

Voluntary Action Angus

Weekly Bulletin

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Voluntary Action  **ANGUS**


Third Sector Interface



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We hope you enjoy reading some of the latest information and updates from the third sector, across Angus in this weeks Voluntary Action Angus TSI bulletin.



VOLUNTARY ACTION ANGUS

Community Leaflet Drop Volunteers wanted!

New to volunteering/ looking for an introduction? Have a few hours to spare?

Working alongside Angus Health and Social Care Partnership, we are looking for volunteers to help deliver recruitment leaflets across Angus!

About the volunteering opportunity:

- Starting in March 2023
- Deliver leaflets in your local neighbourhood
- Available morning, afternoon, evening and/or weekends
- This can be once a week, a few times a week or a one off!
- Open to people of all ages and abilities



You can find more information and apply **here**.

Tip Top Toes is open for appointments!

Tip Top Toes is run by volunteers who have received instructions on toenail cutting, filing and foot care from NHS Podiatrists. It is available to anyone who is unable to cut their own toenails and has no serious underlying medical conditions.

Where and when?

Every Thursday morning in the Baptist church, 103 High Street, Carnoustie.

Appointment only

£15 for the first appointment – this includes your personal foot care pack which you bring to every appointment. (Pack includes nail clippers, files and record card) – £10 for every other appointment.

If you are interested in finding out more or wish to make an appointment, please call or text **07568 936222**.



ANGUS ALCOHOL AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP

Want to play your part in improving Drug Treatment Services in Angus?

Are you currently accessing a drug-related service in Angus?
Able to spare 40-60 minutes of your time?
...Then we want you!

We are looking to interview people who have accessed local services. Your experiences will help evidence and improve MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) standard implementation and delivery.

Interviews are 1 to 1, friendly and confidential.

If you are interested in taking part please contact us on **07920 830525** or email **angusadp@angus.gov.uk**



PAIN ASSOCIATION

Our 5 week course for Angus is back!

Chronic pain is difficult to live with. It is hard to understand, you can't see it and it varies day to day, sometimes for no apparent reason.

Do you want to learn more about how you can manage your chronic pain?

If so, you can sign up **here**.

Where and when

Tuesday 4th April, Tuesday 11th April, Tuesday 19th April, Tuesday 25th April and Tuesday 2nd May, all sessions will be online via Zoom and will run from 2pm-4pm.



ANGUS CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB)

Volunteer with us!

We have a fantastic range of rewarding volunteer roles working out of three offices in Angus located in Arbroath, Forfar and Montrose.

The volunteering opportunities available include providing generalist advice, collating social policy information, administrative, and reception roles or as a Board Member.

You can find more information on the opportunities **here**.



ANGUSALIVE

Macmillan Information and Support Service Volunteers wanted

ANGUSalive are working in partnership with Macmillan to develop information and support services for anyone affected by cancer in Angus based in Arbroath, Brechin, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir, Monifieth and/or Montrose libraries.

Options for Volunteer Involvement

- Advertising and Signposting our service locally
- Stock checking booklets and ordering regularly
- Face-to-Face support for people in Angus, giving written information and signposting to other support services

You can find more information **here**



HOME-START ANGUS

We are looking for Family Support Volunteers across Angus!

We are looking for volunteers across Angus with parenting experience to help make a difference for young families.

With volunteer numbers low in Forfar and Kirriemuir, we would encourage anyone interested to apply!

Many parents need help, friendship, advice or support during those early years when children are young, your experience as a parent can help other parents!

Our next preparation course is starting on 19th April 2023.

Find more information **here**.



TEALING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tealing Garden Project Volunteers wanted!

We are looking for volunteers who could contribute to the children starting a fruit and vegetable garden to allow the children to learn how to plant, watch, grow then produce soup, jams, etc for the community and possibly start a little garden shop enterprise!

Find more information on the opportunity **here**.



FORFAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

We are looking for a Volunteer Minute Taker and new Community Representatives!

We are looking for a volunteer minute taker for the Forfar Community Council. It would be for 1 night a month for 2 hrs (7pm- 9pm), usually on the 3rd Thursday of the month. We can offer a small payment to cover expenses.

Find out more **here**.

We are also looking for more people to join the community council, In particular young people and youths!

Find out more **here**



DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS (DWP)

Ukrainian Jobs Fair

We are looking for employers who can offer opportunities to our Ukrainian customers, being aware that language may be a barrier.

We have a pool of customers available with an extensive range of knowledge and skills, who you can meet face to face to promote your vacancies.

We will have a member of staff available on the day, to translate, where required.

Where and when

Wednesday 29th March from 10.30am - 12.30pm at Dundee Wellgate Jobcentre

If you would like to attend our Jobs Fair or would like further information, please email **dundee.labourmarketteam@dwp.gov.uk**



IMPACT FUNDING PARTNERS

Social Isolation and Loneliness Fund 2023-2026

This fund is being managed by Impact Funding Partners (IFP) on behalf of the Scottish Government.

This is an open and competitive fund for third sector organisations and community groups based in Scotland, with funded activity taking place between the 1st August 2023 and 31st July 2026. Grants of up to £72,000 are available across the full fund period.

