

EASTGATE THEATRE PEEBLES THE BRIDGE BENEFIT and all that JAZZ

Saturday 23 September 7.30pm

A fundraising evening on behalf of **The Bridge** to raise money for two new community buses

The evening will be introduced by the **Rt. Hon. David Mundell MP**

Musical entertainment will be provided by **The McAllister Jazz Quartet**

There will also be a charity auction conducted by **Jim Railton**, Railton Auctions offering some star prizes



Tickets £15
available from
The Eastgate Box Office
01721 725777

www.eastgatearts.com

The Bridge CHRISTMAS MARKET & COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 25 November
10am - 1pm

in the Burgh Hall, Peebles

Stalls cost £10 for Bridge members
£15 for non-members

This is an ideal opportunity for voluntary organisations to raise funds by selling Christmas cards, presents, home baking etc

For more information or to book a stall telephone **01721 723123**

or email

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Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnerships' Community Plan for Consultation

Public encouraged to have their say on Borders-wide Community Plan

The members of the **Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership (CPP)** are calling on local people to have their say on a new draft Community Plan. In response to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 the Community Plan focuses on improving outcomes and reducing inequalities for the whole of the Scottish Borders. This is best addressed through a Borders-wide approach, with community planning partners collectively working together, and with local communities and businesses.

The aspiration is to have a Community Plan that is dynamic and interactive, a plan that responds to changes that occur within the Borders. As such the CPP will be consulting periodically as the plan develops.

This first consultation looks at the structure, approach and outcomes currently drafted, and will close on **Saturday 16th September 2017**.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act legislation also requires the CPP to prepare and publish more localised plans addressing local challenges and to improve local outcomes. There will be five Locality Plans representing the five localities of Berwickshire, Cheviot, Eildon, Teviot & Liddesdale and Tweeddale. These Locality Plans are currently being drafted.

The CPP would welcome views on the draft Community Plan, which along with the consultation survey, are available at www.scotborders.gov.uk/yourcommunityplan

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) is made up of 14 statutory partners and a number of non-statutory partners, including the Third Sector.

Colin Banks
Lead Officer for Localities
Scottish Borders Council

The Bridge ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 7.00pm

At Tweed Horizons Business Centre, Newtown St Boswells

We are delighted to welcome our Keynote Speakers from Development Trusts Association Scotland. There will be two presentations on the evening from:

Catherine Dougan: Development Trusts - Building Sustainable Communities and Developing an Enterprising Approach

and

Nicky Donald: Community Ownership of Assets - Your New Rights and How Owning an Asset can Change your Community

Refreshments provided All Welcome

RSVP by Tuesday 10 October 2017

email: morag.walker@the-bridge.uk.net

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Are You Scotland's Next Social Innovator?

Do you have an innovative product or service that tackles a social or environmental issue in Scotland?

You could win £5000 to develop your idea and tailored business support!

The Social Innovation Competition, delivered by Firstport is looking for three individuals or businesses (including a young social innovator category for under 30s). **Applications close at noon on 9 October.**

You can find more information at www.firstport.org.uk/socialinnovation

or by calling Firstport on 0131 558 2724.

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FROM THE CHAIR...



Elsewhere in this Newsletter you'll find details of a "Bridge Benefit Evening" being held in Peebles in September. Why are we doing this?

Demand for the many services we provide continues to rise. On the

other hand, the current national focus on austerity means that financial support we receive from the public purse inevitably comes under pressure. To take just one example – one of the services affected is our "Wheels" operations. These journeys are sustained through the untiring commitment and goodwill of our team of volunteer drivers. Through them, we offer something unique – a demand-responsive, door to door transport facility for those of our community who by reason of disability, age or simply living in a remote location are unable to access more conventional means of transport. But keeping these lifeline services on the road costs money. And whilst SBC has, to date, been willing to offer a degree of much needed (and much appreciated) financial support, wider financial constraints have meant that over time this support has diminished in real terms. So if the Wheels are not to stop turning we need to look for additional sources of funding. And that's what September's "Benefit" evening is about. So I very much hope that as many of you as possible will buy tickets and come along. You'll have the expectation of an evening of great music plus the fun of a charity auction; you'll also have the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to a genuine good cause.

Do please join us!

