



## COVID-19 Newsletter No 2 May 2020

Dear member,

*This information bulletin is to give you advice and answer questions you may have during these unprecedented times. Our plan is to update and add to this bulletin as more information becomes available, and to circulate the updates to you.*

### *TGP office*

*The TGP office is currently closed and there will be no face-to-face meetings (in line with Government guidance).*

*For urgent matters please contact:-*

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# Charity Regulation Advice

**NEW**

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## **Regulator to survey charities about COVID-19 impact**

05 May 2020



## **Webinar from OSCR on Charities and Coronavirus**

04 May 2020

The webinar is on Thursday 7th of May, pre-registration is required.

## **Earlier Published Regulation Advice**

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

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/charities-and-coronavirus-an-update-from-the-regulator/>

# Volunteering & Help

Here's where to find advice during the pandemic

1. [NHS Inform](#)

The latest from NHS Scotland and the Scottish government, including social distancing and stay at home advice.

2. [Ready Scotland](#)

Staying at home does not mean you are alone - there are many ways you can help your community.

3. [Citizens Advice Scotland](#)

Providing advice on benefits and employment rights.

4. [Business Support](#)

The latest advice and support for businesses.

5. [Parent Club](#)

Useful information on how to cope with home schooling and keeping your family safe.

6. [Clear Your Head](#)

Tips from the Scottish government to help get you through this difficult time.

7. [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): public use of face coverings](#)

Scottish government advice on the personal use of face coverings during the pandemic.

## [Grampian Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Assistance Hub](#)

This website is a focal point for information and assistance for anyone affected by coronavirus anywhere in Grampian. Find the services you need or links to information from across the area.



### Assistance in Aberdeenshire for groups/volunteers

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communities-and-events/funding/community-resilience-covid-19/>

[www.gcch.org.uk](http://www.gcch.org.uk)

[www.swacab.org.uk](http://www.swacab.org.uk)

# COVIC-19 Funding assistance

## Funding



You may find information from [Funding Scotland](#) to be of help to your organisation (**you must have a Funding Scotland account to access this information!**)

Foundation Scotland's [Baillie Gillford Community Fund](#) remains open!

The [National Lottery Community Fund](#)

**M&S** is kickstarting the '[Neighbourly Community Fund](#)' specifically to support those most impacted by COVID-19. The whole M&S family – including M&S Bank and M&S Energy – is supporting the fund, which will help mobilise more than 1000 local charities to support the most vulnerable members of our communities immediately. Alongside this local on-the-ground funding M&S is supporting the [National Emergencies Trust Campaign](#) with a donation to help galvanize the national efforts now under way. To help you show your support for your local community, you can now select Neighbourly or the National Emergencies Trust as your chosen [Sparks charity](#). This means M&S will continue to donate to these funds every time you use your Sparks card.

[The Triangle Trust 1949 Trust – Development Grants \(Rehabilitation\)](#)

[Foundation Scotland's Community Response, Recovery & Resilience Fund](#)

[Charities Aid Foundation – Emergency Coronavirus Fund](#)

[Crowdfunder has announced that any crowdfunding done on its platform to support COVID-19 relief efforts will be free of platform fees and payment transaction fees](#)

The Wellbeing Fund has been launched by the Scottish Government to support organisations across the 3rd Sector that are providing important services for people as a result of COVID-19. More information can be found [here](#).

**The Shared Breaks – Creative Breaks** fund is now open! The fund provides 12 month grants to 3rd Sector Organisations to develop and deliver short break projects and services for carers of adults (aged 21 and over) and young carers (caring for children or adults), and the people they care for. More information can be found [here](#).

- **Funding for creative sector during Covid-19:** Creative Scotland has launched three new funds to support the creative sector during this period:

[Creative Scotland Bridging Bursary Fund](#) – To help sustain creative practice by freelance creative professionals who have lost earnings due to the cancellation of work as a result of COVID-19.

[Screen Scotland Bridging Bursary Fund](#) – To provide similar one-off bursary support to self-employed screen sector workers

[Open Fund: Sustaining Creative Development](#) – To provide support for individuals and organisation

# COVIC-19 Funding assistance

**STV** has launched its [Local Lifeline initiative](#), an extension of STV's successful Growth Fund, which will support local businesses and charities impacted by the pandemic by providing free on-air and online advertising.

