

Voluntary Action Angus **Weekly Bulletin**

18th April 2025

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Third Sector Interface



This week's content covers:

Angus Youth Volunteering
Angus Community Resilience Roadshows
Free Dementia Clinic Appointments
Funding Opportunities
Angus CONECT
Minor Injuries & Illness Units Drop-in Sessions
Parental Employability Event

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



VOLUNTARY ACTION ANGUS

Angus Third Sector Employability Networking Event

Voluntary Action Angus will be hosting their Third Sector Employability Networking Event on **Tuesday 20th May**.

Attendees will come together to explore key topics focused on strengthening all stages of employability provision and partnerships. Whether you offer opportunities for early stage pre-employment support, or your focus is long-term employment outcomes, this event is designed to collectively maximise impact, make connections and drive meaningful change across Angus.

This opportunity is open to anyone involved in delivering services that support personal development and growth – helping individuals move towards a positive destination.

Key Features:

- Create meaningful connections among third sector providers to encourage collaboration and knowledge-sharing.
- Gain practical insights and strategies to enhance employability support in the region.
- Develop new partnerships and initiatives that strengthen employability services.

A buffet lunch will be provided and you can sign up via Eventbrite [here](#).

VOLUNTARY ACTION ANGUS

Angus Third Sector Employability Networking Event

A networking event for employability and pre-employability providers.
Connect, Communicate and **Collaborate** to strengthen support in Angus.

Come along to:

- Explore key topics focussed on strengthening all stages of employability
- Develop new relationships to spark collaboration
- Share experiences and learn from others to maximise impact
- Gain new practical insights and perspectives from within the wider sector

Where and when?

📅 Tuesday 20 May 2025 📍 VAA, The Cross, Forfar, DD8 1BX ⌚ 9.30am–2.30pm

📅 Book your place via [Eventbrite!](#)

For more information please call **01307 466113** or email info@voluntaryactionangus.org.uk



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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN ANGUS

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ANGUS YOUTH VOLUNTEERING

Are you aged **12-25**? Live in **Angus**? Would you like to get involved in your **community**? Our Youth Development Worker can help!

Our Youth Development Worker can help young people:



Get started with
volunteering



Get involved in
your community



Increase confidence,
ambition and help
realise potential

Saltire Awards

The Saltire Awards are the Scottish Government's way of celebrating, recognising, and rewarding the commitment, contribution, and achievements of young volunteers in Scotland, aged between 12 and 25.



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Parental Employability Event

An employability event will be held for parents at the Outreach and Administration Hub (previously known as Old and Abbey Church hall) in Arbroath on **June 2nd 2025**.

The event will have all the wrap around services that parents may require on their employability journey. There will also be childcare available for parents and carers if they would like to chat to service providers without having their children with them.



Parent Pathways
LAUNCHING YOUR CAREER JOURNEY

A **FREE** event to empower parents with the skills, knowledge and support they need to succeed in their career. Whether you are looking to re-enter the workforce, considering a career change or want to develop your skills.

Come along and speak to our service providers who can offer support and advice in all aspects of your family life.

2 June 2025, 10am – 1pm
Outreach and Administration Hub, Arbroath
(previously known as the Old and Abbey Church Hall)

A **FREE** creche is available from Rise and Shine Childcare.

To book a session at the creche for your child/children or if you would like more information please contact Louise on 07407 876306 or email SmithL2@angus.gov.uk

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Department for Work & Pensions

