

Voluntary Action Angus Weekly Bulletin

28th April



Third Sector Interface

Update:


All Third Sector updates will be announced through the Voluntary Action Angus weekly Bulletin. This is to ensure all Third Sector Organisations and Community Groups receive the same information at the same time and to ensure inboxes aren't being filled with update emails.



This weeks content covers:

Workshops and training sessions
Angus Book Fest Pop-up Charity Shop
Long Term Unemployed Programme
New Volunteering opportunities
Available support and information

*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

Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund Update

There has been a delay in launching the Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, however it will be launched the first week in May 2023.

This fund will be open to all Third Sector organisations, please see below key points to note:

- This is non-continuation funding – for new projects only
- This is 12 months funding
- The maximum any organisation can apply for is £35,000.



Are you looking for a fun-filled afternoon?

Are you aged 15 to 25? Ever thought of becoming a volunteer? We have an opportunity for you!

We are looking for volunteers:

- Aged 15–25
- Free on Friday and Tuesday afternoons
- Patience, understanding and good communication skills

You will:

- Spend time with the residents of sheltered housing in Kirriemuir (Fridays) or in Arbroath (Tuesdays)
- Have a cuppa and a cake
- Play bingo, board games, have a laugh and much more!



If interested, please call **01307 466113** or email **michelle@voluntaryactionangus.org.uk**

FIRSTPORT

The 2023 Social Innovation Challenge is now open!

This year's Social Innovation Challenge invites Expressions of Interest from social enterprises, unincorporated groups, community associations or individuals who have a new solution for addressing the rising cost of living.

We are particularly interested in ideas that:

- Have the potential to remove the deep-rooted obstacles faced by those most affected by the cost of living crisis
- Can deliver significant and long-lasting social impact by helping individuals live more dignified and fulfilling lives

We'll award £50,000 to the challenge winner and provide a tailored package of support to all shortlisted applicants.

After you have expressed your interest in the programme, you will be invited to talk with our team members to support you through the application process.

Submit your expression of interest **here**.

The deadline for applications is **Monday 31 July**.



CARNOUSTIE GOLF LINKS

Community Benefits Programme 2023 applications are now open!

We are thrilled to let you know that our Community Benefits Programme is back and currently welcoming applications for 2023!

Last year, we donated over 42k to local individuals and charities, and since 2014 we've donated a total of over £270,000 in Community Benefits. We are dedicated to making a difference and are extremely proud to be able to support local good causes.

Find out more about our Community Benefits Programme and how to apply **here**.



ANGUS EMPLOYABILITY HIVE

Calling all third sector organisations who provide employability type activities within Angus

We require to map employability provision across Angus so we accurately identify gaps and priority groups for future investment, we also wish to avoid any duplication of services.

We would be grateful if you could fill in our Employability Provision in Angus Mapping form by **Friday the 5th of May**.

If your organisation has no provision in Angus currently, please send a nil return. Your assistance in this matter is most appreciated.

Access the form **here**.



LONG TERM UNEMPLOYED PROGRAMME (LTU)

2023/24 programme

You may already be aware of the Long Term Unemployed (LTU) Programme which in 2022/23 saw 30 participants over the age of 25 and who had been unemployed for more than 12 months complete paid work placements. To date, 22 of those individuals have moved into sustainable employment as a result of the programme.

All placements are paid at the Real Living Wage which is currently £10.90ph and all salary costs (including employer costs) are met by the fund. All participants are also required to undertake certified or accredited industry recognised training during the placement and the fund also covers the cost of this.

Funding has been secured to run the programme again in 2023/24 and the criteria has been amended to also include those aged 20–24 who have been unemployed for six months or more as well as individuals aged 25 or over who have been unemployed for 12 months or more.

You can find more information on the programme in the Placement Form [here](#).

If you are in a position to offer a fully funded opportunity we'd love to hear from you! You can email us on **LTU@angus.gov.uk** or call on **07919 187 538**.

Are you a public or 3rd sector organisation?

Can you offer an entry level work placement?

For more information please email us at LTU@angus.gov.uk or call 01307 492039



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NHS TAYSIDE

We are looking for a Hearing Aid Support Volunteer

We are looking for a Hearing Aid Support Volunteer to provide a friendly face and practical help for all presenting patients with hearing aid queries.

Duties include:

- To provide contact details of where further help or information can be obtained.
- To make appointments at Kings Cross Audiology Dept for patients whose hearing aid problems cannot be resolved by the procedures the volunteer has been trained to undertake
- To complete details of service provided and of those requesting support for audiology audit



You can find more information [here](#)

Could you be a Volunteer Service Befriender?

We are looking for a Voluntary Service Befriender to help socially isolated patients in the community.

