

MARR AREA partnership

NEWSLETTER August 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 August newsletter.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Engaging the future ...

the addition



co+operative
development
scotland

Co-operative Development Scotland was set up in 2006 to increase the contribution of co-operative enterprise to the Scottish economy. It is a subsidiary of Scottish Enterprise and has a Scotland-wide remit to 'promote and facilitate the development of co-operative enterprises'. Co-operative models are relevant to all sectors but have particular growth potential in Scotland's food and drink, tourism, forestry, renewable energy and creative industries. <http://www.cdscotland.co.uk/cds.htm>



Village Halls



The Village Halls website is a one stop shop for news, information and networking for anyone involved in managing a village hall or community building in Scotland. <http://www.scvo.org.uk/villagehalls/Home/Home.aspx>



On this site you will find all you need to know about this thriving community in the North East of Scotland. <http://www.huntly.net/>

Social Firms Scotland

 in business for good

Social Firms create work in commercial businesses for people who are severely disadvantaged in the labour market.

Social Firms are a type of social enterprise that focus on work integration for severely disadvantaged people. They are commercial businesses driven by the social purpose of creating employment opportunities within a supportive working environment for people who are severely disadvantaged in the labour market. Social Firms aim to generate at least 50% of their income from sales of goods and services. They are non-profit distributing, with any surplus being shared by employees or re-invested in the business or community in order to meet the social purpose. At least 25% of a Social Firm's workforce is people who are severely disadvantaged in the labour market. Social Firms have a 'family business' atmosphere, providing an environment where team working and participation in the business are paramount. <http://www.socialfirms.org.uk/>

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COMMUNITY GRANTS & FUNDING ADVICE

Resourcing for the future ...



**YouthLink
Scotland**
The national agency for youth work

Youth projects throughout Scotland are invited to apply for funding from a £2.5 million pot of cash created from the proceeds of crime. Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill announced that a fourth round of funding for youth projects from the CashBack for Communities scheme is now open. The scheme, to be administered by YouthLink Scotland, the national agency for youth work, has been allocated £2.5 million to distribute over the next two years to local youth projects in the form of grants up to a maximum of £30,000. <http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/>



Community linking is an ongoing relationship between a community group in the UK and a community group in a developing country. Links communicate regularly and do things together for mutual benefit. Any kind of community group can be involved in a link, from youth groups to sports clubs to churches to social enterprises. Global Community Links provides a range of support to links that are sharing learning of development issues with their

wider community in the UK. <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/getting-involved/how-you-can-help/dfid-community-linking-programme/>



E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund supports the development of efficient and sustainable energy measures for community organisations. E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund is made up of two parts - a web

resource and access to grant funding. On this site you will be able to access information about energy efficiency, micro-generation and other low carbon measures that you can implement in your community building to really make a difference; to both your organisation and the environment. <http://eon-uk.com/about/sustainableenergyfund.aspx>



**INVESTING IN
COMMUNITIES**

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_investing-in-communities

The Big Lottery has announced three new investment areas which make up Investing in Communities:

- Growing Community Assets aims to help communities have more control and influence over their own future through ownership of assets
- Life Transitions aims to support projects that help people at key times of change, helping them to make their lives better for the future
- Supporting 21st Century Life aims to support projects that build stronger families and stronger communities.

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COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

Protecting the future ...



The Scottish Green Energy Awards 2010 will highlight and celebrate the achievements of those trailblazing organisations in the renewables field. You can get involved by nominating those that deserve recognition in 2010 - to view the Award Criteria and to nominate projects, people, organisations, initiatives, then please visit the website. <http://www.greenenergyawards.co.uk/>



Protecting You and the Environment Since 1993

The Naturesave Trust was set up in 1995 to fund specific environmental and conservation projects throughout the UK. The primary function of the Trust is to encourage the greater adoption of sustainable development, especially within the Small and Medium Sized business community (SMEs). The Naturesave Trust also funds Environmental Performance Reviews for Naturesave Policies Commercial Combined clients, helping businesses and organisations to become greener. http://www.naturesave.co.uk/trust_naturesave.html



