

MARR AREA partnership

NEWSLETTER April 2010

Working with the diverse communities of Marr to encourage and enable the sustainable development of their economic, environmental and social future.



Welcome to our April newsletter.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Engaging the future ...



This site is for activists and professionals with stories to tell about building vibrant, resilient communities. The aim is to learn together how to improve their practice. <http://ruralresilience.ning.com/>



SURF
Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network

SURF is Scotland's independent regeneration network. Its overall objective is to improve the health and wellbeing of residents in

Scotland's disadvantaged communities. The SURF network is the primary arena for independent debate on community regeneration in Scotland. Through its close links to national and local government, SURF acts as a constructive channel for information, consultation and policy proposals, based on the knowledge and experience of its extensive membership and its wider connections. SURF's output includes research, seminars, conferences, international policy exchanges, study visits, open forums, annual awards for best practice and the distribution of the independent regeneration policy journal, Scotregen. <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/>



Alford is a small country town, happily nestled in the Vale of Alford, skirted by the picturesque River Don and surrounded by the hills of Bennachie and Coreen. Surprisingly, given the peace and tranquility of Alford, Aberdeen, is a mere 40 minutes drive away. <http://www.alford.org.uk/index.html>

Aberdeenshire
COUNCIL



Mid Deeside Community Council is seeking new members to represent the areas of Dinnet, Glen Tanar, Kincardine O'Neil and Aboyne. The community council represents the views of community to Aberdeenshire Council and to various public bodies. Community councils can carry out a variety of roles, including: help with environmental projects, organising local galas, printing and distributing local newsletters, representing Community Councils on other organisations, providing lunch clubs for the elderly, campaigning on local issues, conducting local surveys, organising public meetings on major development proposals or the Local Plan, and carrying out Planning for Real exercises © Neighbourhood Initiative. <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communitycouncils/marr.asp>

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COMMUNITY GRANTS & FUNDING ADVICE

Resourcing for the future ...



The Nationwide Foundation is one of the UK's leading and most innovative grant makers and is committed to making a significant difference to people's lives. It makes grants to registered UK charities which offer financial and/or housing-related support. Its Small Grants Programme offers grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000. <http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/default.asp>



Community Food and Health (Scotland) has an annual small grants scheme available for groups and agencies in Scotland who wish to improve access to, and take up of a healthy, varied and balanced diet. Grants from £500 to £4000 are available and grant recipients are expected to spend their grant money within one year. The 2010 small grant scheme will launch on 29 April, with a closing date of 9 July. Please note that application packs will not be available until the launch date of 29 April. <http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/smallgrants.php>



The People's Postcode Trust aims to make the UK a better place for both people and nature. It wants to make a real difference to small organisations and community groups through grants ranging from £500- £10,000. The Trust acts within six fields of operation of: Poverty Prevention, Advancement of Health (not research), Community Development, Public Sports, Human Rights and Environmental Protection. <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/>



BBC

Friday 19 November 2010

Children in Need

Welcome to BBC Children in Need's grants programme. Its grants are open to organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and under. Your organisation and project must be based in the UK and you need to be a registered charity or other not-for-profit organisation. There are four general grant deadlines each year: 15 January, 15 April, 15 July, 15 October. http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

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COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

Protecting the future ...



Welcome to Nourish – the Scottish sustainable food network, which is working towards a sustainable Scotland in which, in every region *we produce more of what we eat and eat more of what we produce*. It believes a more localised food system would be better for the environment, health, community and economy of our country. It is building a movement to create a food system that is locally based with shorter supply chains, promotes and respects seasonality, resilient, fair and accessible to all, and creates and maintains a sustainable livelihood for producers. <http://nourishscotland.ning.com/>



H.O.P.E. is a thriving organic garden on Scotland's east coast. It is an environmentally friendly project, providing horticultural training and work experience. All the trainees are people with learning disabilities who live in the Angus area. The project also offers the local community an ever-increasing range of organically grown vegetables, fruit and garden plants. <http://www.hopegardentrust.org.uk/>



The Community Woodlands Association was established in 2003 as the direct representative body of Scotland's community woodland groups. It helps community woodland groups across the country achieve their aspirations and potential, providing advice, assistance and information, facilitating networking and training, and representing and promoting community woodlands to the wider world. <http://www.communitywoods.org/>



FareShare is a national UK charity supporting communities to relieve food poverty. FareShare is at the centre of two of the most urgent issues that face the UK - food poverty and food waste. The charity addresses these issues in three ways: by providing quality food - surplus 'fit for purpose' product from the food and drink industry - to organisations working with disadvantaged people in the community; by providing training and education around the essential life skills of safe food preparation and nutrition, and warehouse employability training through FareShare's Eat Well Live Well programme; and by promoting the message that 'No Good Food Should Be Wasted'. <http://www.fareshare.org.uk/about-us.php>

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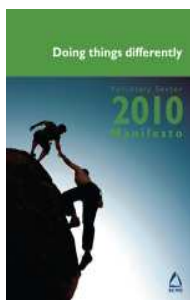
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STRATEGIC PLANS

Planning for the future ...



