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Volunteering Requires Investment

An important message on volunteering from the former Volunteering Champion and Chair of the Commission on the Future of Volunteering, Baroness Julia Neuberger DBE:



"It can be quite expensive to have volunteers around, and it's difficult to keep them engaged if there isn't the money to train them, support them and thank them. We need to encourage volunteering by making it a really attractive option. I also think that people feel suspicious if they are

being asked to replace what they see as public services."

This was in response to the question: What do you think is the biggest barrier to volunteering? posed by New Philanthropy Capital's Clare Yeowart during an interview for the latest edition of their 'Giving Insights' magazine. Read the article at:

<http://qi.philanthropycapital.org/>

Registrations for CSV Make a Difference Day 2011 are now live!

The date is 29 October 2011, although activities can take place from 22 October 2011 until 6 November 2011. You can register your activity by filling in the simple form on the campaign website:

<http://www.csv.org.uk/campaigns/csv-make-difference-day>

Once registered, you will receive an Action Pack containing t-shirts, posters, stickers and certificates for volunteers. Your event will also, if requested, go onto the Activity Locator, so that volunteers can find it, get in touch and go along on the day! If you would prefer to register over the phone, you can call the team on Freephone 0800 284 533. This year Make a Difference Day will highlight how volunteers can tackle loneliness and isolation. Have a look at the following couple of websites for inspiration:

<http://campaigntoendloneliness.org.uk/> and <http://www.actionforhappiness.org/>

Already decided what you are going to do?

Register your activity today!



CSV
MAKE
A DIFFERENCE
DAY

EVENTS

Moray Social Enterprise Network Annual Conference 2011

Revitalising our Economy
Inspiring our Communities!

The Cumming Hall, Kinloss, Forres
Friday, 9th September. 9.30am - 6pm

Booking Essential:

www.reapscotland.org.uk

More details:

www.moraysen.org.uk

or e-mail info@reapscotland.org.uk
or telephone 01542 888070



Join the dots
linking people, ideas and moray

Friday 19th August 2011
11am - 4pm at Lhanbryde
Community Challenge. Information
and booking forms can be
downloaded from VCM's website.

visit www.volunteermoray.org.uk for our latest news and information

RESOURCES

Equal Opportunities Audit

Volunteer Centre Glasgow has produced an Equal Opportunities Audit: The audit assists organisations to celebrate their strengths and tackle weaknesses in the area of diversity, enabling staff and volunteers to think about the wider diversity issues and embrace them as part of their value base. The audit document has been made as quick and easy as possible to complete and analyse. It's available to download from Volunteer Centre Glasgow's website at:

<http://www.volunteerglasgow.org/organisations/managing/resources/equal-opps/>

The Equalities Assessment Tool is a very useful precursor to achieving the Volunteer Friendly Award (<http://www.volunteerfriendly.org.uk/>) for which Volunteer Centre Moray is the access point in Moray - please contact us for more information.

Better Community Engagement with Young People

The final report of the Better Community Engagement project from the Milne's Neighbourhood Forum is now available to download from VCM's website.

The report outlines a consultation project carried out with young people focusing on the best ways of engaging young people in order to seek their views.



**BCEP Milnes Group
Consultation Report
March 2011**

Scottish Accessible Information Forum (SAIF): Making information accessible to disabled people...

SAIF works to combat social exclusion and to make sure that people who find it hardest to access information due to disability get the same access to information as others. SAIF provides a range of tools such as publications, training, and advice, to help organisations improve the accessibility of their information. Most of their publications are free in hard copy and all can be downloaded free from the website: <http://www.saifscotland.org.uk/> The latest publication is 'Hidden Accessibility - Sources of Useful Information' which can be downloaded in Word or PDF.

!!! Tight deadline !!!

The Scottish Community Foundation working with Comic Relief...

are inviting community groups to submit applications for grants between £1000 and £10,000 to help projects in their area. Small local groups in areas of disadvantage are the focus of the programme, Sport projects which help people improve their self-esteem or give people a sense of involvement can also qualify for funding The closing date for the first round of applications is **August 15th 2011**. There will be another four closing dates between December 2011 and June 2012
<http://www.scottishcf.org/>

FUNDING NEWS

People's Postcode Lottery

deadline: **26 August 2011** For more information, visit <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk>

Colwinston Charitable Trust:

deadline: **30 September 2011**
(opera, classical music and the visual arts)
<http://www.colwinston.org.uk>

respect me Grant Fund

deadline: **1 September 2011**
National Anti-Bullying Week takes place 14-18 November 2011. To mark the occasion, groups affiliated to Youth Scotland can apply for funding of up to £1,000 to develop antibullying themed events and activities. visit <http://http://http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/respect-me-grant-fund.htm>

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