Huntly Community Woodlands Seminar

Aberdeenshire Council through Steve Gray, Environmental Planner Officer, is organising a community woodland workshop for Huntly on 2 October (date to be confirmed). The aim of the workshop is to get Huntly residents and attendees to talk about woodland as a shared resource for lots of uses, to get an introduction to community woodlands, and to look at examples of existing community woodlands, their uses and management. For those interested in attending, please contact Steve on Steven.Gray@aberdeenshire.gov.uk. <http://www.atap.org.uk/huntly/index.htm>



Aberdeenshire residents could improve energy efficiency in their homes for a reduced cost, or even for free, thanks to a series of new initiatives. Aberdeenshire Council has adopted a national Council Tax Discount Scheme which will provide a £60 discount to qualifying residents when they install cavity wall or loft insulation in their homes. The initiative is a partnership between the council and Scottish Gas, although residents don't need to be a Scottish Gas customer to benefit. It has been introduced under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, which places responsibility on local authorities to develop such measures. The Council Tax Discount Scheme will operate across Aberdeenshire, although residents in the Marr area may be able to improve their insulation for free under a separate initiative, the Scottish Government Home Insulation Scheme. <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/news/release.asp?newsID=1701>

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STRATEGIC PLANS

Planning for the future ...

Aberdeenshire
COUNCIL



Aberdeenshire's Proposed Local Development Plan has now been published and the wider Aberdeenshire community is invited to comment on it. The formal consultation period for the proposed plan has now begun and Aberdeenshire Council wants as many people as possible to have their say. This is the final chance to comment on the proposed plan, which is now available in libraries and at council area offices together with associated documents. To view the Proposed Local Development Plan documents and take part in the consultation online, please see: <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/planning/ldp>
<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/news/release.asp?newsID=1703>



In 2010 APRS started a three-year project to promote a National Parks Strategy for Scotland in a partnership with the Scottish Campaign for National Parks (SCNP). The aim of the project is to promote a strategy for developing a comprehensive network of National Parks across Scotland. The aspiration is that this could result in at least three new National Parks being designated by 2015, including Scotland's first coastal and marine National Park. Further details can be found on the website. http://www.ruralscotland.btik.com/p_Projects.ikml



Communities across rural Scotland have been urged to speak up for rural Scotland and join the debate on its future. Rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead has launched Speak Up for Rural Scotland, a three month consultation on plans devised by the Rural Development Council to help economic recovery. And the Rural Network's new Consultations feature will play a key role in gathering views and contributions to the debate. <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/07/22091602/1>



Aboyne Community Action Plan Survey. Your Village Needs You! It is important to find out what you think about Aboyne and how you can make it an even more special place to live. To do this a group of Aboyne residents is helping Mid Deeside Community Council develop a Community Action Plan. At the moment they are working on collecting the views of as many Aboyne residents as possible (and even those who don't live in Aboyne but use the facilities) so that they can write the Plan by the end of this year. Then they can start the action bit! Please spend a few minutes thinking about these 4 questions (on the website) and send your answers to them. It would be great if everyone in your household, young and old, could give them their views. <http://www.enjoyaboyne.com/>

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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

People for the future ...



CO-OPERATIVES UK

Creative Co-operatives is for anyone working in the creative industries who is interested in collaborating and co operating with other people. Find out about what it's like to work in a creative co-operative, hear from industry leaders about their view on co operation, network and find out how you can start a co operative business. <http://www.creatives.uk.coop/>



My Volunteering is about people like you - who volunteer or are thinking of volunteering. They want to capture your stories and experiences online and you can help to do this. By joining and contributing you will become part of the digital record they are building. The record will capture the diverse range of cultural activities which take place in Scotland and beyond in the lead up to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The record will

continue to grow during the games and after the games. <http://www.peoplemakingwaves.org.uk/>



