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The Community Partnership E-Bulletin 22/10/2020

Dear Community Friends

This week's e-bulletin is a call out to our community networks!

Whilst the pandemic has given rise to challenges, it has also created opportunities and new ways of thinking. Read more to find out how your community can respond in Scottish Rural Actions' **virtual round-table conversations**.

Also in this edition: **Scotland Loves Local Fund; Countryside Trust**

Seek new Health Walk Co-ordinator; **Community Climate Asset Fund; Community Heritage Conversations;** Forth Valley Chamber **Virtual Trade Mission to Florida;** update from the **National Park Authority** and more...



Call to Communities | Rural Communities Response to COVID-19

COVID-19 has impacted on the way that government and communities deliver services, enact governance and promote well-being and enterprise. **Scottish Rural Action** (SRA) have undertaken several surveys to capture a national picture of **rural communities' evolving response** to the pandemic and their ambitions for the future.

With the Community Partnership's support, through **virtual round-table conversations with community groups** SRA wish to explore how that picture might differ depending on which part of rural Scotland you live and work.

This is an invitation to community organisations across Loch Lomond & Trossachs NP region to take part. We intend to keep these round-tables informal and small, up to 8 participants and estimate should

last no longer than 90 minutes.

Please help us to gauge numbers, by **registering your interest with us no later than Fri 30 Oct 2020** by [clicking here!!](#). We will follow up with an email offering a selection of dates and times between November and mid-December for you to choose from.

For more information [click here](#) to visit our website!



Scotland Loves Local Fund | Communities & Business | 25 Nov

A new £1 million '**Scotland Loves Local**' fund will provide grants of between **£500 and £5,000** to hundreds of projects to promote town centre and online businesses.

The funding aims to support small scale improvements that will help motivate people to shop, eat and relax within their community whilst ensuring public health safety. Grants can be put towards providing safe shopping information for residents and tourists, the installation of public

health infrastructure such as protective screens, physical distancing markers, hand sanitising equipment and PPE.

The fund will also help initiatives supporting businesses, such as projects to encourage safe shopping, business and leisure opportunities, promoting and advertising local providers of online shopping or enhancing visitor appeal.

Applications to the fund are now open and close on Fri 25 Nov.

[Click here to find out more and how to apply...](#)



**Loch Lomond and The Trossachs Countryside Trust | Seek new
Health Walk Co-ordinator**

Are you looking for a **great, exciting and rewarding opportunity** to work towards sustaining one of the most beautiful and scenic landscapes in the world?

The Loch Lomond and The Trossachs Countryside Trust are looking for a

new **Health Walk Co-ordinator** to join their **Walk in the Park** team.

Walk in the Park is a highly successful programme of health walks utilising the beautiful landscape of the National Park. The programme of weekly walks provide a supportive and social environment for people to be physically active and improve their health, sense of wellbeing and confidence. Walks are currently offered on a weekly basis at the following locations: Balloch, Arrochar and Tarbet, Drymen, Callander, Aberfoyle, and Killin.

Click on this link for more details about this exciting opportunity...

Closing Date is 4 Nov at 9.00am.



Community Resilience | Community Heritage Conversations | 14 Nov

Save a date for '**Community Heritage Conversations**', the first of a new series of FREE online (Zoom) events beginning on Sat 14 Nov bringing together volunteers, community groups and heritage

bringing together volunteers, community groups and heritage professionals, providing a stage to share experiences, inspire one another with ideas and plans, and to celebrate the places that matter to us all.

Community Heritage Conversations is a re-imagining of Scotland's Community Heritage Conference, which since 2012 has developed into a lively forum bringing together many different voices from the heritage world. Life has changed in 2020, of course, and this year they will be bringing you a series of monthly online events to explore the themes of **resilience, innovation, adaptation & celebration**.

Details, and a full programme will follow shortly, but in the meantime please Save the Dates:

Sat 14 Nov 10.00 – 12.30 Celebrating Resilience

Wed 9 Dec 10.00-12.30 Adapting to Digital

Got any questions? Drop an email to chcscot@gmail.com



As Scotland emerges from COVID-19, we have a chance to build a greener, fairer and more equal society and economy. The climate emergency has not gone away and Scottish Ministers remain absolutely committed to a just transition to net-zero emissions by 2045.

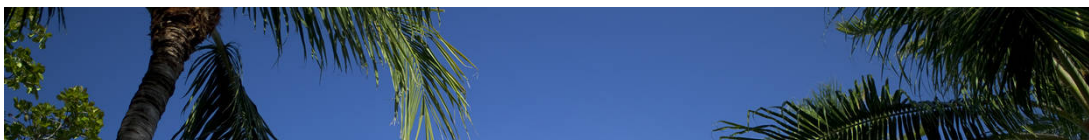
The Community Climate Asset Fund (CCAF) is a Scottish Government fund, administered by Keep Scotland Beautiful and has been introduced to:

- Build on the invaluable role that community based organisations are playing in Scotland's response to COVID-19
- Support community groups to play a prominent role in the Green Recovery
- Provide capital funding to community based organisations to help them tackle climate change as we accelerate our just transition to a net zero society
- Complement funding provided through the Climate Challenge Fund and other community and place based initiatives
- Help communities to reduce usage of petrol and diesel cars, cut waste, grow local food and reduce emissions from community buildings.

