

# MARR AREA partnership

NEWSLETTER April 2011

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



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## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### Engaging the future ...

#### THE PLACE STATION

The Place Station introduces owners of land and buildings across the UK to social and community entrepreneurs with ideas for transforming their local area - providing a space where people can search for land and buildings, add a place they'd like to see owned and managed by the community, add an idea for transforming local services, propose new uses for available land and buildings, comment on and offer to support an idea or proposal for a place, and find pro-bono supporters where they live to put their ideas and proposals into practice.  
<http://www.theplacestation.org.uk/>



The Ballater Eagle is a lively community based magazine presenting local events, views, news, feature articles and What's On Guide. The Ballater Eagle is supported by Advertisers, European Union Leader II funding, Ballater and Crathie Community Council, Ballater Business Association, and individual donations. The magazine is written and designed by local people and accepts contributions from home and abroad. <http://www.ballaterscotland.com/eagle/eaglol.htm>



Kincardine & Deeside Befriending provides a valued service to many socially isolated older people in the area. K & D Befriending is a local registered charity which aims to reduce social isolation and loneliness in older people throughout the Kincardine and Deeside area by matching them on a one to one basis with a volunteer befriender. A regular visit from a befriender can provide companionship, practical and emotional support, and generally improve physical and mental wellbeing. The Deeside Co-ordinator has been based at Banchory Town Hall for 2 days/week (Tues/Wed) since April 2008. Anyone who would like to know more about the service on Deeside, or how to become a befriender, should contact Linda Taberner on 07816 958 839 or email [linda.taberner@kdbefriending.org.uk](mailto:linda.taberner@kdbefriending.org.uk). <http://www.kdbefriending.org.uk/>



Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) is an independent think-doing organisation, with charitable status, involved in regeneration, local economic development and local governance. CLES brings together a network of subscribing organisations, which includes regeneration partnerships, local authorities, regional bodies, community groups and voluntary organisations. <http://www.cles.org.uk/>

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# COMMUNITY GRANTS & FUNDING ADVICE

## Resourcing for the future ...



**SURGERY TOUR 2011.** As part of its ongoing commitment to investing in the Scottish community, Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland holds a series of surgeries for local recognised

charities. The surgery is an opportunity for you to have a one-to-one session with one of its Assessors, and to discuss how to go about putting an application to the Foundation. If you wish to attend one of the surgeries, please call 0131 444 4020 to make an appointment. <http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?pg=295>



The objectives as set out in the Trust Deed are as follows: the alleviation of poverty and the promotion of good health and welfare; the advancement and furthering of education; and any other charitable purposes as the trustees may determine, excepting for the advancement of religion. <http://thetriangletrust1949fund.org.uk/index.htm>



Sust.

Sust.org is Scotland's first dedicated web site to sustainable design in architecture and the built environment. A limited number of small grants of up to £7,000 are available to community groups to assist putting sustainable design into practice. <http://www.sust.org/index.php?view=43>



Keep Scotland Beautiful has extended its National Spring Clean to two months this year and the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) is offering funding to support clean ups in the Park. If you are based in the Cairngorms National Park and registered with the 2011 Keep Scotland Beautiful National Spring Clean then you are entitled to apply for a grant of up to £250 to help buy litter pickers, gloves, rubbish bags and safety equipment to support your clean up. <http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/news/>

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# COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

Protecting the future ...



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: providing quality food - surplus 'fit for purpose' product from the food and drink industry - to organisations working with disadvantaged people in the community; 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 promoting the message that 'No Good Food Should Be Wasted' <http://www.fareshare.org.uk/index.php>



Making Local Food Work helps people to take ownership of their food and where it comes from by providing advice and support to community food enterprises across England. If you are involved in a community food enterprise or interested in starting one in your community, it may be able to help you. <http://www.makinglocalfoodwork.co.uk/>



**Community Energy Scotland**  
Cumbhachd Coimhearsnachd na h-Alba

The Cares Loan Fund is a new scheme which aims to provide loans towards the high risk, pre-planning consent stages of renewable energy projects which have significant community engagement and benefit. Community Energy Scotland is supporting applicants to this scheme. <http://www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/cares.asp>



Sustrans makes smarter travel choices possible, desirable and inevitable. It's a leading UK charity enabling people to travel by foot, bike or public transport for more of the journeys we make every day. It works with families, communities, policy-makers and partner organisations so that people are able to choose healthier, cleaner and cheaper journeys, with better places and spaces to move through and live in. <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/>