Pilotlight's mission is to enable small, ambitious charities working to alleviate disadvantage to help a greater number of people, more effectively. Pilotlight does this by managing teams of senior business people to coach charities through the process of building measurably

more sustainable and efficient organisations. This process is called Pilotlighting. Pilotlight Scotland has recently accepted six new charities and social enterprises. Pilotlighters will begin working with them in the next couple of months. <http://www.pilotlight.org.uk/index.php>



Wasps Artists' Studios is an award-winning charity which provides affordable studio space to support the careers of up to 750 visual artists working in Scotland today. Now with a 30 year track record, it

has grown to become one of the largest studio providers in the UK with a network of 17 buildings from the Scottish Borders to the Shetland Islands. <http://www.waspsstudios.org.uk/>

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RESEARCH, INFORMATION & IT

Communications for the future ...



People in North East Scotland are being encouraged to help monitor wildlife by registering their sightings and findings with a local recording centre. Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is urging the public to contact the North East Scotland Biological Records Centre (NESBReC) with wildlife information. NESBReC collates, manages and provides biological information for the north east of Scotland. Founded in 2000, NESBReC covers Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City, Moray and since 2009 the Cairngorms Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) area. Currently over 630,000 species records are held, as well as other biological datasets. NESBReC supports the North East Local Biodiversity Action Plan and the National Biodiversity Network. <http://www.nesbrec.org.uk/>

CAIRNGORMS LEARNINGZONE

This site is for students, teachers and lecturers or anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Cairngorms National Park – as a learning resource, for researching information for a project, or perhaps you or your school are thinking about visiting the area. If your interest matches any of these, you have come to the right place!
<http://www.cairngormslearningzone.co.uk/>



The Centre for Mountain Studies at Perth College UHI and the Cairngorms National Park Authority have joined in a Knowledge Transfer Partnership to create a sustainable network for knowledge exchange within the Park. This network will serve anyone interested in issues related to sustainable development in the Cairngorms, will support the Park Authority in preparing their new National Park Plan, and will improve awareness and understanding of the use and value of research in the Park. The project aims to identify recent and ongoing research in Cairngorms National Park: who has been doing it; finding out which practitioners, communities, landowners and

other stakeholders may be interested in this research or possible future research; and engaging them in a knowledge exchange process to apply research findings in the planning activities of the Park Authority and the day-to-day activities of the stakeholders.
<http://www.perth.ac.uk/specialistcentres/cms/activities/CNP-KTP/Pages/default.aspx>



The Scottish National Rural Network is pleased to announce, in partnership with the European Network for Rural Development, a major EU Rural Cooperation Fair, taking place in Murrayfield Rugby Stadium, Edinburgh on 23rd and 24th September 2010 and to offer you the chance to attend. It wants to support international cooperation as a means to achieving local development plans. There will be many excellent opportunities for people from across rural Scotland and Europe to get together and share good ideas and experiences to do with economic and community development in rural areas. <http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/en/node/2515>

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PILOT PROJECTS

Testing for the future ...



In a drive to increase tree cover across the country, Forestry Commission Scotland aims to kick-start a new pilot project which could see new woodlands being created in partnership with farmers. The project would see the Commission leasing suitable land from farmers for about ten years to create a new woodland, which would then be returned back to the farmer to reap the benefits. The initiative could help get more trees in the ground, which is good for fighting climate change by locking away carbon, a key priority of the Scottish Government. For farmers, the benefits could mean turning a less productive area of land into productive woodland, which could also provide a ready made shelter belt for livestock and a potential supply of woodfuel for their own use or for sale. <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/newsrele.nsf/WebPRByCountryLang/7227D16FA904BBF18025777600384BDA>



Barnardo's has teamed up with a range of partners to provide opportunities for the young people in the Cairngorms National Park who want to work on the land, but are having difficulty finding jobs. As well as benefiting young people, Barnardo's Works Cairngorms - which is being piloted in Deeside - will help land based businesses who need people to work for them but cannot find the skilled labour or the time to train them. It will be specifically working with young people who may be at risk of offending, leaving care or simply having no family support when looking for work. Each will have the opportunity to spend 6 months learning new skills with the farms and estates in the National Park and will receive the necessary support to secure permanent employment. <http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/resource/docs/publications/02082010/CNPA.Paper.1601.Parklife%20Summer%202010.pdf>