Main tasks:

- To support an allocated patient through engagement in a range of activities as part of an individual therapeutic plan as directed by the referring clinician.
- To encourage the client to re-engage in activities as able e.g. walking to local shop, preparing meals and shopping
- To accompany and encourage the patient to carry out a planned programme of rehabilitation to enable them to live in the community as independently as possible

Find more information [here](#)



NHS Tayside Hospitality Volunteer wanted!

We are looking for a Hospitality Volunteer in Angus to support staff by providing hospitality and company for people attending the wellbeing cafe.

Duties include:

- Serve light refreshments to visitors throughout the day
- Spend time with visitors and take part in activities
- Respect patient confidentiality

Find more information **here**



THE MANNA PROJECT

Cooking Volunteer wanted!

The Manna Project is based in Carnoustie Baptist Church. It's a two-part operation, working to tackle food poverty and providing free light lunches once a week through the Manna café.

We are looking for someone with a community-focused mindset, good communication, and interpersonal skills, with crucially, the necessary cooking skills and preferably some knowledge of how a small commercial-type kitchen works, to join the Manna Community Cafe Team as a volunteer.

Find more information **here**



SUSTAINABLE KIRRIEMUIR

Can you help take our organisation to the next level?

We are now ready to take our organisation to the next level and apply for charity status. We would like to invite a few more trustees to help us with our plans.

We especially need board members with experience in human resources, legal, fundraising or business development.

Find more information **here**



HOSPITALFIELD

New 8 week programme for people with experience of long term health conditions

We are looking for participants to join us for a new 8 week programme at Hospitalfield in partnership with Tayside Healthcare Arts Trust (THAT), for people with experience of long term health conditions.

This programme is a great opportunity for those who want to explore their creativity, the garden, and work on an artistic project in a group with no experience needed.

The programme will begin 16th May (please register by 8th May)

Find more information and how to register **here**.



SCOTTISH REFUGEE COUNCIL

Refugee Awareness and Right to Work Session for Employers

This session is delivered by Scottish Refugee Council in partnership with Discover Work Dundee, Angus Employability Hive and Perth & Kinross Local Employability Partnership.

Refugees are in the news all the time at the moment which brings up certain questions, for example, what's the difference between a refugee, asylum seeker and a migrant? Are they a group of potential candidates we can recruit from? How can we as an employer offer them employment opportunities or check if they have the right to work?

This session will help you to understand the different terminology that is used, what rights and entitlements people have, challenges that they face when they seek employment in the UK and what you can do as an employer to support them in the recruitment process.

Where and when?

Thursday 4th May 2023 from 10am–12pm, this is an online session via Zoom

Register for the session **here**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to join the session.

If you are unable to attend this session and you are interested in attending a future session, please contact **employability@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk**



ANGUS CYCLE HUB

Community Active and Sustainable Travel Consultation Events

We are holding consultation events designed to bring together stakeholders, community members, and individuals who are passionate about promoting sustainable travel and active transportation within our community. There will also be opportunities for attendees to share their ideas and collaborate on potential solutions to some of the challenges facing our community.

Where and when?

- Saturday 29th April 12am – 4pm at Angus Cycle Hub
- Thursday 4th May from 7pm – 9pm at Angus Cycle Hub

For further information contact info@anguscyclehub.co.uk



ANGUS BOOK FEST

Angus Book Fest Pop-up Charity Shop

The Angus Bookfest Pop-up Charity Shop will be running from Saturday 13th May – Saturday 27th May, located behind Goody 2 Shoos on High St, Montrose.

We are open for donations at the Goody 2 Shoos, 149 High Street, Montrose from Tuesday 2nd May!

We are looking for:

Clothing, books and bric-a-brac (all items must be in good condition)

Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Live Better, Longer Event

The Angus Prevention and Proactive Care Programme Group are committed to working with communities of Angus and a wide range of stakeholders to increase healthy life expectancy and reduce health inequalities.

This event is open to Angus residents, stakeholders, collaborators, and partners with an interest in improving health and wellbeing outcomes in Angus.

Where and when?

Thursday 11th May at the Reid Hall, Forfar from 9.30am-1pm

Book a place [here](#)



PROTECTING PEOPLE ANGUS

Financial Harm in Angus Conference

This conference will explore financial harm and links to domestic abuse.

Workshops include:

- Scams & Angus Financial Abuse Support Team
- MARAC & Police Scotland's response to Economic Abuse
- Economic Abuse Post separation
- Substance misuse and Domestic Abuse

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Where and when?

Friday 2nd June at St Andrew's Church, Arbroath from 10am- 3:30pm

You can find further information and register [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 3rd May**.

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