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# STRATEGIC PLANS

## Planning for the future ...



The Community Transport Association exists to support its members and to act as the lead UK body for voluntary and community transport. Its members are organisations embedded in the communities they serve. This is what shapes so powerfully the voluntary and community transport network and explains why it is so well positioned to provide services that focus on the local, on one-to-one help, on being innovative. The CTA has published its new Strategic Plan for the period 2011/12 to 2013/14. This will guide its work over the next three years. <http://www.ctauk.org/news/?ID=43>



The Scottish Social Enterprise Coalition has produced an analysis of the Scottish political party manifestos, to see what they say they will do for social enterprises. <http://www.scottishsocialenterprise.org.uk/>

**Aberdeenshire**  
COUNCIL



Aberdeenshire Council is reviewing its Economic Development Strategy and as part of the initial research it would like your views on aspects of the economy of Aberdeenshire. It would be most grateful if you could

complete the Survey Monkey questionnaire at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QLGVFSJ>. This should take no more than 10 minutes. Please pass this survey to any business contacts that you feel would like to fill in the survey. Thank you for your help. The survey will close on 3 May 2011.

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/support/publications/index.asp>

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# COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

People for the future ...



Aspiring leaders in arts and disability,  
health and prisons

Artlink Central is an arts agency working across Central Scotland, engaging artists in communities. Established in 1988, it is a charity based in Stirling, with a focus on developing evidence-based practice in the following areas: Arts and Health, Arts and Disability, Arts in Prisons, and Arts and Young People. <http://artlinkcentral.org/>



Venture Trust helps young people recognise what they need to change; then it gives them the confidence, motivation and tools they need to make those changes. This is done by giving people time and space in a wilderness setting, far away from the pressures of home; presenting them with physical, emotional and social challenges that take them into a personal 'stretch' zone where powerful learning takes place, and helping them evaluate what they learn, and how to put those lessons to work when they return home. <http://www.venture-trust.org.uk/>



HorseBack UK is a charity which has been created to provide a safe and secure environment to aid those serving, or those who have served in the UK

armed forces. Many of whom have suffered physical injury and/or acute stress as a result of their commitment to their country. Whilst combining western horsemanship, rural skills and adventure training, HorseBack UK endeavours to integrate serving personnel and veterans into the rural community inspiring a meaningful and rewarding future. <http://www.horseback.org.uk/>



The UNV Online Volunteering service connects volunteers with organizations working for sustainable human development. Volunteers contribute their skills online to help organizations address development challenges. Organizations collaborate with online

volunteers over the Internet to strengthen the impact of their development work. <http://www.onlinevolunteering.org/en/vol/index.html>

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## RESEARCH, INFORMATION & IT Communications for the future ...



<http://www.givingworldonline.com/en/home>

Welcome to Giving World Online – the free solution for busy companies to deal responsibly with surplus stock/equipment - donate it to people in need through a network of charities.



If you haven't already built a web site for your charity or not for profit community group, the internet is a great way to be seen - and a great way to reach out to people. With the BT Community Web Kit in just a few simple steps you can have an easy-to-build web site to help promote your charity or community group. It's a straightforward to set-up and maintain. And once it's up-and-running, it provides an easy way to publicise your group and stay in touch with people. <http://www.btck.co.uk/>



Funding revolution is a written guide to establishing and running low-carbon community revolving funds. It shows communities how they can use smart finance to kick-start carbon saving projects like these in their area and make their investments go further. <http://www.forumforthefuture.org/projects/funding-revolution>



Charity Bank finances social enterprises, charities and community organisations, with the support of depositors and investors who want to use their money to facilitate real social change. <http://www.charitybank.org/>

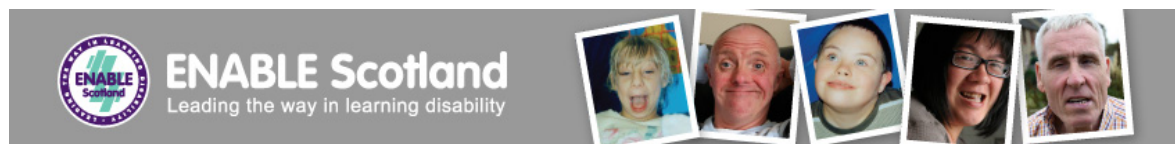
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## PILOT PROJECTS

### Testing for the future ...



ENABLE Scotland is a dynamic charity run by its members, which campaigns for a better life for children and adults with learning disabilities and support them and their families to live, work and take part in their communities. <http://www.enable.org.uk/index.php>

**NESTA** Making  
Innovation  
Flourish

NESTA, the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts, is the UK's foremost independent expert on how innovation can solve some of the UK's major economic and social challenges.