One final point. Those of you with a nervous disposition will be relieved to know that this is the last time on which the face that appears at the top of this piece will appear. I'm standing down at the upcoming AGM. I leave however more than ever in awe of what The Bridge is able to achieve across the community. And I wish the organisation every good fortune in the period ahead.

Ian Yates

COMMUNITY LEARNING EXCHANGE

The great value of being networked with others is the opportunity to learn from what's going on elsewhere. Scotland's community sector is very well served by networks of all shapes, sizes and specialisms but sometimes the costs of networking and learning from others can be prohibitive. Scottish Government has recognised this and has agreed funding for our **Community Learning Exchange**. It is available to all groups who are members of the networks that comprise the Scottish Community Alliance (SCA).

The Community Learning Exchange can be used for different forms of exchange:

1. Community to community visits. The Exchange will cover up to 100% of the costs of a visit by members of one community to another community project up to a limit of £750. In exceptional circumstances (where travel distances are greater or certain aspects of the visit are particularly expensive) this limit can be increased at the discretion of the Exchange Coordinator. Study visits to locations out with Scotland, but within the United Kingdom, can be considered where a project relates to a new or innovative concept and where a similar project does not exist in Scotland.

2. Group visits. Network leads can apply to organise visits on behalf of their network members.

3. Multiple visits. Visits may be made to more than one host organisation. This may result in total host fees of more than £300.

4. Follow-up mentoring support. Opportunities for time-limited flexible mentoring relationships that support identified learning outcomes are available. This should be discussed with your Exchange Coordinator

What do I need to do?

Your group will need to fill in a simple application form and get the form signed off by the responsible person in your network. Assuming your application has been approved, and you agree to the terms of the grant offer, you then proceed with the visit, pay the organisation who are hosting the visit their agreed fee, and then finally, once the visit has been completed, provide SCA with receipts and a completed follow-up evaluation form.

www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk/community-learning-exchange/



South of Scotland Enterprise Agency

Scottish Government announced in June the findings of phase 2 of its Enterprise and Skills Review. The main outcome is the establishment of a new Enterprise Agency, the South of Scotland Enterprise Agency, to meet the distinctive economic needs of communities in the South of Scotland. The new agency will take on a similar role to that of Highland and Islands Enterprise (HIE) which has always had the additional 'strengthening communities' remit which Scottish Enterprise does not. This is a move that has been lobbied for by many people over a number of years, however it seems that it will take another three years to set up. To read the review visit <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00521448.pdf>

Community Empowerment and Common Good Property: Consultation on Draft Guidance

Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places new duties on local authorities in relation to Common Good property. This consultation concerns the statutory guidance related to these processes and asks for views on issues such as timescales, information about assets, local consultation and publicising proposals.

The consultation closes on 29 September 2017. further information on:

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/local-government-policy/community-empowerment-and-common-good-property/>

FOOD FOR LIFE

YOU CAN COOK launched their new project "Food for Life" in April 2017 and will target Innerleithen, Walkerburn & Traquair and is funded by Climate Challenge Fund (£105,014.32). The project will run in partnership with St.Ronan's Primary School, Innerleithen & Walkerburn Primary School until March 2018.

Food for Life is a project targeting the local community and young people in Innerleithen, Walkerburn and Traquair providing free training workshops on organic growing and healthy cooking with local seasonal foods on a budget. Disadvantaged groups and individuals from these communities will be also targeted to provide training and support plus volunteering opportunities to practice their newly acquired skills.

The Food for Life project will consolidate the edible garden built within the school grounds of St Ronan's Primary School along with working at the newly acquired land at Walkerburn Primary school. Training will be provided to all interested in growing their own food either in their garden or on allotments. The project will provide information, advice, and support to children, their parents/carers and the wider community on how to 'grow your own', cook healthy local, seasonal meals and reduce food waste. Pupils from St. Ronan's Primary will be sharing their growing and cooking skills with the pupils of Walkerburn Primary and vice versa. This will go a long way in encouraging younger children to take up growing and cooking! Food waste sessions



will be run in conjunction to help support the community in their fight against climate change, understanding food miles, carbon footprint, seasonal foods and other environmental topics.

We will extend support to an additional 20 homes in the Walkerburn area while providing backup to the current 56 homes in Innerleithen we have helped support in home growing in the previous year.

Finally, the legacy we will leave behind is another functioning and secure edible garden that will be used as a training site for the Walkerburn community and the wider Borders region to access affordable training on how to grow your own food using organic methods.