Royal Deeside and the Cairngorms DMO have received funding from LEADER in order to deliver six pilot projects in the Deeside area. These are an on-line food and drink magazine, a local Producers Marquee at Aboyne Highland Games, a food and Walking Event during the Active Aboyne Outdoor Activities Festival, a venison Festival, encouraging local hotels and restaurants to feature local venison on the menu, a Dining on Deeside Fortnight to promote local hotels, cafes and local produce, and The Deeside Sessions, local folk music at venues throughout Deeside. <http://www.discoverroyaldeeside.com/>



CLAN has received funding from the Rural Aberdeenshire LEADER Programme to allow it to develop services in Aberdeenshire enabling more people from the rural areas to access its support locally. CLAN provides support for cancer patients and their families through counselling and complementary therapies. The project will employ 3 local co-ordinators to provide cancer support services to the rural communities of Aberdeenshire. Suitable venues will be identified to deliver the unique service to clients. There is wide ranging support for the service which is additional and complementary to NHS care. <http://clanhouse.org/cms/>

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<http://www.huntly.net/>
<http://www.socialfirms.org.uk/>

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<http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/>
<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/getting-involved/how-you-can-help/dfid-community-linking-programme/>
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http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_investing-in-communities

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<http://clanhouse.org/cms/>

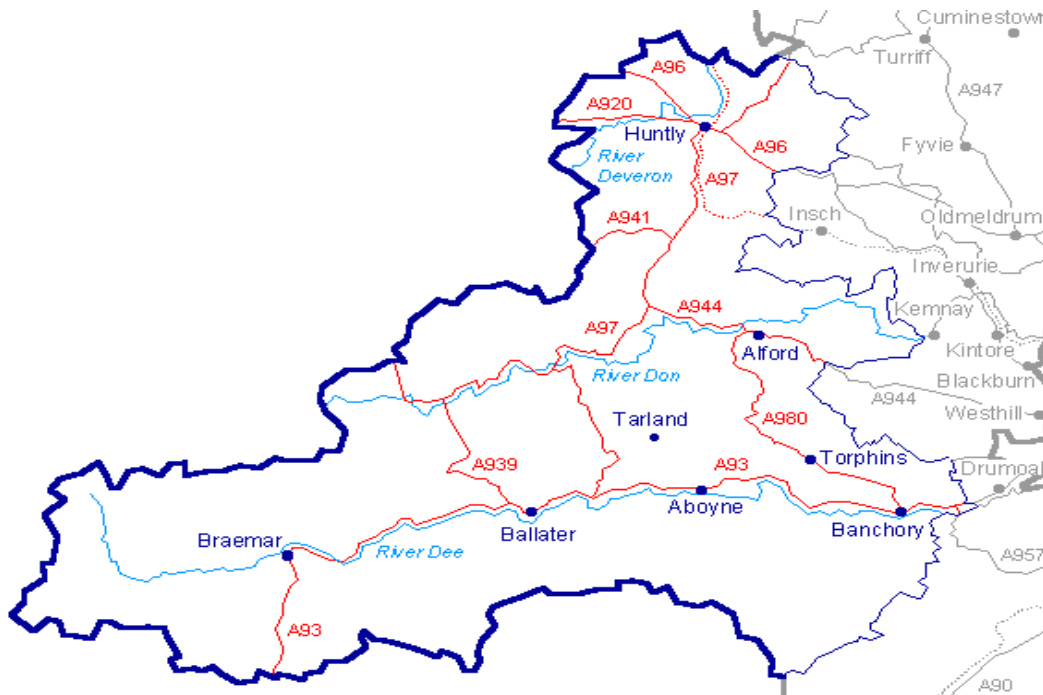
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Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership
<http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk>

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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
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 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



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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