ANGUS HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

The Future of Minor Injury and Illness Services in Angus

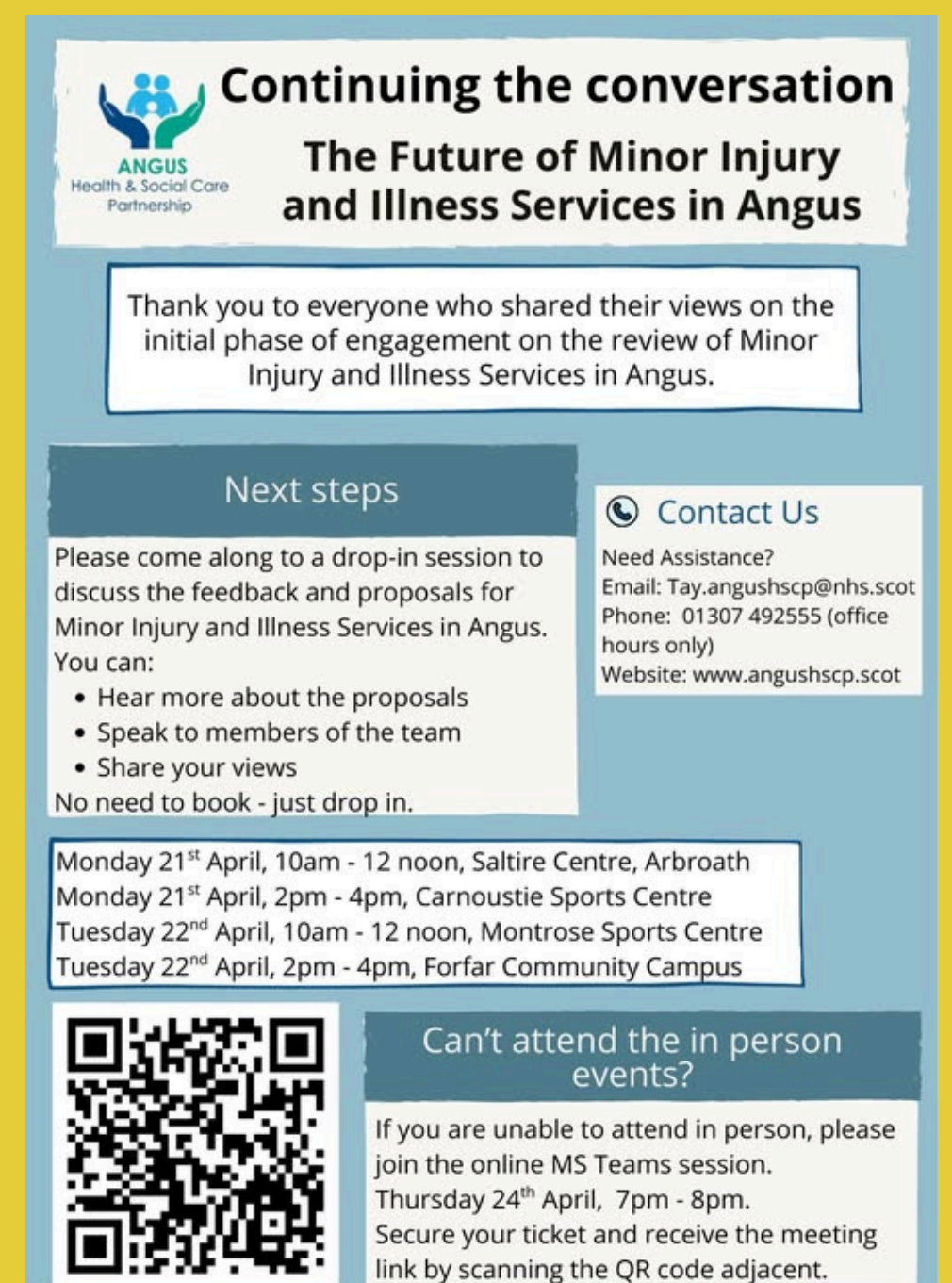
Continuing the conversation – The Future of Minor Injury and Illness Services in Angus.

Angus Health & Social Care Partnership are hosting drop-in sessions over the coming weeks to discuss the feedback and proposals for Minor Injury and Illness Services in Angus.

No need to book – just drop in to any of the in-person sessions.

If you are unable to attend in person, please join the online MS Teams session on Thursday 24th April, 7pm – 8pm. You can secure your place [here](#)

For further information, email: Tay.angushscp@nhs.scot or call: 01307 492555 (office hours only).



Continuing the conversation
The Future of Minor Injury and Illness Services in Angus

Thank you to everyone who shared their views on the initial phase of engagement on the review of Minor Injury and Illness Services in Angus.

Next steps

Please come along to a drop-in session to discuss the feedback and proposals for Minor Injury and Illness Services in Angus. You can:

- Hear more about the proposals
- Speak to members of the team
- Share your views

No need to book - just drop in.