For further information please visit our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/YouCanCookScotland>



General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Big changes are on the horizon for fundraising organisations with the new **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** coming into effect in May next year, which represents a substantial change to the UK's existing data protection legislation. It is essential that every organisation is prepared for the new, more stringent rules coming into play.

Fundraising CRM software provider Access thank Q CRM who have pulled together a checklist that every fundraising organisation should consider when addressing GDPR. Download this checklist to ensure that your organisation doesn't get caught out when GDPR comes into play.

<http://www.charitydigitalnews.co.uk/2017/04/27/five-steps-to-good-gdpr-compliance/>

Scottish Borders Council – Consultations

Health and Social Care Locality Plans

Scottish Borders Health and Social Care Partnership is holding a consultation on health and social care locality plans which have been developed for Berwickshire, Cheviot, Eildon, Teviot and Liddesdale and Tweeddale. There is a plan for each of the five localities and each plan outlines the area profile of the locality, what services currently exist and what the key priorities are for improving health and social care services for each locality.

They have been developed in collaboration with Locality Working Groups and other key stakeholders and outlines areas for action which are linked to the key priorities for each locality and will assist in the overall delivery of the Partnership's Strategic Plan.

You can download the locality plans from the SBC website: www.scotborders.gov.uk and copies of the summary plans/questionnaire are available at local libraries and health centres and online.

Closing date: 16 September 2017

Local Consultation Events

for voluntary and community organisations and individuals have been organised by the third sector representatives on the Locality Working Groups.

The dates/venues for these are as follows:

Teviot & Liddesdale:
Mon 28 August 10-12 at
Burnfoot Hub, Hawick

Eildon:
Mon 28 August 2-4pm at Triest House,
Galashiels.

Cheviot:
Wed 30 August 10-12 at
The Bridge, 1 Veitch's Close, Jedburgh.

Berwickshire:
Wed 30 August 1-3 pm at
BAVS, BHA, 55 Newtown Street, Duns.

Tweeddale:
Fri 1 September 10-12 at
The Bridge, Newby Court, Peebles.



Scottish Borders
Health and Social Care
PARTNERSHIP

Health Improvement and Self-Management in Older People Seminar

21st September 2017 1.00pm - 4.30pm

The Blue Room, Langlee Community Centre, Galashiels

You are invited to a seminar which aims to help practitioners identify opportunities to support and enable older people living with long-term conditions to make positive changes to improve their health and wellbeing.

The Seminar will:

- Raise awareness of current health improvement guidelines
- Highlight local support and resources to improve older people's health
- Enable practitioners to identify opportunities and barriers to improving older people's health and wellbeing

Topics will include:

- Alcohol
- Mental Wellbeing
- Physical activity
- Nutrition
- Local Supports- Including Community Led Support Hubs and Frailty Assessment Tools.

Target audience:

Practitioners supporting older people from health, social care and 3rd sector organisations.

For further information please phone:
01835 825970

FUNDING NEWS

Comic Relief Active Ageing: Creating Change in Communities

This scheme is a £1.5 million fund to engage older people aged 65 and over from 'harder to reach' groups to get involved in opportunities which use their skills, knowledge and experience to contribute to their communities. They are looking for proposals which put older people at the centre of the work, designing and developing activities or opportunities which meet their needs, interests and priorities.

The 3 key outcomes are:

1. **Older people improve their mental health and wellbeing;**
2. **Older people increase the quality and quantity of their social connections;**
3. **Older people develop an enhanced sense of purpose and empowerment.**

Proposals are welcome for between £40,000 and £80,000 for up to three years for work in the UK. They are keen to receive applications from organisations based in the community in which they are working. The focus of the applicant organisation must be in the local community, although it may choose to work with national or regional partners.

