

Volunteer Centre Dundee Bulletin

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Hope you had a fantastic Volunteers' Week and well done to all The Brae Volunteers who won Radio Tay's Local Heroes Award after being nominated by Mary, the Brae's Centre Manager. It's an amazing place with over 100 Volunteers who do just about everything from mucking out the horses to fundraising. During our Volunteers' Week promotion we spoke to over 170 people at The Wellgate Shopping Centre and we all had a great time going out volunteering ourselves. Many thanks to Dundee Blind and Partially Sighted Society, Showcase the Street, Brown Street Kennels, Discovery Food Programme, Cats Protection and Menzieshill Gardening Group who involved us for the day.

On a personal note, this bulletin will sadly be my last as I am leaving the Volunteer Centre this month after nearly 6 years in post. It's been a great 6 years for me and I have enjoyed developing the bulletins, maintaining the website, keeping our database up to date, promoting volunteering and helping organisations with advice and support. You will continue to receive information from us on a regular basis and jointly from Dundee Voluntary Action as our two organisations work together in partnership. The first of this being the [Voluntary Action Newsletter](#) sent out this month.

Contact [Kathryn Mackenzie](#) for all future newsletter correspondence.

Wendy

Please feel free to forward this bulletin.

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Shortage: Enough Volunteers, Not enough for them to do?

On the 17th June we held our Annual General Meeting where we highlighted some interesting information relating to our end of year statistics. These have shown that we have had an increase in the numbers of people accessing our service but we now have a decrease in the number of opportunities we have available. We have also seen more men accessing our service, possibly due to the recession. In particular, we are lacking outdoor activities and practical opportunities as well as some charity shops. We have highlighted this in our Annual Report (we will send out a copy to you all next week) and we will be working at identifying any new volunteering opportunities. Can you help us? Email [Fiona](#) or [Dorothy](#) if you have any new volunteering opportunities.

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Volunteer Friendly Roll Out

We are delighted that the roll out of the Volunteer Friendly Award across Volunteer Centres in Scotland has started. Developed here in Dundee we have already had 22 groups achieved it and received the Volunteer Friendly Award. This roll out will enable other Volunteer Centres to deliver the award in their area as we have been doing here. To help with the roll out we have launched a website at www.volunteerfriendly.org.uk where you can find more information on the award and will hold all the resources to support groups through the process. The Volunteer Friendly Award is now available in Perth & Kinross, Fife, Angus and Stirling.

Latest group to achieve Volunteer Friendly: The Brae Riding Partnership

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Protecting of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG Scheme)

Key points:

- This will not affect any existing staff/volunteers who have enhanced disclosures *but will affect any new or existing staff/volunteers when you*

ask them to do any work with children or regulated work with adults for the first time.

- If you are a voluntary organisation you will be able to continue to use CRBS to make **free** applications to the PVG Scheme.
- If you are a public or private sector organisation you will be charged £59 for an initial application and £18 for an update (where an applicant is already a PVG Scheme member)
- CRBS is running free information sessions during July – 6th, 7th, 9th, 12th and 13th in Stirling. Visit [CRBS](#) website to find out more.

The PVG Scheme will come into legislation from the 30 November 2010. This will replace the current disclosure arrangements for people who work with vulnerable groups. The PVG Scheme aims to:

- help to ensure that those who have regular contact with children and protected adults through paid and unpaid work do not have a known history of harmful behaviour,
- be quick and easy to use, reducing the need for PVG Scheme members to complete a detailed application form every time a disclosure check is required,
- strike a balance between proportionate protection and robust regulation and make it easier for employers to determine who they should check to protect their client group.

It will be delivered by Disclosure Scotland and will be phased in over 3 years:

- During the first year after go live, the PVG Scheme will only be available to those who are joining the vulnerable groups' workforce for the first time, moving posts or whose circumstances have changed. Applications to join the scheme will continue to be made and responded to on paper.
- In the year after go live, the new secure, electronic PVG Scheme system will become available which means that organisations, groups and individuals will be able to interact with the scheme online.
- Shortly after the electronic system goes live it is expected that existing members of the vulnerable groups' workforce will begin to join the PVG Scheme.

This is expected to take three years to be phased in, in partnership with groups and organisations to minimise any administrative burden.

