

Welcome to the Autumn Issue of The Garioch Partnership newsletter and welcome to our new look team: Dawn and Louise.

As ever, Dawn has been busy - attending local events and national conferences as well as supporting groups with funding bids and constitution changes.



Louise is focussing on the admin side of things, including a review of our membership – look out for a membership update survey coming your way soon!

You may not have met everyone yet, but we are the team that is working to support you and your group.



We'd love to come along to any coffee mornings, community cafés, farmer's markets – anywhere where we can meet folk, hae a blether, get to know what's going on in your community and find out how we can help you and your group. Let us know what you've got going on!

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Act Like You Own The Place

We had a very successful event with Scottish Rural Action, early in September at Kemnay Village Hall, which, although a small attendance, was a very vibrant conversation.



We were even told that it was “the best community conversation event” from an old hand at these kind of things – definitely an approach we will be using in future meetings ourselves!

**Scottish
Rural Parliament**

Pàrlamaid Dhùthchail na h-Alba

Be part of the change
for a more empowered,
connected and sustainable
rural Scotland

"Rural
Parliament is an
idea whose time
has come!"

"We are
not alone. By
working together
we can change
things"

Scottish Rural Parliament 2016

Brechin Community Campus, Angus
6-8th October



 Scottish Rural Parliament
Following 2016 challenges 10/16/16

 Angus Council
Angus Council

 Angus Council
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 The Scottish Government
The Scottish Government



Community Initiative Grants

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to the latest successful applicants to TGP's Community Initiative Grant scheme.

Organisation	Project	Amount awarded
Port Elphinstone Community House	Radiator Covers and Dado Rails	£275
Kinellar Scouts	Centenary of Cub Scouting Camp Equipment	£450
Fly Cup Catering	"Catering for every Occasion" Project	£1000
Kemnay Breakfast and After School Club	Storage Shed	£750
Action Kintore	Projector, lap-top and screen	£500

Looking for funding?

We still have money in the pot for this financial year, so if you have a project that you'd like funded, please get in touch. We could make a contribution of up to £750 (£1,000 for exceptional projects) towards your project.

More details, and application forms, are available on our website – www.gariochpartnership.org.uk or e-mail info@gariochpartnership.org.uk.

We regularly share links to funding sources, news and updates on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Follow us at:



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Events

Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action's free annual conference will focus on thriving communities and the outstanding work being undertaken by the Third Sector and its partners across Aberdeenshire.

This will be an excellent opportunity to network, access specialist advice and publicise your current projects to empower and inspire you and the communities you serve to ensure the work you do is sustainable.



Thriving ABERDEENSHIRE



AVA Conference, 23rd November 2016, Inverurie Town Hall

There will be a varied selection of workshops and the keynote speaker will be journalist and broadcaster, Lesley Riddoch. AVA's AGM will take place when the conference ends at approximately 3.30pm.

For more information contact AVA at enquiries@avashire.org.uk or visit their website - <http://www.avashire.org.uk/>

Pop Up Café

Inverurie Conversation Café
First Thursday of Every Month
2.00pm-3.30pm
Garioch Community Kitchen
Wyness Hall
Jackson Street
Inverurie

**A FLY CUP
AND A
BLETHER**

**MEET WITH
FRIENDS**

**TAKE A STEP
TO FEELING
GOOD!**

**EVERYONE
WELCOME**

NHS Grampian Aberdeenshire mha Grampian Opportunities

SensationALL

**HALLOWEEN
PARTY**

**WEDNESDAY 26th
OCTOBER
6-8pm**

**at the
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
WESTHILL**

**free entry
open to everyone**

**come along for a SPOOKtacular evening
with fun, games, and a little bit of singing!**

News

OSCR are changing the conversion process for existing charities changing their constitution to become a SCIO: the old charity will have to dissolve to allow the new one to form. This can be done simultaneously – but it adds an extra step to the process.



Also, the name of the new SCIO charity cannot be the same, for example a charity named “Pens and pencils” would now have to become “Pens and pencils SCIO”. This will have a knock on effect for groups around banking and funding bids.

OSCR have also updated the trustee declaration forms. For more information or advice about these changes, please get in touch – info@gariochpartnership.org.uk.



TRAINING NEEDS ANALYSIS 2016

AVA are looking to organise their training programme for next year: members of AVA should have received an invitation to complete a Training Needs Survey.

This will only take a few minutes to complete and will enable AVA to identify the training need of local organisations and groups.