Grants range between a minimum of £1,000 and maximum of £100,000.

Application deadline of noon on Mon 9 Nov 2020

[Click here to find out more...](#)





Scottish Producers | Virtual Trade Mission | Forth Valley Chamber
| 17–19 Nov

Forth Valley Chamber of Commerce are hosting their first **Virtual Trade Mission to Florida**, United States on 17 -19 Nov; supporting and helping businesses move forward, make new connections and find additional routes to trade as we come through this global pandemic.

Stirling City is twinned with the beautiful seaside resort of Dunedin, Florida which has a long historical connection with Scotland and a high demand for Scottish products (mainly food and drink, artisan crafts and textiles). Dunedin Chamber of Commerce has received much interest from their local based businesses to take part in the mission, all of whom are looking to potentially source new products from Scotland for their specialist retail outlets.

[Click here to register your interest in the Virtual Trade Mission...](#)

Or for further information please contact [Lynn Dickson](#) or [Margaret Rafferty](#) for more details.



Meet The Pioneers | Renewables Trailblazers | Community Driven Power | 29 Oct

As part of Community Land Scotlands Meet The Pioneers series there is an opportunity for you to sign up for the second episode in the Meet The Pioneers series, Renewables Trailblazers – Community Driven Power, which is at 11am on the 29 Oct.

[Click here to register and find out more...](#)

If you were unable to make their first episode webinar Meet The Pioneers – **Community Land Ownership | The Western Isles; An Inspiration**, you have a chance to replay and [watch it here...](#)





CalMac Community Fund | 30 Nov

The CalMac Community Fund was created to make a difference. Its sole purpose is to benefit those most in need across our west coast communities.

This year the CalMac Community Fund aims to support non-profit organisations registered to the islands and ports they serve which engage and deliver services for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people. They will seek to support services that **tackle social isolation, mental health, loneliness and or poverty**. They will consider applications that address other **social issues relative to your community** if the application can demonstrate the need.

Organisations can apply for an award between £500 and £2,000. Awards will split across six regional areas, which they hope to make up to ten awards in each area. The areas are: Lewis, Harris and Ullapool, Uist and Barra, Skye, Raasay, the Small Isles and Mallaig, Oban and the Inner Hebrides, Southern Hebrides and **Firth of Clyde**

Applications close on **30 Nov 2020** at 1700.

If you wish to join an online information session to hear more and ask questions please email **communityfund@calmac.co.uk** with; Your name, Email address, Organisation and Location



Argyll Third Sector Interface (TSi) | Training Needs Selection

Following on from the training needs analysis conducted by TSi towards the end of 2019, and numerous pieces of research conducted throughout COVID-19, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface and Argyll and Bute Council's Community Development Team have developed a list of proposed training courses for third sector organisations and communities across Argyll.

Have your say on which courses are a must – closing date 26 Oct @9am.

TSI are asking you to review the proposed list and let them know whether you feel you or your organisation could benefit from the courses. All information collected will be used anonymously to inform the training calendar, and will be shared between both Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface and Argyll and Bute Council's Community Development Team.

[Click here to indicate your preferred courses](#)



News From The National Park | Update 22 Oct

Visitor facilities and reviewing the visitor season

Camping has continued to be a popular option for visitors to enjoy the National Park throughout the autumn. Although the formal camping byelaws season came to an end on 31st September, our campsites at Loch Chon and Loch Achray have remained open to help accommodate the increased demand we have experienced this year. The campsites have continued to be well used at weekends and have proved particularly popular with families who have provided some really positive feedback. The extended opening will come to an end following this weekend and the campsites will remain closed from Monday 26th October until March 2021.

Some toilets around the National Park will also begin to close again at the end of this month, although we have planned for some provisions to remain open during the winter at Luss, Tarbet, Balmaha, Milarrochy, Rowardennan and Duncan Mills Memorial Slipway.

Winter Work Programme

We are now beginning our winter work programme, looking at what we've learned from the pressures of this extraordinary visitor season to begin preparing for next year. We're also gathering insights from each of our partners on the National Park Safe Recovery Action Group. This will inform our visitor managing planning for next year and longer term, including looking at updated visitor information, community engagement and infrastructure improvements. We hope to meet with members of National Park communities to review this season and look ahead to 2021 in a series of meetings with our visitor management partners in November (please look out for invitations to these meetings coming soon).

Consultation on restrictions to single-use plastics

Around four fifths of Scotland's carbon footprint comes from all the goods, materials and services which we produce, use and often throw out. The