



COVID-19 Newsletter No 1 17th April 2020

Dear member,

This is the first of future information notices we intend to send out to give you more advice and hopefully assistance, in answering some questions you may have in this unprecedented times we are currently in.

The TGP office is shut and there will be no face to face meeting adhering to Government requirement in reducing the spread of COVID-19, I am sure you have enough information on this and apologies if this is a duplicate of earlier information. However it is the intention of this newsletter to grow, with newer information of the topics at the top of the pages and past information in URL links following, if the possibility that this newsletter at whatever stage is passed on all available information, will be on each one.

Staffing Levels at TGP

Some of you may already know that Louise our administrator/researcher left TGP in February and Dawn is currently off on sick leave.

This means the board have stepped up to the plate and are assisting the best they can to supply you with information in this uncertain times, please bear with us as we see to your needs, responses may be later than usually expected.

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Guidance

Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for the charity sector

AGM coming up, no face 2 face meetings, the answer you are looking for may be here.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-the-charity-sector>

From OSCR below:-

All charities should read OSCR's [COVID-19 guidance for charities](#), which brings together the information you need to know during this time and highlights other organisations who may be able to offer support.

The following topics are covered below:

- [How to contact and send information to the Scottish Charity Regulator \(OSCR\)](#)
- [What is coronavirus \(COVID-19\)?](#)
- [COVID-19 guidance for charities](#)
- [OSCR, ACOSVO and SCVO working together](#)
- [Gathering information for the sector](#)

The COVID-19 situation is fast moving and developing regularly. This web page will be updated to reflect any changes that occur so please revisit it regularly to be kept up-to-date.

Volunteering & Help

Assistance in Aberdeenshire for groups/volunteers

The Aberdeenshire Community Resilience Fund is for community/resilience groups seeking funding to support people in the community who are staying at home, self-isolating, vulnerable and unable to access basic necessities such as food and medicines, as a result of the restrictions due to COVID-19.

Applications are now being taken for a new £200,000 Aberdeenshire Community Resilience Fund.

Aberdeenshire Council recently approved the creation of the support mechanism in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Constituted community groups, resilience groups and volunteering organisations can submit a simple application form to the Council's Area Managers, with the implementation of the resilience fund following a similar approach to the existing Area Committee budgets. New groups without a constitution are being encouraged to work with others who have been established longer and have systems and bank accounts in place.

Each of those six areas will have a £20,000 allocation, with the £80,000 balance being available to the whole of Aberdeenshire to be administered by the chair of the Community Resilience and Partnership Workstream.

Grants of up to £2,000 for community resilience work are available and will be awarded on a first-come basis.

As further community resilience funds become available from the Scottish Government, the value of grants and the criteria will be reviewed, however the principle aim at present is to be as flexible as possible for each individual community.

Area Managers' teams, along with Community Learning and Development, Public Health and Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action the Rural Partnerships and other partners, will continue to work with community resilience groups and volunteers in their areas to provide support and identify any gaps in provision.

A coordinated approach is also being made with the Local Resilience Partnership and in particular with the British Red Cross, Aberdeen City Council and The Moray Council to ensure the maximum benefit, coverage and support is provided across the Grampian area.....

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Leader of Aberdeenshire Council, Cllr Jim Gifford, explained: "It will be essential that a coordinated approach is taken through our Local Resilience Partnership to ensure that the most appropriate support is provided as soon as possible for our communities at a local level.

"Linking up local knowledge with an established and experienced organisations will prove hugely-beneficial in terms of speed of operation and reach into our communities.

["The amount of support and levels of volunteering that we are already seeing across Aberdeenshire is really heart-warming and truly inspiring. This funding is aimed at helping groups to continue to provide much-needed assistance and support to their communities at this time."](#)

People can access assistance through the hub at www.gcah.org.uk or the freephone number 0808 196 3384. Similarly groups offering support can also register on the hub.

An application form and guidance is available through this link <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communities-and-events/funding/community-resilience-covid-19/> for your information and onward communication.

Grampian Coronavirus (COVID-19) Assistance Hub



We need your help ...

We are looking to identify volunteers for a specific role, who have current PVG status and are trained/experienced in one or both of the following:cont.



Volunteering & Help

- social care/health (desirable)
- moving and handling (people)

Please respond by email to reply@gcah.org.uk using the subject line "Health Skills".