Monday 21st April, 10am - 12 noon, Saltire Centre, Arbroath
Monday 21st April, 2pm - 4pm, Carnoustie Sports Centre
Tuesday 22nd April, 10am - 12 noon, Montrose Sports Centre
Tuesday 22nd April, 2pm - 4pm, Forfar Community Campus

Contact Us
Need Assistance?
Email: Tay.angushscp@nhs.scot
Phone: 01307 492555 (office hours only)
Website: www.angushscp.scot

Can't attend the in person events?

If you are unable to attend in person, please join the online MS Teams session. Thursday 24th April, 7pm - 8pm. Secure your ticket and receive the meeting link by scanning the QR code adjacent.

BARNARDO'S WORKS TAYSIDE

Employability4All Programme Drop-Ins

Calling all young people and young parents in Brechin!

Starting Wednesday 23rd April, Debbie and Amy have a new drop-in for you 10am – 12noon at JARS Community Hub.

See details in the attached flyer for all drop-ins. Please pop in for a chat.



The flyer features a header with the 'Employability4All' logo and a graphic of hands shaking. Below this is the Barnardo's Scotland logo with the tagline 'Changing childhoods. Changing lives.' The main title is 'Barnardo's Employability4All Programme - Drop-Ins'. The text lists drop-in locations and times: MoHub (Montrose) - Mondays 10-2, JARS Community Hub (Brechin) - Wednesdays 10-12, D&A College (Arbroath) Community Space - Wednesdays 1-3, and The Cross (Forfar) - Fridays 1-3. It specifies that places are available for unemployed young people living in Angus, aged 20-24, and unemployed young parents under age 25. A list of services includes confidence building, work experience, skills training, CV building, interview skills, and job search support. Contact information for Debbie and Amy is provided, along with email addresses and a phone number. The flyer also mentions the Facebook page 'Barnardo's Works Tayside' and includes logos for the Scottish Government and Angus Council at the bottom.

Barnardo's Employability4All Programme - Drop-Ins

DROP-IN TO SEE US FOR A CHAT @ MoHub (Montrose) - Mondays 10-2
JARS Community Hub (Brechin) - Wednesdays 10-12
D&A College (Arbroath) Community Space—Wednesdays 1-3
The Cross (Forfar) - Fridays 1-3

WE HAVE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN ANGUS, AGE 20-24, AND UNEMPLOYED YOUNG PARENTS UNDER AGE 25.

Do you need help in areas such as:

- Confidence building
- Work experience
- Skills, Training and Qualifications (funding available)
- CV Building
- Interview Skills and Preparation
- Job Search and Application Support

Debbie and Amy look forward to meeting you .

deborah.long@barnardos.org.uk / amy.younger@barnardos.org.uk
07710 019865 / 07763219071

Or PM our Facebook page "Barnardo's Works Tayside"

Barnardo's Charity Nos. 216250 / SC037605

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ANGUS CARERS CENTRE

Board of Trustees Volunteers Required

If you're passionate about making a real difference in your community, Angus Carers Centre is looking for inspiring and committed Board Members to help shape their future and the future of support for unpaid carers in Angus.

They provide life-changing support to unpaid carers aged 8 and over. As a board member, you'll guide their team, shape their strategy, and ensure they continue to thrive. If you have leadership experience, a passion for the third sector, and the ability to work collaboratively with staff and other trustees, they'd love to hear from you!

If you are interested please call 01241 439157 or email: laura.nicol@anguscarers.org.uk.



The flyer has a pink and white color scheme. It features the Angus Carers Centre logo at the top left. The main text is 'Board of Trustees Volunteers wanted!'. Below this, it states 'We are looking for volunteers to become part of our Board of Trustees'. A section titled 'Volunteers will:' lists responsibilities: being an integral part of governance, helping to shape the future, and attending at least one Board meeting per month. To the right is an icon of hands holding a gear. Below the responsibilities, it says 'We are looking for someone who: has experience in:' followed by a list of skills: Business development, Social Enterprise, Financial Planning, Learning and Development, Strategic Planning, and Marketing. At the bottom left is an icon of a group of people. The footer includes contact information: email, phone number, and address (8 Grant Road, Arbroath DD11 1JN).