The development of Scotland's first land use strategy offers an excellent opportunity for anyone with an interest in Scotland's land to help shape future policy on sustainable land use. The Scottish Government is keen to receive your views at this vital early stage in the formulation of the strategy. It is planning to hold stakeholder workshops later in the spring, with a full statutory consultation on the draft strategy following in the autumn. If you would like to leave a comment please follow this link.
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Environment/Countryside/Landusestrategy/forum/articles>



Scotland's voluntary sector manifesto was launched recently. 'Doing things differently' lays out the economic value of the sector, how it makes a difference to society and how the voluntary sector does things differently.
<http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvocms/images/2010%20Voluntary%20Sector%20UK%20Election%20Manifesto%20low%20resolution%20pdf.pdf>



The Scottish Biodiversity Strategy, "Scotland's Biodiversity: It's in Your Hands" which aims to conserve biodiversity for the health, enjoyment and wellbeing of the people of Scotland now and in the future, was published by the Scottish Government in May 2004. This strategy was developed in close partnership with the Scottish Biodiversity Forum, a broad based working partnership of public, private and voluntary organisations. It represents Scotland's response to its obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity and to the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. The strategy covers the period up to 2030.
<http://www.biodiversityscotland.gov.uk/pageType1.php?id=2&type=1&navID=27>



The Scottish Government is developing the Energy Efficiency Action Plan for Scotland with the intention of publishing this in Spring 2010. Demand for energy continues to grow. Under current production patterns this will lead to increased carbon emissions and tends to drive higher energy prices. Improving energy efficiency is widely recognised as the easiest and most cost-effective means of reducing carbon dioxide emissions. The financial benefits of doing so are clear: industry and society can achieve more with less energy; public services are delivered at lower cost; and fuel poverty is reduced. The Energy Efficiency Action Plan is both a key commitment which the Scottish Government made in its 10 Energy Pledges and is reaffirmed in the Climate Change (Scotland) Act.
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/Energy/Action/energy-efficiency-policy/ActionPlan>

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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

People for the future ...



Welcome to the only national site and network for community-owned rural shops. Communicate with each other, share your ideas and experiences and be inspired by others. Learn about setting up and running a community-owned shop. Explore the shop directory to learn more about the 230+ communities already running their own shop. Stay up to date on new shop openings and all the latest news.
<http://www.plunkett.uk.net/>



Free business support and awards to new-start social entrepreneurs throughout Scotland. Do you have an enterprising idea that will deliver benefit to people and/or communities? First port works to identify, advise, connect, encourage and seed fund new start social entrepreneurs. <http://www.firstport.org.uk/>



Do you have some inspiring ideas to develop your organisation and help realise your sustainability? Perhaps you're looking to tender for new contracts or diversify your income base. Help is at hand with the new Realise Mentoring programme. You can access free, confidential mentoring support from experienced mentors with expertise in the areas of greatest interest to you. Whether it's successfully bidding for tenders, managing cultural change or developing your organisation's sustainability, it can match you with the right mentor for your needs.
<http://www.realisementoring.org.uk/mnt/content/>



[Think Big](http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/How-it-works/) is a new funding scheme from mobile phone firm O2 which gives 13 to 25 year olds the chance to apply for a £300 grant (plus training and support and mobile credit) to fund projects aimed at addressing local issues identified by the young people themselves. Some projects may also be invited to apply for a further £2,500.
<http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/How-it-works/>

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RESEARCH, INFORMATION & IT

Communications for the future ...