**Building Futures** Persimmon's Charitable Foundation has this week committed to relaunching its Building Futures scheme for 2020. As part of its sponsorship of Team GB, Persimmon will donate more than £1 million to support children in sport, health and education. They are calling on local groups within the area which support children to apply. It can all be done online remotely at [www.persimmonhomes.com/building-futures](http://www.persimmonhomes.com/building-futures).

**Community Champions.** Persimmon's Community Champions initiative has run since 2015 and gives away £64,000 every month in single donations up to the value of £1,000. So far over £3.5 million has been donated in the UK. Persimmon has decided that from April 2020 all funding will go directly to groups supporting the over 70s. However, they need your help to find these groups. If you know of any, can you let them know that funding is available? Again, they can apply online at [www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions](http://www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions).

**Standard Life Foundation – Fast Track Applications** Standard Life Foundation are making funding available for work directly related to the pandemic, addressing specific challenges and helping to contribute to social change which tackles financial problems and improves living standards for those on low-to-middle incomes in the UK.

**Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund.** The Leathersellers' Company has launched a fast track application process for one-off grants of up to £3,000. It could be particularly useful for funding small projects or to cover unexpected costs arising from COVID-19. Applications are open to UK registered charities who support: – the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless; – provision of food and essential supplies; – victims of domestic violence; – nursing care to vulnerable patients.

**Barclays COVID19 Community Aid.** Barclays have announced a £100m 'Covid-19 Community Aid package' to be distributed through the newly established Barclays Foundation. £50m will be donated to charities working to support vulnerable people impacted by Covid-19 and up to £50m will be in the form of matching personal donations made by Barclays' staff to local charities.

**Resilience & Recovery Loan Fund – Big Society Capital/Social Investment Business** The Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund, which will make more than £100m in loans and investments available to charities and social enterprises over the coming months. The fund, which is likely to open for applications mid-April, aims to support organisations which may not qualify for other government funding schemes, but which are seeing their trading and cash flow disrupted by coronavirus. You can read more [here](#).

**Celebrate Aberdeen** have [announced](#) that those that took part in the 2019 parade can apply to a £1500 funding pot.

**Bank of Scotland Foundation** is expanding its Reach programme, offering application phases on a monthly basis and wider eligibility. Grants of between £5000 and £30 000 are available if turnover is less than £1.5m.

# Health & Wellbeing



<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/boredom-busters>



<https://young.scot/campaigns/national/coronavirus>



## Animal Welfare

The **Scottish SPCA** have guidance on pets and COVID-19 which can be accessed [here](#).  
The **Scottish Government** has released updated [advice](#) for pet owners.

Earlier Health Links below:-

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

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



# 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 <sup>st</sup> 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	
	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
				Echt School PTCA



# 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.

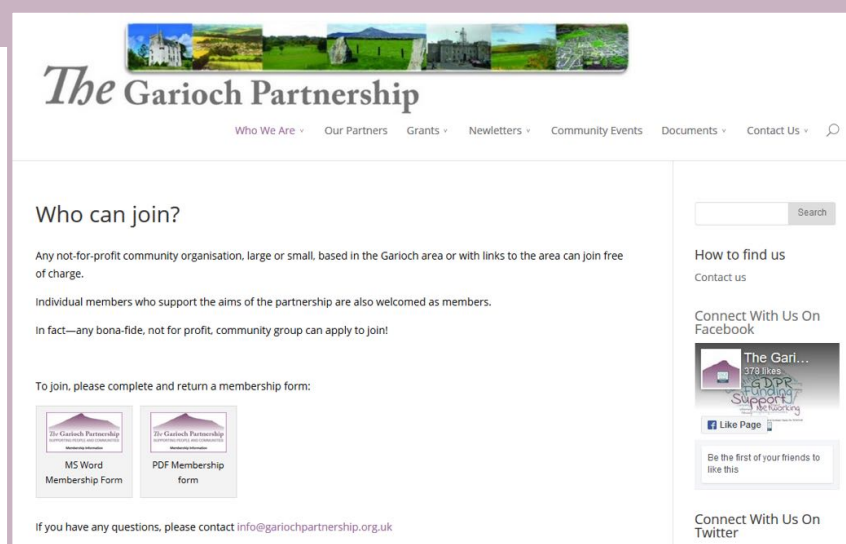
We can also provide Independent Examination of your charity accounts (for a small fee: £40 for members and £60 + mileage for non-members).

For more information, contact [info@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:info@gariochpartnership.org.uk).

To share details of your event, e-mail [info@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto: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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