

# MARR AREA partnership

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



Welcome to our August newsletter.

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## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Engaging the future ...



CIYP aims to provide a referral service, which offers a single point of access to a range of organisations which can help improve your finances. It works with our partners to ensure that people living in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire have easy and hassle free access to the benefits and services they are entitled to. If you want advice on how to maximise and improve your finances then get in touch. <http://www.ciyp.co.uk/website/index.asp?refID=1&pageType=C>



Fiery Spirits is a Community of Practice for rural activists and practitioners who share their experience building vibrant, resilient communities. It shares a concern for social justice and for urgent action in the face of climate change, financial turbulence and accelerating global resource depletion. Innovation and learning are at the heart of its work. <http://fieryspirits.com/>



Community Food and Health has as its aim to ensure that everyone in Scotland has the opportunity, ability and confidence to access a healthy and acceptable diet for themselves, their families and their communities. <http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/>



support. <http://ceis.org.uk/>

CEiS were established to provide training, support and finance for community businesses. For over 26 years it has responded and adapted to community needs by managing loan funds, issuing development grants, supporting women in business and providing enterprise

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# COMMUNITY GRANTS & FUNDING ADVICE

Resourcing for the future ...

 **BANK OF SCOTLAND**  
Foundation



The Small Grants Programme accepts applications up to and including £20,000 from charities registered in Scotland. It particularly wishes to help with developing and improving local communities and financial literacy and financial inclusion. <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/small-grants-programme>



Lintel Trust works with voluntary organisations and local communities throughout Scotland to help provide solutions for people in housing need. It awards grants to community and voluntary organisations for housing –related projects which help people to live as independently as possible in their own homes

and communities. <http://www.linteltrust.org.uk/>



**action**  
**EARTH 2011**

**bringing the environment closer to home**

This year grants are on offer from £50 to £250 to projects in Scotland. Action Earth Express Grant is an easy to access grant of up to £50 available to any group of volunteers carrying out practical environmental work in their local community in Scotland. SNH Biodiversity Grant offers up to £250 for projects that are improving or creating habitats for wildlife which will enhance biodiversity in Scotland. SNH Local Nature Reserve Grant offers awards of up to £500 for activities taking place on LNRs which celebrate the work carried out on the site and raise the local profile of the site. <http://www.csv.org.uk/campaigns/csv-action-earth>



**Voluntary  
Action Fund**

Community Chest is a small grant programme providing grants of up to £1,000 and free training to help small community groups in Scotland sustain and develop their activities. Groups can apply for funding for a

wide range of activities or operational costs. The next deadline is 15 September. <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/5,40/grants/community>

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# COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

## Protecting the future ...



The SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration is now in its 13th year. This prestigious annual awards process recognises and promotes best practice in regeneration in Scotland. If you are aware of a project or initiative that you believe deserves particular recognition, please consider nominating it for a 2011 SURF Award in one of four categories: People, Place, Partnership and Employability for All. Closing date is 12 September.

<http://www.scotregen.co.uk/events/default.asp?ItemID=997>



Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee is an historic event, and to celebrate the Woodland Trust wants millions of people across the UK to come together to plant 6 million trees. This is a celebration for everyone, whether you're able to create a large wood on your own land, a smaller

one in your local community, or simply want to plant a single tree in your back garden.

[http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/moretrees-moregood/get-involved/plant-trees/Pages/jubilee-woods.aspx?WT.mc\\_id=jubilee-rhs](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/moretrees-moregood/get-involved/plant-trees/Pages/jubilee-woods.aspx?WT.mc_id=jubilee-rhs)



Moffat CAN is a community-owned company and charity. Our aims are environmental protection, relief of poverty and, especially, carbon reduction. CAN stands for Carbon approaching Neutral. CAN is working to achieve national and international targets on reducing climate change

pollution in our rural town in Southern Scotland. <http://moffatcan.org/index.php?page=home>



Renewable Energy Networking Event. Interested in developing renewable energy in your community? Already involved in renewable energy and want to share ideas and experiences with others? The Scottish National Rural Network is working in partnership with Community Energy Scotland and The Royal Society of Edinburgh to bring this networking opportunity to rural communities interested in developing renewable energy. The event takes place on Tuesday 18 October at Carnoustie Golf Hotel, Angus from 10am to 4pm. <http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/en/node/3819>