The aim of this fund is to support projects and organisations to tackle social isolation and loneliness and build stronger social connections across Scotland, in line with the A Connected Scotland (2018) strategy. The fund will also contribute to the recovery and reduction in societal harm associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, and to mitigate the impact of the ongoing cost of living crisis.

There are two application stages for this fund, the timescales are outlined below for the initial expression of interest stage. Details of the second stage can be found on our webpage [here](#).

Stage 1 – Expression of interest (EOI)

| Fund stage | Timescale |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| EOI applications open | Wed 8 th March 2023 |
| EOI applications close | Fri 31 st March 2023 |
| Decisions issued/stage 2 invites* | Thurs 9 th March – Wed 5 th April 2023 |

Please get in touch with our team if you wish to discuss anything relating to the fund. You can email us at SIALFenquiries@impactfundingpartners.com or you can contact us by phone on **01383 620780**.



CARNOUSTIE WARM HUB

A warm and friendly space awaits

Why not come along and enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee and biscuits in a warm, friendly space here at the Legion, Carnoustie.

Enjoy the company of others to chat, play a range of games or simply enjoy a warm quiet space to read.

Where and when?

The Royal British Legion, 88 Dundee Street, Carnoustie on the first and third Monday of each month from 1pm – 3pm.



MS-UK

Our free MS awareness training is booking up fast, don't miss out!

Are you a community-based professional or volunteer? Do you work in health or social care? Do you work for a charity, community voluntary organisation or social enterprise? Are you an employer looking to know more about multiple sclerosis (MS)?

We are hosting free MS awareness training sessions for you. Due to demand, additional dates are available.

Upcoming dates:

- Wednesday 29th March (register [here](#))
- Wednesday 24th May (register [here](#))
- Wednesday 26th July (register [here](#))
- Wednesday 27th September (register [here](#))
- Wednesday 29th November (register [here](#))



NORTH EAST SENSORY SERVICES (NESS)

Sensory Awareness Training

Sensory Awareness (or sight loss and hearing loss awareness) Training runs throughout the year, delivered by North East Sensory Services (NESS). The training raises awareness of the practical and emotional impact of visual impairment, hearing loss, deafness and deafblindness while providing a wealth of practical information to communicate more effectively and to involve and include people living with sight and/or hearing loss.

We still have spaces available on our Microsoft Teams sessions and face-to-face sessions!

Find more information on the training and upcoming dates [here](#).



UK EMERGENCY ALERTS LAUNCH

National test of the UK Emergency Alerts Service

A new Emergency Alerts Service has been launched by the UK Government.

On **Sunday, 23 April 2023** there will be a national test of the UK Emergency Alerts Service. The national test of the service will ensure the technology operates as intended and that alert messages are received by all compatible handsets.

This service will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone if their lives are at risk in an emergency. It will be used to send a direct message only where there is a risk to life, either locally or nationally.

You can find further information on the service and what to expect [here](#).



ANGUS ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE (AAPC)

Breakfast with the Committee

Are you a multi-agency professional working within Adult Support and Protection in Angus? If so, come along for a cuppa and breakfast roll with members of the Adult Protection Committee!

- Learn more about the Adult Protection Committee and how it supports the work you do
- Feedback on how policy is working in practice
- Hear about the subgroups that multi-agency staff can join to influence the work of the committee:
 - Workforce Learning and Development
 - Self Evaluation and Continuous Improvement (SECI)
 - Practice and Policy

Where and when?

Thursday 30th March from 8.45am-11.30am at Strathmore Rugby Club, Forfar

You can book your place **here**.



ANGUS COUNCIL

Learn English in Angus!

If you live in Angus and want to improve your English, we can help, all languages are welcome!

We have online lessons and new evening classes starting in Forfar, Arbroath and Montrose.

You can find more information on the lessons **here**.

Contact us if you or someone you know wants to improve their English by emailing Neil Paterson at **patersonn@angus.gov.uk**

Please include your name, age, location and contact details.



SUSTRANS SCOTLAND

Have your say on the accessibility of Burnside Drive and Ladyloan in Arbroath

Sustrans Scotland is inviting disabled Angus residents to take part in a research project around the accessibility of Burnside Drive and Ladyloan.

We are running a project that will make it easier to walk, cycle or use a wheelchair on Ladyloan and Burnside Drive in Arbroath. The project is called 'Arbroath, A Place For Everyone'.

You can find more information about the project **here**.

You can find details of our research and how disabled Angus residents could help us **here**.

You may have already provided your thoughts on this project in the past however we are still interested in hearing your feedback.

You can access the form **here**.

Our deadline to show interest in taking part in our focus group is **3rd April 2023**.

SOCIAL SECURITY SCOTLAND

Supporting Information for Disability Benefits - Third Sector Event

This event is for Third Sector staff who support people in gathering and submitting supporting information to Social Security Scotland as part of a disability benefit claim.

Where and when?

25th April 2023 from 10.30am – 12pm, this is an online event.

Find more information and book your place **here**.



SUBMITTING YOUR CONTENT

Would you like something added to next weeks bulletin? If so, send your submission to Laura@voluntaryactionangus.org.uk by **5pm on Wednesday 29th March.**

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