Angus Carers Centre
supporting carers

Board of Trustees Volunteers wanted!

We are looking for volunteers to become part of our Board of Trustees

Volunteers will:

Be an integral part of the governance of Angus Carers Centre. Helping to shape our future.
You will be asked to attend at least one Board meeting per month either in person or virtually.

We are looking for someone who: has experience in;

- Business development
- Social Enterprise
- Financial Planning
- Learning and Development
- Strategic Planning
- Marketing

If you are interested in this role, please contact Laura Nicol:

laura.nicol@anguscarers.org.uk 01241 439157 8 Grant Road, Arbroath DD11 1JN

CHEST HEART & STROKE SCOTLAND

Women's Online Health Support Group

A weekly support group is available for women affected by a chest, heart or stroke condition or Long Covid.

The group meets online via Zoom every Thursday, 11am – 12 noon and provides an opportunity for you to meet other women in a safe, online space to get the help and support you need. Full details in the flyer.



**Join our online
WOMEN'S HEALTH
SUPPORT GROUP**

Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland

A weekly support group for women affected by a chest, heart or stroke condition or Long Covid.

The group is here to help you to;

- better manage your long-term health condition
- get support from other women and share your own experiences
- discuss women's health topics in general such as menopause and caring responsibilities and how this affects your life.

The group meets via Zoom **every Thursday from 11am–12pm** and provides an opportunity for you to meet other women in a safe online space and get the help and support you need.

If you'd like to find out more please **scan the QR code** or email peersupportteam@chss.org.uk

**NO LIFE
HALF LIVED**

www.chss.org.uk

Registered with and regulated by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland is a wholly Scottish charity. It also operates as CHSS and is registered in Scotland as a company limited by guarantee, no. SC129114.

SCOTTISH INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

FOI: A User's Guide - FREE Webinar

Want to make the most of your freedom of information (FOI) rights in Scotland? Join in this free webinar celebrating 20 years of FOI in Scotland by learning how to make successful FOI requests, tackle common challenges, and receive timely, accurate responses.

What you'll learn:

- How to make effective FOI requests
- Solutions to common challenges
- Real-world FOI success stories
- Tips for a smooth process

Dates: 29th April 2025 | 14:00 – 15:30
30th April 2025 | 18:00 – 19:00

Where: Online (via Microsoft Teams). Register [here](#).

For more details contact: enquiries@foi.scot



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SURF - SCOTLAND'S REGENERATION FORUM

May SURF Award Shared Learning Workshops and 2025 SURF Awards Launch

At these events, attendees will have the opportunity to learn from SURF Award winners and highly commended projects, before opening to a wider policy discussion with national partners.

The 4 workshops are now open for bookings:

- [Delivering housing led regeneration projects](#) (1st May, Edinburgh)
- [Overcoming barriers to employability](#) (8th May, Glasgow)
- [Investing in place-based regeneration](#) (15th May, Glasgow)
- [Creativity in regeneration](#) (22nd May, Glasgow)

All of the events are listed on the SURF website [events page](#).

In addition to the workshops, a 2025 SURF Award Launch event will be held, which will provide information on this year's process. The event will be held online on Thursday 5th June, 2pm-2.45pm. Further information [here](#).

ANGUS COUNCIL VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

Angus Community Resilience Roadshow 2025

Angus Community Resilience Roadshows are taking place from 28th April. They will be visiting Kirriemuir, Montrose, Arbroath and Brechin.

Full details are in the attached flyer.



**ANGUS COMMUNITY
RESILIENCE ROADSHOW
2025**

We're on the road to raise awareness of the importance of community resilience!

Angus Council, SSEN, Scottish Flood Forum, Emergency Services and other resilience groups and partners will be on hand to support and advise you on how you can plan, respond and recover from adverse events.

Our roadshow will showcase what support, resources and equipment that is available to assist you.

If it's advice for you, your family, friends and your community you need, we can help, so please come along.