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# STRATEGIC PLANS

## Planning for the future ...



The Scottish Government has set up the Commission on Rural Education to look at all aspects of rural education in Scotland. The group is tasked with examining both how the delivery of rural education can maximise the attainment and life chances of young people in rural areas, and the link between rural education and rural communities. The Commission will also review the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and its application and make recommendations on the delivery of all aspects of education in rural areas. The Scottish National Rural Network has been asked to help gather the views of people across rural Scotland and further afield on behalf of the Argyll Rural Schools Network. They want to hear your comments and suggestions on the future delivery of education in rural Scotland. Please add your comments at this link to the consultation which will stay open until 31st November 2011. <http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/en/consultations/rural-schools>



The Christie Commission - Report on the Future Delivery of Public Services.  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/352649/0118638.pdf>

**Aberdeenshire**  
COUNCIL



Aberdeenshire Council welcomes feedback from residents, services users and customers. This link will take you to a survey (five questions) where you can inform us if you are satisfied with the council. The information collated will form a part of our ongoing monitoring of customer satisfaction.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/aberdeenshirecouncilsatisfaction>

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# COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

People for the future ...



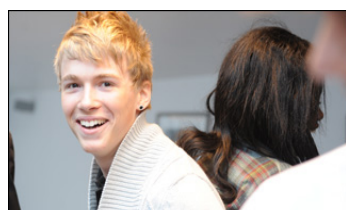
Investing in Volunteers (iV) is the UK quality standard for all organisations which involve volunteers in their work. Over 470 organisations have achieved this quality accreditation throughout the UK, ranging from small community groups that are totally volunteer-led to large national multi branch charities that have thousands of volunteers.

<http://iiv.investinginvolunteers.org.uk/>



The Scottish Government is to invest £10 million in 2011-12 to support unemployed young people into work and training opportunities in a new programme, Community Jobs Scotland. The new jobs plan will see 2000 jobs created in the third sector, benefiting young people and voluntary organisations alike. The plan builds on the success of the Scottish Third Sector Consortium's work in tackling unemployment. The initiative will be rolled out across

Scotland later this year and will provide young people aged 16-24 with six-month contracts of 25 hours or more per week, for at least the minimum wage. <http://www.scvo.org.uk/training-employability/community-jobs-scotland/>



YouthNet is the UK's first exclusively online charity. We guide and support young people, enabling them to make informed choices, participate in society and achieve their ambitions.

<http://www.youthnet.org/>



Voluntary Arts Scotland promotes participation in the arts and crafts by supporting the development of the voluntary arts sector. We offer help and support to organisations, groups and individuals engaged in the voluntary arts through the following: drawing together voluntary arts and crafts groups and their representative bodies; providing them with information, advice and training; ensuring their interests are represented to policy makers, funders and politicians, and improving the environment for everyone participating in the arts and crafts. <http://www.voluntaryarts.org/cgi-bin/website.cgi?tier1=scotland>

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# RESEARCH, INFORMATION & IT

## Communications for the future ...

**MILLENNIUMNOW**  
Celebrating the legacy of the Millennium

Millennium Now will give the public a real stake in how we spend Lottery money – who deserves to benefit and what they feel society needs now.

<http://millenniumnow.org.uk/>



Funding Scotland's purpose is to improve the process of identifying and communicating funding information in Scotland. This is done by providing the online platform for organisations seeking funding (Fund Seekers), and organisations offering funding (Funders), to work more efficiently. By shortening the route between Funders and Fund Seekers it aims to contribute to improved outcomes for the ultimate beneficiaries of support

funding. <http://www.fundingscotland.com/>

Social Impact Scotland is a portal offering access to information, resources and support for third sector organisations, funders, and public sector commissioners interested in finding out more about social impact measurement. <http://www.socialimpactscotland.org.uk/home.aspx>



INCA was established in recognition of the fact that - often against the odds - community networks are being established and run successfully. We believe that communities are a vital partner, along with public and private sector organisations, in the creation of the emerging patchwork quilt that is the UK's next generation broadband network. Community sector organisations will be particularly interested in its Beyond Broadband guide and its Big Society Broadband knowledgebase. It is also keen to see more community organisations in active membership of INCA, helping to shape the future of our organisation. <http://www.inca.coop/community-networks>