Localgiving.com make a difference in your community

Support your community through donations to local charities. Localgiving helps you make a difference in your community through online donations to local charitable organisations. Use the site to search charities and donate in your area of interest. The scheme is rolling out across the UK and will launch nationally in summer 2010. <http://www.localgiving.com/>

Cairngorms Big BioBuzz Day 22 May 2010



The Cairngorms Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) is running three 24 hour events in the Cairngorms National Park to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity 2010. The Park communities of Grantown-on-Spey, Kingussie and Ballater will play host to the Big BioBuzz Day on Saturday 22 May 2010 to coincide with International Biodiversity Day and Scottish Biodiversity Week. The Big BioBuzz Day is aimed at getting folk involved in exploring and recording wildlife on their doorstep, with the ultimate goal of collecting as much information as possible on local animals, plants and habitats. Staff from the Cairngorms National Park Authority, local ranger services and other nature experts will help to identify plants, birds, mammals, insects and

amphibians, and how and where they live. They will pass on knowledge and showcase obscure or unusual species. <http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/learning/LBAP/bigbiobuzz/>



The Scotland National Rural Network website aims to connect rural Scotland in all its diversity to promote economic growth and community development. It provides news, information and networking opportunities for everyone living and working in rural Scotland, and helps them to keep in touch with similar communities in the rest of the UK, Europe and beyond. Through the use of interactive communication tools, it aims to facilitate the sharing of common issues and examples of good practice by rural development practitioners and stakeholders. The site provides

help with finding out about funding opportunities for a wide range of rural projects. It publicises events in Scotland and throughout the UK and Europe which will help promote sustainability and economic growth, and it disseminates information about innovative social, economic and environmental initiatives. <http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/>



How2fundraise.org is the most comprehensive, FREE online resource for the UK's 16 million volunteer fundraisers, from the Institute of Fundraising. Whether you're already a fundraiser looking for your next big idea or would like to make a difference but aren't sure where to start, there's a section of [how2fundraise.org](http://www.how2fundraise.org/) for you. <http://www.how2fundraise.org/>

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PILOT PROJECTS

Testing for the future ...

C:DS

co:operative development scotland



Highland Home Carers and Loch Fyne Oysters have both pledged to produce regular 'social accounts' after the success of a project funded by Co-Operative Development Scotland. The process involves interviewing clients, employees, suppliers and other stakeholders to help measure a company's wider social, economic and environmental performance. Topics covered in Highland Home Carer's annual social accounts include quality of service provision, performance against corporate objectives and mission statement, staff training, treatment at work, communication and views of employee ownership. <http://www.cdscotland.co.uk//cds/cds-newsandevents-details.htm?articleid=293776&pagetitle>



help the community reduce its use of energy. BERI is a Banchory & District Initiative Limited (BDI) project and will be run by a steering group of four local volunteers. <http://www.banchory.org/news/93/18.html>

Banchory Energy Reduction Initiative (BERI) has been awarded a grant of £43,000 by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund towards a year-long campaign to



The CashBack for Communities Small Grants Scheme has been established to support local volunteer led groups, who may not previously have had access to external funding, to enhance their programmes for young people and get positive projects off the ground. This pilot scheme is being managed by a partnership of six national, volunteer-led youth organisations; Scottish Council - The Scout Association, Girlguiding Scotland, Boys Brigade, The Girls' Brigade in Scotland, Clubs for Young People (Scotland) and Youth Scotland, the network of Youth Clubs and Groups in Scotland. <http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme.htm>

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Aberdeenshire Local Action Group has experienced the benefits being generated through completed LEADER projects. The LAG met in St Ninian's & Forglan Church in Turriff on 15 March to consider Round 7 applications. At the meeting the LAG approved grants totaling £211,882 towards a further eight projects. A total of 72 LEADER projects have now been approved in Aberdeenshire, with grant commitment of £2,167,770 made towards total project costs of £7.7million. The current balance available towards new applications is in the region of £800,000. To read detail of approved projects go to the website. <http://www.aberdeenshireleader.org/>

