVA will be running a half day workshop to help employers understand the implications of the new fit note.

When: Tuesday 18th May from 10.15 to 12 noon
Where: Number Ten, 10 Constitution Road, DD1 1LL
Cost: £5.00 (Inc VAT)

Bookings: contact Hazel on 305731 or email hazelimrie@number10.org

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Deaf and Deafblind Awareness Training

Due to the popularity and success of this course. Tayside Deaf Association has organised further dates of the Signature Level 1 Deaf and Deafblind Awareness Training for 2010. The practical and interactive training runs over two days from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm and will be held at Tayside Deaf Association, 36 Roseangle, Dundee, DD1 4LY. This training package covers a broad range of subjects that covers communication methods, technology and how to make your services accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing people. Our training will be delivered by a Deaf tutor who is an experienced BSL user and can provide examples of the issues deaf and hard of hearing people can encounter accessing organisations and offer solutions that are both simple and effective. The cost is an amazing £100 per person which will cover the exam fee, lunch and refreshments. We would recommend you book as soon as possible before spaces run out.

When: 29 & 30 June 2010

Where: Tayside Deaf Association

Cost: £100 per person

This course can also be adapted to meet the requirements of your specific area of work and can be provided at a venue of your choice for up to 15 people at a time.

To book a place on one of the above dates please see Tayside Deaf Association Website www.taysidedeaf.org.uk for more info and email back to the address below. If you would like further information on this or any of our other training courses please contact isabel.greenhowe@taysidedeaf.org.uk

INTRODUCTION TO BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE LEVEL 1

We have a new BSL Level 1 class which starts on **TUESDAY 4 MAY 2010** from **10.15 AM to 12.30 PM**. For an information pack and application form please see

attachment or visit our website. www.taysidedeaf.org.uk

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Funding

Youth Scotland Small Grants Scheme

The [Small Grants Scheme](#) will provide grants of up to £2,000 to support youth groups to provide positive opportunities for Scotland's young people.

Youth Scotland is managing this pilot scheme in partnership with five other national, volunteer-led youth organisations; The Scout Association, Girlguiding Scotland, Boys Brigade, The Girls' Brigade in Scotland and Clubs for Young People (Scotland).

All member groups of the six partner organisations are eligible to apply for the funding, which will fund start-up costs up to £1,000 and programme or activity costs up to £2,000.

CashBack for Communities is a Scottish Government initiative that uses funds recovered from criminal activity to support positive activities for young people.

The scheme will be accompanied by a series of [Roadshows](#) taking place across the country, where groups will be able to find out more about the scheme and get practical help and advice about how to apply and the processes involved.

For more information about the Small Grants Scheme, including how to apply, [click here](#).

Lloyds TSB – Deadline Dates for 2010

<http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?pg=138>

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DVA Newsletter

Dundee Voluntary Action publish a quarterly newsletter that contains news, events and issues affecting the voluntary sector. If you are not already on their mailing list please contact [Evelyn Cairns](#) to be added or visit [DVA's Website](#) to find out more.

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Volunteers Offering their Services:

The following volunteer recently contacted us to offer their skills and services,:

Name: Steve Burrows

Email: steveburrows.uk@40gmail.com

Services offered: I would like to assist organisations by providing logo designs, designs for printed materials (eg; leaflets, posters, etc), and website designs.

Skills: I have worked as a full-time graphic designer since 2004, mainly in Dundee, for a wide range of companies & organisations.

Commitment: Weekly

Conditions: Outside office hours

More information: I would to provide around 4-5 hours of my time per week, working from home, meeting face-to-face as often as required.

Name: James Leaburn

Email: jleaburn@hotmail.com

Services offered: I have studied for a BA Hons Time Based Art and Digital Video. I have been interested in photography for over 20 years. I have also been involved in numerous amateur film making projects.

Skills: Photography, Video, Graphic Design

Commitment: Monthly

Conditions: Flexible

More information:

Name: Davy Bain

Email: davy-71@hotmail.co.uk

Services offered: Accounts and Bookkeeping

Skills: HND Accounts with 3 years administration experience

Commitment: Daily

Conditions:

More information: I would be interested in shadowing bookkeeper to gain practical experience.

please note Volunteer Centre Dundee does not vet the volunteer in any way

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New Staff:

We would like to introduce our 2 new staff members for the Volunteer Friendly Scotland project, they are:

Hilary George, Project Co-ordinator

Pat Cosgrove, Project Administrator

They will be rolling out the Volunteer Friendly Award across Scotland.

Follow us on Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/volunteerdundee>

Contact

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