

Voluntary Action Angus

Weekly Bulletin

5th April




Third Sector Interface



This weeks content covers:

**Exhibition of Angus Third Sector
Angus Community Connector App!
New grief cafe
Funding
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

Exhibition of Angus Third Sector - sign up!

Is your organisation a third sector service provider? Would you like to showcase your organisation to a range of leads and professionals working across sectors within Angus?

A dedicated space will be provided at our upcoming “Getting to Know VAA” event for an exhibition of Third Sector displays and promotional materials.

Find out more and register your organisation [here](#).



Download the Angus Community Connector!

In case you missed it, the Angus Community Connector website and app are now live!

The Angus Community Connector website and app helps find all third sector organisations, services, community groups and social enterprises, in Angus.

Download the app on both IOS and Android devices! Simply search for it in your app store.

If you're interested in adding your third sector organisation to the Angus Community Connector, complete our online form [here](#).



Telephone befriender volunteers wanted!

Have you considered taking on the role of a Telephone Befriender and making a positive impact on someone's day?

We are looking for volunteers to take on this highly rewarding role of Telephone Befriending!

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



FORFAR GRIEF CAFE

New grief cafe coming soon

This is a space in Forfar for those 16+ to talk about bereavement.

Where and when?

Doors open on Monday 15th April from 7pm-8.30pm at Forfar Guide Centre, The Myre, Forfar.

For more information email Cindy at cindy.morris@coop.co.uk



FORFAR GRIEF CAFE

Peer Support...
People Supporting
Each Other

Time Space Compassion...to talk about bereavement.
Open door on...

Monday 15th April 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Forfar Guide Centre
The Myre
Forfar
DD8 1AZ

16yrs plus
(and no longer
in school education)



PLANET YOUTH

Ernie's Emporium

Ernie's Emporium is an interactive experience for children aged 3 to 12 and their parents, carers and families based in Forfar and Kirriemuir.

Ernie has exactly what you need...even if you didn't know you needed it. Just pop on in for a blether!

Find out more and book your free tickets [here](#).



BRECHIN CATHEDRAL TRUST

Are you interested in preserving heritage skills?

Brechin Cathedral Trust has been formed to re-engage the usage of our landmark as a centre for the community.

We have adopted C.H.A.T operating model - embodying our focus on Community, Heritage, Arts and Tourism.

In the heritage space we are looking to become a hub for skills at risk of being lost. Stained glass, stonemasonry, weaving, woodturning and more crafts we hope to keep alive.

We very much want to hear from any and all people who want to partner or become more involved in this endeavour.

Get in touch with us at info@brechincathedral.co.uk



UK GOVERNMENT

Community Ownership Fund Round 4 now open

Voluntary and community groups can bid for match funding to help them buy or take over local community assets at risk of being lost, to run as community-owned businesses.

Round 4 is the final round of Community Ownership Fund and there will be two bidding windows:

- Window 1 opened for applications on 25 March 2024 and will close on 10 April 2024.
- Round 4 Window 2 will open in late May

Find out more and apply **here**.



ALZHEIMER SCOTLAND

What's on April - Angus groups

The Alzheimer Scotland Angus community groups are there to be enjoyed by anyone living with dementia or experiencing difficulties with their memory, including their families and friends.

Find out what's on at the Alzheimer Scotland Angus groups throughout April **here**.



CHEST HEART & STROKE SCOTLAND



No Life Half Lived/ Support the NHS

We believe there should be No Life Half Lived in Scotland. With your support, we can make sure people with chest, heart and stroke conditions and Long Covid can do more than survive – they can really live.

We're hosting three online events over the next few months, running from 10.30am – 12pm.

When?

- Thursday 25th April
- Wednesday 8th May
- Wednesday 5th June

Join us to hear about our Community Healthcare Support Services model, meet CHSS colleagues, connect and ask questions with likeminded local health and care professionals, and find out how we can work together to achieve this mission and support the NHS.

Sign up [here](#).



SAMARITANS

Lived experience opportunities

We are developing a range of opportunities for people with lived experience to be involved in the work that we do.

This could involve working alongside us on specific projects, joining an advisory group, or becoming a Board Member.

If you have experience of suicidal thoughts, self-harm or you've lost someone to suicide, we'd like your help to shape the work we do.

Complete our survey or sign up to a focus group [here](#).

VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

The Volunteer Skills Award

Delivery can be flexible to suit the needs of individuals or groups and adapted to take into account whether candidates already volunteer or are new to volunteering.

The Volunteering Skills Award is open to learners of any age.

Each Award has three mandatory units

- Preparing to Volunteer
- Volunteering Experience
- Volunteering: Investigative Project SCQF Levels 3,4 or 5



Where and when?

The course is delivered in the Community Lounge in Arbroath Academy on Wednesdays from 1pm-2.30pm

For more information call **01241 464628** or email **BSCommunities@angus.gov.uk**

Spring Family Fun

Come along and enjoy the fun, free activities and lunch!

There will be: Family activities, including arts and crafts, music, games, local organisations and much more!

Where and when?

Arbroath - Keptie Scout Hall, 7 Keptie Street on Wednesday 10 April from 11am-1pm

Brechin - Andover Primary School, Drumachlie Park on Thursday 11 April from 11am-1pm

No booking required, just come along on the day!
Children must be accompanied by an adult



For more information or dietary requirements contact **01241 464628** or email **bscommunities@angus.gov.uk**

ABILITYNET

Tech Volunteer needed!



Do you have a passion for the power of technology?

As an AbilityNet Tech volunteer you can help unleash the power of technology to ensure that older people and disabled people are not excluded from the digital world.

Find out more and apply **here**.

ANGUSALIVE

Could you be a Library Volunteer?

ANGUSalive Libraries are looking for Library Volunteers to assist staff in delivering a high quality service for our Arbroath library.

Find out more and apply **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 10th April**.

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