Monday 28 April, 2pm-7pm
Kirriemuir Fire Station, Glengate, DD8 4JG

Tuesday 29 April, 2pm-7pm
Montrose Playhouse, The Mall, DD10 8NN

Wednesday 30 April, 3pm-7.30pm
Arbroath Saltire Centre, Montrose Rd, DD11 5JN

Thursday 1 May, 2pm-7pm
Brechin City FC, Glebe Park, DD9 6BJ

For more information please email Jennifer Anderson at communityresilience@angus.gov.uk

Everyone who attends will be entered into a **FREE PRIZE DRAW**

Logos: Angus Council Vibrant Communities, Angus Community Resilience, Scottish Rural Development Programme, Angus Rural Partnership, Scottish Government, Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks.

Supported by Angus Rural Partnership with funding from the Scottish Government's Rural Community Led Local Development Fund 2024-2025, part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme

EDINBURGH NAPIER UNIVERSITY

Invitation to Participate in Research on Social Enterprises in Scotland

Edinburgh Napier University is pleased to invite you to take part in the research study ***Exploring Barriers Faced by Social Enterprises in Scotland***.

What is this research about?

This study examines how social enterprises in Scotland engage with two sets of standards: *the People and Planet First verification standards* and *the Voluntary Code of Practice for Social Enterprises in Scotland*. It aims to identify the factors that make it easier or more challenging for social enterprises to meet these standards, why some may find one easier to follow than the other, and the differences in awareness, interpretation, and adoption between the two. Additionally, the research explores the challenges social enterprises face in aligning with aspects of the Voluntary Code, as well as broader barriers to growth and long-term sustainability within the sector. Your input will help shape future support strategies for social enterprises in Scotland.

Who is conducting and funding the research?

This research is partially funded by Social Enterprise Scotland and supported pro bono by Edinburgh Napier University. The research is being conducted by Dr Wendy Wu, Principal Investigator, and Dr Ivana Popovic, Research Assistant, staff members at Edinburgh Napier University.

You can participate by completing the survey by 2nd May – it takes no more than 30 minutes. You can access the survey [here](#).

You can also participate in a focus group discussion. To register, email: i.popovic@napier.ac.uk with your availability for the following dates:

- 14 April – 12:00–2:00 PM
- 15 April – 12:00–2:00 PM
- 23 April – 1:00–3:00 PM
- 25 April – 12:00–2:00 PM
- 28 April – 12:00–2:00 PM
- 2 May – 12:00–2:00 PM

You can also take part in a one-on-one interview, lasting no more than one hour. To register, please email i.popovic@napier.ac.uk with your availability.

Please take a moment to carefully read the Participant Information Sheet, Privacy Notice, and Consent Form before making your decision. These documents are available [here](#).

FREE Nationwide face to face dementia clinic appointments - Dundee

This venture is a partnership between Nationwide and Dementia UK, offering 45-minute appointments with a dementia specialist nurse in their branches. The dementia specialist nurses, called Admiral Nurses, can offer advice to families and carers about:

- worries about memory problems and other possible [symptoms of dementia](#)
- [how to get a diagnosis](#)
- understanding the diagnosis and how the condition progresses
- practical tips for caring for someone who lives with dementia
- adapting to and coping with changes in behaviour
- [financial and legal issues](#)
- transitions in care, including moving into [residential care](#)
- emotional support, including anticipatory [grief, bereavement and loss](#)

Appointment location and dates

- [Dundee, 59 Reform Street DD1 1TF – 20th, 21st and 22nd May](#)

If you are unable to book online you can send a text message with the word: APPOINTMENT to 07478 724000, and they will call you to help you make a booking.

If you have any questions about the clinics please contact nationwide@dementiauk.org. However, if you need immediate support contact Dementia UK's Helpline on 0800 888 6678.

You can find out more about Admiral Nurses [here](#).



Dementia clinics

In partnership with Nationwide Fairer Futures

Dementia UK is offering free, confidential clinic appointments with a specialist dementia nurse, known as an Admiral Nurse – coming to your local branch soon. You don't need to be a Nationwide customer. Everyone is welcome.