Source: Scottish Government Website, for more information and answers to

FAQs visit the [Scottish Governments Website](#)

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Fit for the Future: Where will You Be?

Here's a date for your diary:

22 October 2010, West Park Conference Centre, Dundee

More information coming soon....

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Training and Forums

The forum is a gathering of volunteers coordinators/managers where ideas and best practice are shared. The forum is open to all.

We have a different venue planned for the next meetings and we have tried to vary days to make them more accessible to everyone.

The next dates:

- Friday 3 September 2010 Food on Friday, Douglas and MidCraigie Church, Balbeggie Road, Dundee
- Thursday 21 October – Bield Housing, Bonnethill Gardens, Caldrum Street, Dundee and
- Wednesday 08 December – Camperdown Room, Number Ten, Constitution Road, Dundee

All meetings 12 noon to 2pm and free to everyone and everyone is welcome. Wondering whether it would be good for you? Here's some recent feedback from Georgina of Tayside Foundation for Conservation of Resources:

“The forum has been a great help to me on all things volunteer based. Without its help we would never have finished our Volunteer Handbook or got our Volunteer Friendly Award. It's also been a great way of getting to know the other organisations in my area.”

Contact anne@volunteerdundee.org.uk if you would like to find out more.

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Qualification for Volunteers

The Volunteer Centre has partnered with Dundee College to make an ASDAN accredited qualification available to anyone who volunteers. It can be found in

Dundee College's prospectus under Community Volunteering Qualification. Volunteers can be certified at level 1 or 2. Visit [Dundee College](#) website to find out how to get your volunteers involved or contact Anne.

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DVA News, Events and Funding

Investing in Communities Funding reopens

From yesterday the Big Lottery have re-opened the Investing in Communities programme.

Check the [website](#) for more information.

Cashback for Communities

The Cashback for Communities small grants scheme supports local volunteer led groups to enhance their programmes for young people and get positive projects off the ground. Up to £1,000 is available for start up costs and £2,000 towards costs of programmes of activity.

The deadlines for applications are:

- 1st September 2010
- 1st December 2010
- 1st March 2011

For more information visit: www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme.htm

Groups must be a member of one of six affiliated national, volunteer-led youth organisations; Scottish Council - The Scout Association, Girl guiding Scotland, Boys Brigade, The Girls' Brigade in Scotland, Clubs for Young People (Scotland) and Youth Scotland, the network of Youth Clubs and Groups in Scotland. If you are an independent non-uniformed group that is not a member of one of the organisations, but would like to apply for the Small Grants Scheme, you may be interested in joining Youth Scotland or Clubs for Young People (Scotland).

For information about how to affiliate to Youth Scotland, visit [Youth Scotland Website](#)

Funder Finder

Funder Finder is available at DVA by making an appointment with Hazel on 01382 305731.

Funder Finder available 24/7 for Library Members

Funderfinder is now available for remote access 24/7 using your DCC Library barcode number.

Just go to <http://www.funderfindergin.org.uk/>(for group funding),

or <http://www.funderfinderpin.org.uk/> (for personal funding),

and click on the box left of screen which has the text as follows:

"If you have a username and password for Online GIN, enter them in the box on the right. Click here to login with a membership ID number (e.g. library number). Then enter your library barcode in the box which appears. Please note that the National Entitlement Card number will NOT work here. Those using such cards for Library purposes must contact a member of staff who will disclose their Library membership number on production of suitable identification e.g. the NEC itself.

Voluntary Action Newsletter

Here is the first joint Dundee Voluntary Action and Volunteer Centre Dundee Newsletter:

[June Newsletter \(opens pdf file\)](#)

Contact [Evelyn Cairns](#) to be added to the mailing list.

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Volunteers Offering Services:

Service: Rab Alexander

Email: rab.alexander@40hotmail.co.uk

Services offered: Like to help anyone that I can

Skills: Time served joiner with 30 years experience

Commitment: Daily

Staff News:

Frances Simpson, Funding Officer starts with DVA on Monday 7th July Contact:
305724

Wendy Sutherland after nearly six years leaves Volunteer Centre Dundee on 1st
July.

We wish both all the best for their new starts.

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