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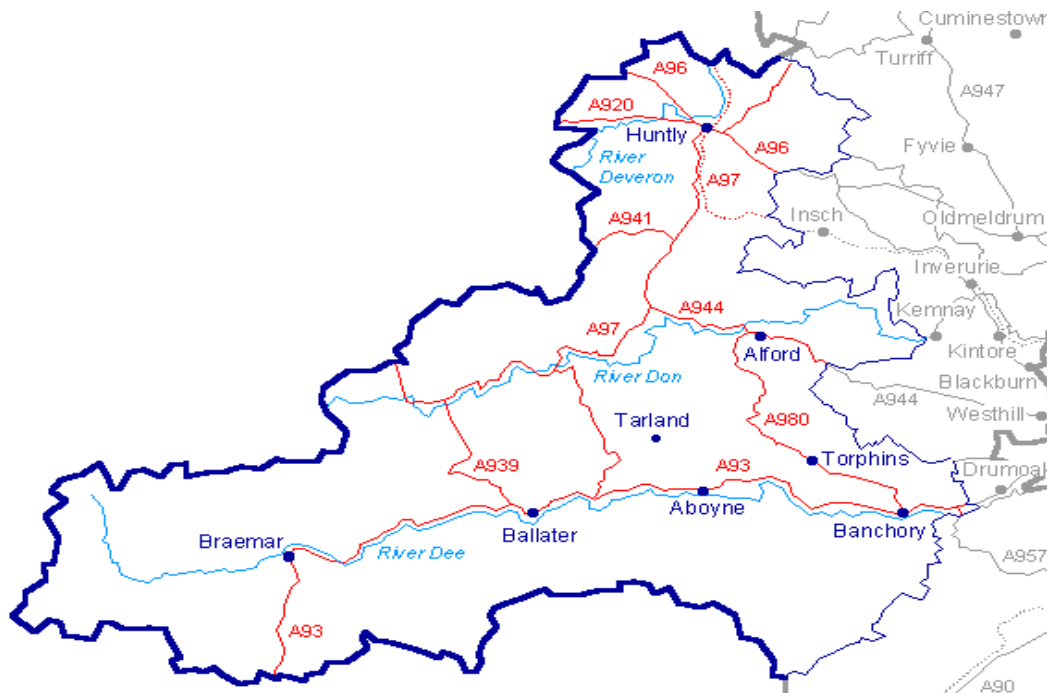
COMMUNITY PLANNING

Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership
<http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk>

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MARR AREA partnership

The Marr Area



The Marr Area Partnership (MAP) operates in the largest of the six areas of Aberdeenshire.

Occupying 48% of the land mass but inhabited by just 15% of the population of Aberdeenshire, Marr offers many examples of rural and urban communities working to establish their individual ways ahead.

Within Marr, in addition to MAP, there are other partnerships covering specific local areas:

- Royal Deeside Partnership (consisting of Mid Deeside Ltd, Ballater Royal Deeside and Braemar Tourism Group);
- Birse Community Trust;
- Banchory and District Initiative.

16 Community Councils operate in the area.

Marr Area Partnership operates throughout the area of Marr.

The partnership is a recognised Local Rural Partnership by the Scottish Executive and consists of representatives from local communities, the voluntary and public sector and exists to promote an integrated approach to sustainable economic, social and environmental development in the area of Marr. Charity Number SC 031462.



The Management Committee of MAP:

Chair: John Lewis, Donside Community Council
Vice-Chair: Dr Anderson, Strathbogie Community Council
William Anderson, Huntly Community Development Group
Les Allan, Representative of Aberdeenshire Council
Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Aberdeenshire Council
Alan Young, Council for Voluntary Service, Aberdeenshire Central & South
David Polfreman, Volunteer Centre Aberdeenshire
Nicola Kenyon, Community Learning and Development
Hilda Lumsden Gill, Huntly Community Council (Ward 14)
Keith White, Banchory Community Council (Ward 16)
Bell Macaulay, Ballater and Crathie Community Council (Ward 15)
Donald Boyd, Huntly Development Trust

Staff:

Mike Powell, Development Officer
Lizzy Shepherd, Development Officer
Natasha Pawlukiewicz, Development Officer

Note:

For administrative purposes, the Marr area is separated into three geographical wards, Aberdeenshire's Ward numbers 14, 15 & 16.

Community Council representatives from these wards are invited to sit on MAP's Management Committee.

COMMUNITY GROUP WEBSITES IN MARR



Banchory Website

With a host of links to organisations and events in the area the site also encourages residents who have a good picture of life in Banchory to see it published in the photo gallery.

www.banchory.org.uk/



Click here to go to the Aberdeenshire Council website.

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk



Rural Community Gateway

The Rural Gateway website's funding area is regularly updated. Click picture for latest funding news. www.ruralgateway.org.uk



CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South

CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South are one of 56 Council for Voluntary Services in Scotland. Click the picture to enter their website. This site also displays the MAP Newsletter. www.cvsa.co.uk

Supporting Community Guidance.



- promote and seek support for partnership activities
 - share good practice
 - share good news stories at the local and national level
 - access information on other members via our electronic directory.
- www.careerscotland.org.uk



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