Your nearest branch clinic is

Dundee Nationwide Branch (59 Reform St, DD1 1TF) on 20th, 21st and 22nd May



To book your appointment, please visit dementiauk.org/nationwide, scan the QR code or speak to a Nationwide colleague in your branch. If you are unable to book online send a text message with the word: APPOINTMENT to **0747 872 4000**, and we will call you to help make a booking

If you have any questions about the clinics please contact nationwide@dementiauk.org.

For immediate support, contact Dementia UK's Helpline on **0800 888 6678** or book a phone or video appointment at dementiauk.org/book



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Angus CONECT - The Angus Council Community Benefits Gateway

Angus Council's Community Benefit Gateway – Angus CONECT (Community Outreach for Need, Engagement and Teamwork) – helps council-appointed contractors and suppliers give something back to the community.

How it works:

Community groups submit requests for help. These requests then go on a requests list. Suppliers use the requests list to choose the requests they can help with.

Many groups and organisations in Angus have already benefitted. Maybe yours could too? Requests could be for things like:

- donation of materials: pallets, paint or something else
- volunteers: for things like litter picking, cleaning or driving
- specialist skills or expertise from a tradesperson or trained professional sponsorship
- services: printing, design or help with a website
- upskilling and training courses such as first aid, and mental health first aid
- Something else – they're open to ideas!

Who can apply:

You can submit a request if you are an Angus-based community group, organisation, association, social enterprise or charity.

With regards to multiple requests, your group can have up to three requests on the requests list at a time. It's best to submit separate requests if you are looking for more than one type of help, even if it's for the same project. For example, if you are looking for volunteers and materials for an event your group is organising, submit these as two separate requests.

Submitting a request:

If you are eligible, submit a request using the online form [here](#).

More information

All the information you need can be found on the Community Benefits webpage [here](#).

If you have a question about community benefits that hasn't been answered above, email: communitybenefits@angus.gov.uk.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Aldi - Scottish Sport Fund - Dundee & Tayside

The Aldi Scottish Sport fund is a Scotland-wide, community-based sport programme designed to make it easier for kids to take part in sports within their local communities by giving clubs the chance to secure funding.

The Aldi Scottish Sport Fund is open to any sporting organisation in Scotland with registered charity status, from rugby clubs to after school groups and everything in between. Groups can apply for funding for a wide range of purposes, such as new strips, equipment or to subsidise transports costs.

Find out more and apply [here](#).

Children in Need Big Sky Grants - Info Sessions

This programme will offer grants of up to £5,000 to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children aged 8-13 living in island and remote rural communities.

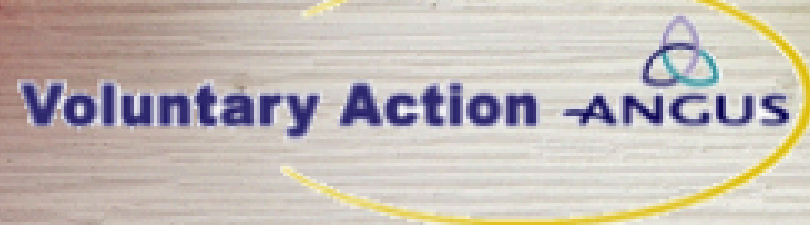
Grants are for early support to prevent problems developing at a later stage and could be through things like sports groups, art classes, and youth clubs. This is also part of their commitment to funding grassroots organisations who provide vital positive relationships to support children and young people.

Find Out More

Applications will be by invitation only. BBC CiN Scotland are running information sessions and encourage organisations interested in applying (or curious to learn more!) to join them. The sessions will cover who the fund is for, what types of work it can support and how to apply. There will also be opportunities to ask questions and speak to the BBC CiN Scotland Grant Officers.

The next session will take place online via Teams on Wednesday 23rd April at 2pm. To register please e-mail cin.scotland@bbc.co.uk with your name and organisation. If you have any accessibility needs, please let them know.

You can find out more information about Big Sky which is a part of their A Million and Me programme on their [website](#).



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HAPPY

Easter

WEEKEND

From us all at Voluntary Action Angus

SUBMITTING YOUR CONTENT

Would you like something added to our next bulletin? If so, send your submission to mcinallyh@voluntaryactionangus.org.uk by **5pm** on **Wednesday 23rd April**.

CATCH UP WITH OLDER CONTENT

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