In the mean time, you can now view the August - November 2016 AVA Training programme on the AVA website, with courses including First Aid; Food Hygiene; and Management Committee Skills.

Aberdeenshire Community Safety Partnership

Increased Grant for Young Drivers Taking the Pass Plus Course

£150* available to young drivers

The Aberdeenshire Community Safety Partnership is running a pilot trial in the Garioch and Marr areas offering £150* towards the cost of the Pass Plus driving course for young drivers under 25 years of age.

The course is designed to provide experience of a range of driving conditions not included in the practical driving test. These include rural roads, motorways, dual carriageways, in town and night driving.

Some insurance companies offer a discount for young drivers who have a Pass Plus certificate.

The grant is supported by funding from the Aberdeenshire Community Safety Partnership, the Marr Area Committee and the Garioch Area Committee.

More information and contact details at:
www.aberdeenshirecommunitysafety.org.uk

Aberdeenshire
COUNCIL



* Only available to residents of the Marr and Garioch areas of Aberdeenshire. Grant on offer only while funds last.

National Standards for Community Engagement

The new revised National Standards for Community Engagement were launched on 29th September 2016 by the Minister for Housing and Local Government, Kevin Stewart MSP.

He said that communities across Scotland are becoming involved in every aspect of decision making and that engaging with communities leads to better decisions. He welcomed the revised National Standards for Community Engagement as a framework for supporting the participation and empowerment of communities.

First developed in 2005, the Standards are key principles for effective practice which support community engagement and user involvement in Scotland. In 2015 and 2016, SCDC and What Works Scotland were commissioned by the Scottish Government to undertake a participatory process to review and update the Standards in light of the current context. Visit <http://www.voicescotland.org.uk/> for more information.





TRAINING



Training Workshop Fees

- £15 – Parents / Carers
- £30 – Professionals
- FREE – SensationALL Volunteers

(Fees include any handouts, completion certificates and light refreshments)

Forthcoming Training Courses

- Autism Friendly Practice**
Monday 5th September 2016
- Sensory Processing Disorder or Difference**
Monday 7th November 2016
- Skills for School**
Monday 6th March 2017
- Visual Communication**
Monday 24th April 2017
- Oh Behave! Positive Behaviour Strategies – mainstream & ASN**
Monday 8th May 2017

ALL WORKSHOPS HELD AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
Westhill Road, Westhill, Aberdeenshire AB32 6FT

To book, or for more information, email Karen@SensationALL.org.uk



inclusive support for unique individuals

01224 746699 www.sensationall.org.uk Westhill

Funding

Volant Charitable Trust

Set up by J K Rowling in 2000, the Trust offers funding of up to £10,000 per annum, for up to three years. The funding can be used for one-off projects or multiyear applications and will help with project and administrative core costs.

The funding is aimed at projects with a strong focus on supporting women and children affected by hardship or disadvantage and on tackling the issues they face in order to make a lasting difference to their lives and life chances.

For more information, visit www.volanttrust.org

Calling Westhill & Elrick groups!

The Westhill & Elrick Community Council have a surplus of funds available for donations to voluntary groups based or operating in Westhill, Elrick, Kirkton of Skene or Garlogie.

The next deadline for applications is **4th November**. To apply, e-mail the WECC Treasurer with a brief description of what the funds will be used for. This can be ongoing running costs or a one-off project.

For more information, contact David Ritchie, Treasurer, Westhill & Elrick Community Council. Tel. 01224 744 058 or e-mail wecc.treasurer@westhillelrick.org

AVA Wellbeing Fund 2016/17

The next application round deadline is on **30th November** for grants of up to £5,000 per group. This round is open to community, voluntary and charitable groups in Formartine and Garioch.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate how projects will contribute to one of nine health and social care outcomes. Further details, application forms and guidelines are available on the AVA website - <http://www.avashire.org.uk/funding.html>.

For more information e-mail wellbeingfund@avashire.org.uk or contact Lindsay Adam on 01467 530 193 or e-mail lindsay.adam@avashire.org.uk.



Gad Aboot and Gab About Garioch

We're heading back oot and aboot for our next Gab Aboot and Gab Aboot Garioch session. We'll be at Fetternear Hall, near Kemnay, on Saturday, 26th November, at their monthly Farmer's Market. Why not come along and say hello?

If you have an event coming up that you think it would be useful for us to attend just give us a shout! If you'd like to take part, contact info@gariochpartnership.org.uk.