The deadline for receipt of applications is midday **29th August 2017**.

www.comicrelief.com/grants/initiatives/active-ageing-creating-change-communities

Royal Voluntary Service and the Asda Foundation, Sheds Grant Fund Round 3

Grants of between £250 and £1,000 are available from the Sheds Grant Fund for eg: Tools and equipment, building renovation costs, rent/insurance contributions, promotional materials. All applications must be submitted by the deadline of 5pm **Sunday 24 September 2017**. To find out more and download the Application Form and Guidance Notes, please visit

www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/volunteer/volunteers-leading-the-way/sheds

People's Postcode Lottery: Dream Fund

The Dream Fund is now open for applications. The Dream Fund gives organisations the chance to deliver the project they have always

dreamed of, but never had the opportunity to bring to life. They are looking for charitable organisations across Scotland to think big, be ambitious and collaborate with other not-for-profit partners to deliver their dream project. Charities can apply for up to £1,000,000 to deliver their 'dream' project in 2018-2020. The deadline for stage one applications is **22nd August 2017**.

www.postcodedreamtrust.org.uk/dream-fund

Scotland's Climate Challenge Fund

The Scottish Government Climate Challenge Fund is open to applications from community groups in Scotland to develop projects that will reduce the environmental impact of their community by reducing carbon emissions.

Grants of up to £150,000 per year, per project, are available to Scottish-based voluntary, community, and not-for-profit organisations to plan, develop, and implement projects that offer significant carbon emission reduction, are community-led, and aim to improve the lives of future generations. Deadlines:

- **Expression of Interest deadline 28/8/17**
- **Draft Application deadline 8/9/17**
- **Final Application deadline 27/10/17**

Development Grants of up to £1,500 are also available. Applications for these will be considered on a monthly basis.

www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/climate-challenge-fund/

Community Food and Health Scotland

The capacity building fund aims to support groups and agencies running food and health activities to build the knowledge, skills and expertise they need to help deliver these better. Groups can apply for funding for training or learning opportunities for staff, volunteers, or management committee or board members. Up to £500 is available.

The closing date is **Friday 8 December**, or earlier if all the funding available has already been allocated.

www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/cfhs-funding-opportunities/capacity-building-fund-2017-apply-online/

FUNDING NEWS

National Lottery Awards for All Scotland

National Lottery Awards for All Scotland has a new name and is now more straightforward to apply to and faster to get funding from. Grants from £300 to £10,000 for community based projects; see this link for the new application form and note the changes in how to apply.

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/awards-for-all-scotland

LIBOR funding

HM Treasury has launched the Libor Fund for 2017 and is inviting applications. The funding is for projects supporting the Armed Forces and Emergency Services communities can now apply for the next round of LIBOR funding.

Your application must be submitted by **25th August 2017**. See this link for guidance and online application form:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/libor-funding-applications

People's Health Trust - HealthEngage area now open (Scottish Borders)

Active Communities is a funding programme for community groups and not-for-profit organisations, with an income of less than £350,000 a year or an average of £350,000 over two years, seeking investment of between £5,000 and £50,000 for projects lasting up to two years. We're looking for small and local projects, genuinely designed and run by local people. By small, we mean just a small group of people on an estate, in a few streets or villages.

We're also looking for great ideas from communities of interest. By this we mean a group of people who have things in common and wish to come together to address something that is important to them. These ideas could be based in one neighbourhood, or cover a wider area.

See website for details and online form: www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding. Stage 1 application deadline: **23 August at 2pm**. You will hear within 5 days if you are being invited to apply for stage 2 and will then have 3 weeks to complete the application.

Big Lottery Fund Scotland: Early Action System Change

Grants from £300,000 to £1 million, total grant fund is £7.5 million.

An early action approach aims to build a society that prevents problems from occurring rather than one that copes with the consequences. It also means changing the systems of services and support that are in place now. We will make a small number of grants that help organisations come together to do this. We are interested in the overall system you want to change and the particular areas where there are opportunities to act earlier.

The grants will fund change programmes that bring together people and organisations from the voluntary and public sectors to plan for the future and collaborate to make early action central to their work. This change should fully involve the people who benefit from and participate, and those who work to deliver support and services.

We have focused on three areas where we believe there is an opportunity to make a significant impact in the next five years. These are:

- **Healthy diet and active lifestyle**
- **Children, young people and families**
- **Women and criminal justice.**

You should focus on one of these three areas and tell us how your proposal will deliver change in a definable geographic area, which could be as large as a local authority or as small as a single city neighbourhood or district.

To apply, please send us your expression of interest form by **12 noon on 2 October 2017**. This can be found at the back of the accompanying Early Action System Fund guidance notes which you should read before applying.

If you have any questions, you can phone us on 0300 123 7110, email us at advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk or read top ten FAQs by visiting: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/easc