[http://www.nesta.org.uk/home1/assets/blog\\_entries/the\\_other\\_side\\_of\\_financial\\_innovation](http://www.nesta.org.uk/home1/assets/blog_entries/the_other_side_of_financial_innovation)



Nine pioneering projects have been selected to take part in 'Your Local Budget' – a programme designed to give people a say in how mainstream local authority budgets are spent. <http://www.participatorybudgeting.org.uk/news/big-society-network-announces-your-local-budget-areas>



DTAS has been funded by the Scottish Government to run a two year programme of work around the transfer of assets between local authorities and communities. The aim of the programme is to increase the community ownership of assets by encouraging and supporting local authorities and community groups to achieve fair and effective transfer of local authority assets to community organisations within a wider strategy of community empowerment and local community asset development.

[http://www.dtascot.org.uk/content/asset-transfer?dm\\_i=LQE,EOVW,3LDQKT,16E4N,1](http://www.dtascot.org.uk/content/asset-transfer?dm_i=LQE,EOVW,3LDQKT,16E4N,1)

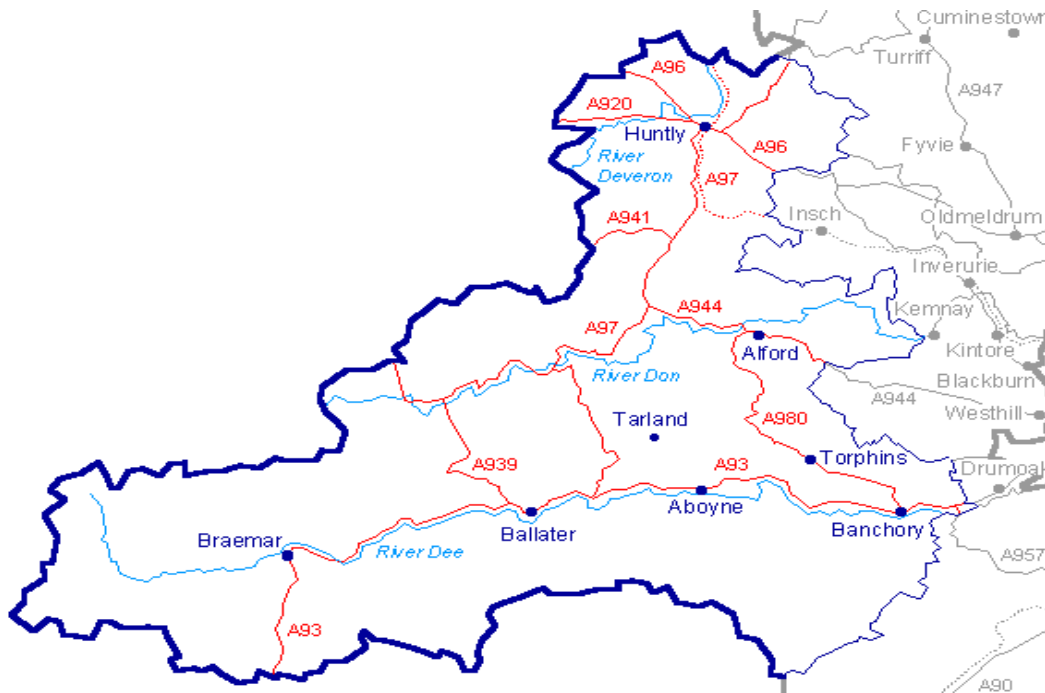
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# MARR AREA partnership

## 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: Jean Henretty, Banchory and District Initiative  
Les Allan, Representative of Aberdeenshire Council  
Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Aberdeenshire Council  
Alan Young, Council for Voluntary Service, Aberdeenshire Central & South  
Nicola Kenyon, Community Learning and Development  
Hilda Lumsden Gill, Huntly Community Council (Ward 14)  
Bell Macaulay, Ballater and Crathie Community Council (Ward 15)  
Donald Boyd, Huntly Development Trust  
Nigel Healey, Cromar Community Council

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.

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## 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](http://www.banchory.org)



Click here to go to the Aberdeenshire Council website.

[www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk](http://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](http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk)



### CVS Aberdeenshire – Central and South

CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South are one of 56 Council for Voluntary Services in Scotland. We exist to support and represent local voluntary sector groups and organisations by offering a range of services for both new and established groups. Click the picture to enter their website. This site also displays the MAP Newsletter. [www.cvsa.co.uk](http://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](http://www.careerscotland.org.uk)



Charity Number SC 031462

Recognised Local Rural Partnership by Scottish Executive

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