We are also looking to identify any of our volunteers with emotional wellbeing and counselling training/experience as there may be a future requirement for such skills by telephone. Please respond by email to reply@gcah.org.uk using the subject line "Emotional Wellbeing".



**Phone and email advice by phoning
01224 747714**

OR

**email via website
www.swacab.org.uk**

COVIC-19 Funding assistance

SCVO funding COVID-19:-

Groups in financial need should visit SCVO at <https://scvo.org.uk/support/coronavirus/funding/for-organisations/third-sector-resilience-fund>



<https://www.bgateway.com/coronavirus-business-support-across-scotland>



Home » Business » Support for business community - Coronavirus

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/business/business-covid-19/>



<https://charitybank.org/news/covid-19-emergency-funding-for-charities-and-social-sector-organisations>



<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/grants-and-funding-for-organisations/grant-programmes/>

Ready Scotland

Preparing for and dealing with emergencies



Safer
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Ready Scotland is the official channel of the Scottish Government's Resilience Division. It provides advice on finding extra support, and the help available for community groups. You can also find information on helping in your community and the best ways to shop responsibly.

[Information on COVID-19 from Ready Scotland](#)

[Ready Scotland on Twitter](#)

[Ready Scotland on Facebook](#)

Remember, when things are stressful it can be helpful to take a break from the news.

Take some time to focus on looking after yourself and the people with you

10 tips to help if you are worried about coronavirus



<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-anxiety-tips/>



Therapists at The Treatment Room are available for online sessions in all therapies that don't involve physical contact.

Please contact Deborah Armstrong on 07764 848623 for details.

Some Funded sessions through Steps Into Wellness are also available online please contact stepsintowellness@outlook.com to enquire.

Members

Our community group are here and maybe available to help you.

1st Stop Toddler Group	Garioch Jazz Club	Jog Scotland Westhill	Kemnay Primary School PTA	Rotary Club of Inverurie
Garioch Community Sports Hub	Friends of Garlogie Day Centre	Insch Connection Museum	St Anne's Episcopal Church	
Inschy Winchy Spiders	1 st Inverurie Boys Brigade	Insch School Parent Council	Sunrise Partnership SCIO	Royal Voluntary Service
Action Kintore Ltd	Steps into Wellness	Spectrum Singers	Ury Riverside Park	Kembhill Park Flood Group
Kintore & District Community Council	St Lawrence Hall, Old Rayne	RSPB Kemnay Wildlife Explorers	Gordon Riding for the Disabled Association	
Al Amal	GATE	Kiddiwinks	Port Toddlers	Smile Scotland
Garioch Community Kitchen	Kinellar Community Association	Garioch Women for Change	Inverurie Angling Association	Garioch Youth Musical Society
Diamonds Trampoline & DMT Club	Westhill & Elrick Community Council	Echt & Skene Community Council	Port Elphinstone Community House	Aberdeenshire Saxophone Orchestra
Central Aberdeenshire Federation of Halls	Hatton of Fintray Hall & Community Association	Kemnay Breakfast and After School Club		
Colony Park Football Club	Inspiring Insch	Westhill Men's Shed	Garidge Theatre	Insch School PTA
Kemnay Monday Club	Computers and Integration	Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene	Business Matters Aberdeen	Kellands School Parent Council
Gordon Dementia Services	Newmachar Community Council	Learning Disability Group of Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire	Pitscurry Environmental Project	Kemnay Community Bee Group
Bailies of Bennachie	Inverurie Out of School Club	The Philosophy Café	Newmachar United FC	Foos Yer Doos Sing Song Club
Bennachie Community Council	Inverurie & District Men's Shed	Lawsondale Sports Centre Trust	Southwest Aberdeenshire CAB	
Logie Durno Hall Committee	St Andrews Parish Church	Garioch Heritage Society	Bennachie Leisure Centre	Garioch Indoor Bowling Club
Blackburn & District Rotary Club	Inverurie and District Stroke Club	Kingseat Community Association	Inverurie Academy Parent Council	
Bogbeth Pavilion	Inverurie Events	Greener Kemnay	Garioch Arts Group	Westhill Golf Club
Westhill Community Church	Oyne Community Association	Kemnay Community Council	Wartle Community Association	
Alehousewells Primary School Parent Council	Friends of Insch Hospital and Community	Westdyke Community Group	Premnay Hall & Community Association	Port Elphinstone School Parent Council
Cluny, Midmar & Monymusk Community Council	Westhill & District Community Sport & Leisure Hub	Newmachar Community Centre Association	Kemnay Village Hall Management Committee	
Fly Cup Catering Ltd	Girl Guiding Gordon	Inverurie Hockey Club	Newmachar Playgroup	Grampian Opportunities
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building a connected community

How can TGP help you?