In order to provide the best support to our member organisations, Dawn and Louise all work flexible hours and regularly work away from the office.

We will do our best to return messages left on our answer machine as soon as we can, but we cannot guarantee an immediate response. If you need a prompt reply, it may be better to drop us an e-mail:

Dawn – dawn@gariochpartnership.org.uk

Louise – info@gariochpartnership.org.uk



Got something to share?

If you would like us to promote your news, event or training - either in the next Garioch Gazette or on our Facebook or Twitter pages – we'd be happy to, just let us know!

Services

TGP has extended the range of services it can offer to include Independent Examination of charity Accounts. There is a small cost to this, £40 for members and £60 plus mileage for non-members.

For more details, contact Dawn:
dawn@gariochpartnership.org.uk

Resources

The Garioch Partnership is building up a range of Resources that groups can borrow for free. This includes pump action vacuum flasks, a digital camera, data projector, mobile sink and gazebo.

Contact the office for more information.

Members...

A warm welcome to our latest member group:
Alehousewells Primary School Parent Council.

1 st Stop Toddlers, Kemnay	Action Kintore	Alahousewells School Parent Council	Baillies of Bennachie	Bennachie Community Council
Bennachie Leisure Centre	Bogbeth Pavilion	Business Matters Aberdeen	Cluny, Midmar & Monymusk Community Council	Computers & Integration
Comfields Scotland Limited	Echt School PTCA	Echt & Skene Community Council	Fettermear Hall	Fintray & Kinellar Community Council
Footprints Connect	Foos yer Doors	Fly Cup Catering Ltd	Friends of Garlogie Day Centre	Friends of Insch Hospital and Community
Garidge Theatre	Garioch Art Group	Garioch Community Kitchen	Garioch Community Sports Hub	
Garioch Heritage	Garioch Indoor Bowling Club		Garioch Jazz Club	Garioch Under 5s Forum
Garioch Youth Musical Society	GATE		Girl Guiding Gordon	Gordon Dementia Services
Grampian Opportunities	Greener Kemnay	Hutton of Fintray Hall & Community Association		Homestart Garioch
ICAN	Insch PTA	Insch Connections Museum	Insch School Parent Council	Inschy Winchy Spiders
Inspiring Insch	Inverurie Angling Association		Inverurie Community Council	Inverurie & District Men's Shed
Inverurie Events	Inverurie Hockey Club		Kemnay Breakfast & After School Club	Kemnay Community Council
Kemnay Monday Club	Kemnay Village Hall Management Committee		Kiddiwinks	Kingseat Community Association
Kinellar Hall and Community Association	Kintore & District Community Council			Lawsondale Sports Centre Trust
Logie Dumo Hall Committee	Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene		Newmachar Community Council	Newmachar Community Hall Association
Newmachar Playgroup	Old Rayne Community Association		Oyne Community Association	Pitscurry Environmental Project
Port Elphinstone Community House	Port Elphinstone Parent Council		Port Toddlers	Premnay Hall & Community Association
Rotary Club of Blackburn	RSPB Kemnay Wildlife Explorers		Scouthall Playgroup, Westhill	SensationALL
South West Aberdeenshire CAB	Spectrum Singers		St Andrew's Church	St Lawrence Hall, Old Rayne
The Philosophy Café	Wartle Community Association		WEA Scotland	Westhill & Elnick Community Council
Westhill Community Sports Hub	Westhill Golf Club		Westhill Men's Shed	
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If you know of any groups who may be interested in joining The Garioch Partnership, please let us know – we'll be happy to pass on an application form.

building a connected community

Dates for your diary

Thursday 6 th October	Inverurie Conversation Café
6 -8 October	Scottish Rural Parliament, Brechin
10-21 October	School holidays
Wednesday 26 th October	SensationALL Halloween Party, Westhill
31 st October	Halloween
Thursday 3 rd November	Inverurie Conversation Café
14–15 November	School In-service days
Wednesday 23 rd November	AVA Annual Conference, Inverurie
Saturday 26 th November	GAGAG: Fetternear Hall
Thursday 22 nd December	Schools closed for Christmas

The next edition of the Garioch Gazette, TGP's quarterly e-bulletin will be published in early December. Any articles should be sent to info@gariochpartnership.org.uk by **Friday 25th November**.

This newsletter is circulated to a mailing list of approx. 200 "active citizens" who in turn are invited to circulate it to their personal and community networks - caring and sharing!

If there is anything else you would like to see in the newsletter, please let us know.



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