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## PILOT PROJECTS

### Testing for the future ...



“Grow Cairngorms” is a pilot project which is being delivered through the Cairngorms Land Based Business Training Project (LBBTP) with funding from LEADER. The project will involve six practical half day sessions, looking at seasonal gardening tasks. These will cover; planning a garden, sowing, planting, protecting against pests and diseases, and harvesting your crops. In addition, there will be a series of five complimentary lectures, covering topics such as composting, growing in polytunnels, pests and diseases, preserving your produce and growing fruit. <http://visitcairngorms.com/blog/2011/05/grow-your-own-grow-cairngorms/>



Capability Scotland and Visit Scotland who have teamed up to improve access for the country's disabled tourists. As part of the first partnership of its kind within the tourism industry, Capability will be running six events over the summer to engage with disabled people and find out what needs to be enhanced or changed to make Scottish tourism more accessible. Recommendations will then be made to VisitScotland and the Scottish tourism industry. <http://www.capability-scotland.org.uk/news-events/latest-news/capability-teams-up-with-visitscotland-to-launch-accessible-tourism-initiative-in-scotland/>



The Community Ownership Support Service (COSS) is a Scottish government funded project, set up to help community-based groups in Scotland to take on land or building assets for their community. This adviser based service is being delivered Scotland wide and aims to provide individual community groups and Local Authorities with a bespoke support service. It is likely that our support will include a combination of expert advice on all aspects of asset transfer, training courses on the asset transfer and asset development process, sign-posting to other support agencies, and web access to information on good practice, toolkits and case studies. <http://www.dtascommunityownership.org.uk/content/take-on-an-asset>



From arts to food and books to whisky, Banchory is the first to become a Go Local town and we are proud to launch it with a BANG on Friday and Saturday 9 and 10 September! Come and join us for a weekend of entertainment for the whole family around the town, including live music, art, theatre and dance. <http://golocalscotland.wordpress.com/>

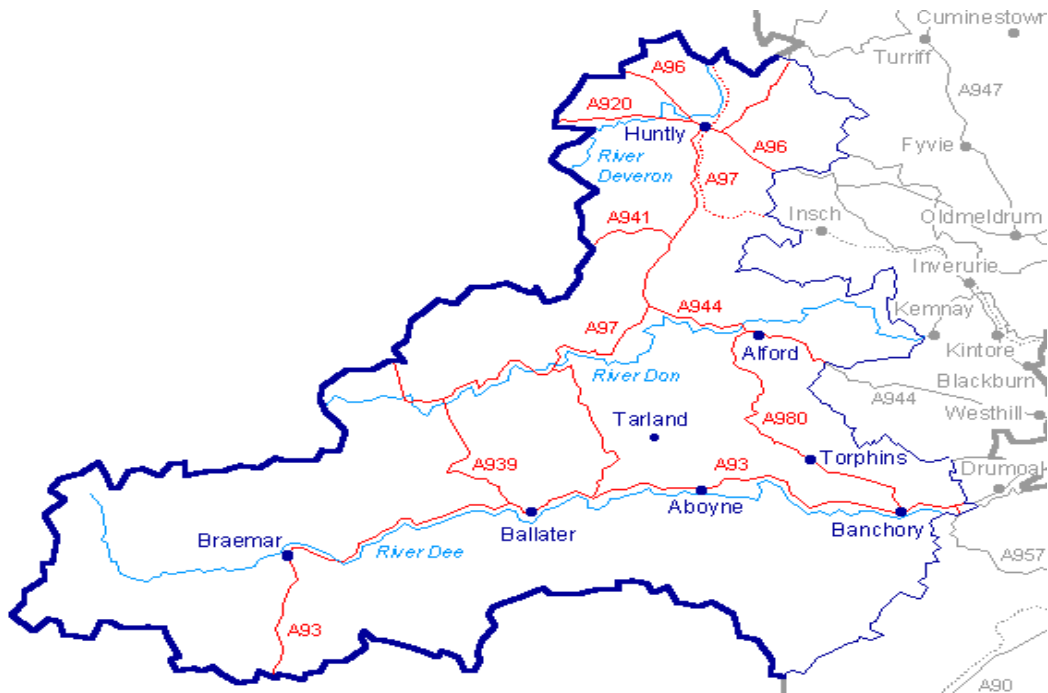
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# MARR AREA partnership

## 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)



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Recognised Local Rural Partnership by Scottish Executive

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