We can support you with:

- * Project planning
- * Governance
- * Sourcing funding
- * Consulting & engaging with your community
- * Handling “red-tape”

Funding

Connecting

Developing



We've got a variety of equipment that groups can borrow for free, including a digital camera and data projector.

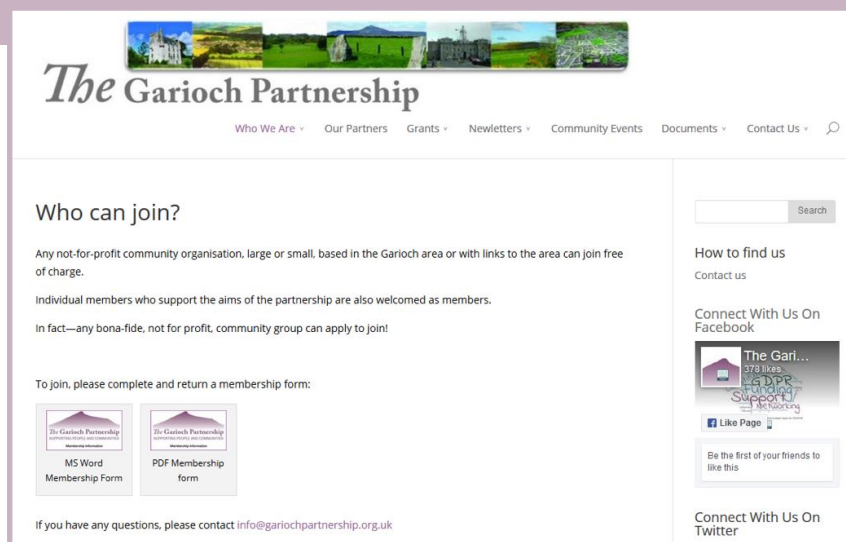
We can also provide Independent Examination of your charity accounts (for a small fee: £40 for members and £60 + mileage for non-members).

For more information, contact info@gariochpartnership.org.uk

Who can join?

Any not-for-profit community organisation, large or small, based in the Garioch area or with links to the area can join free of charge.

Individual members who support the aims of the partnership are also welcomed as members.



In fact—any bona-fide, not for profit, community group can apply to join!

To join, complete and return our membership form - you can find it on our website: <http://gariochpartnership.org.uk/membership-join/> - or e-mail info@gariochpartnership.org.uk and we'll send one out to you.

**If you provide a service for others,
useful at this time of lockdown – let
us know!**

**We'll add the details to the next
newsletter.**

**We will update the webpage to
provide this information also.**

www.gariochpartnership.org.uk



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We share details of events here and in the Weekly Update which is sent to all members, as well as in our Garioch Gazette newsletter. All information and web links given were correct at time of publishing, but may be changed by the event organisers. If a web link no longer works, or the information has been updated, please let us know by e-mailing info@gariochpartnership.org.uk.

To share details of your event, e-mail info@gariochpartnership.org.uk

Events have been listed in two groups: *Regular events* and in date order for *One-off events*.

Regular events

The Cafe at the Kitchen

10am-12pm, Every 2nd Friday, Garioch Community Kitchen, Wyness Hall, Inverurie

Find out more: [Facebook: Garioch Community Kitchen](#)

Garioch Connects

6-8pm, Every 2nd Tuesday, Garioch Centre. Monthly get together to connect, plan and have fun.

Every 4 weeks, on Saturdays. Full and half day activities and outings.

Find out more: [Facebook: Garioch Connects](#)

Inverurie Men's Shed

10am – 4pm, Every Monday and Thursday, Garioch Centre. Monthly get together to connect, plan and have fun.

Every 4 weeks, on Saturdays. Full and half day activities and outings.

Find out more: [Inverurie & District Men's Shed](#)

Cafe Philosophique

7-8.40pm, First Wednesday of each month, alternating between Stonehaven Library or Inverurie Acorn Centre

Find out more and see the full 2019-20 programme: [Philosophy Cafe](#)



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