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The Academy arrives in the Scottish Borders

Annie Watt has recently joined the Academy team. She is the learning coordinator of the new learning and development project in the Scottish Borders, based in the Social Enterprise Chamber office in St Boswells.

With support from the Scottish Borders Leader Programme, European Community, and Scottish Government the Academy will soon be offering leadership and enterprise programmes, fully funded, to learners from Eyemouth to Moffat.

For more information contact annie@theacademy-ssea.org or 01835 823122 to register your interest or to find out more.

Cheque abolition u-turn

The Payments Council has cancelled its target of abolishing cheques in 2018 and said they will be available "for as long as customers need them". The Payments Council, the industry body that sets the strategy for UK payment systems, had proposed phasing out cheques by October 2018.

Launch of £7m funding for social enterprise!

The Scottish government has launched two programmes offering a total of £7m in funding for business support for social enterprises and other voluntary sector organisations.

The £4m Enterprise Growth Fund will offer grants of between £25,000 and £200,000. It is aimed at securing the long-term future of social enterprises and voluntary sector bodies by developing their organisational structures and income streams.

The £3m Just Enterprise programme will offer a range of business support services for social entrepreneurs and third sector organisations through an "online hub". For more information go to www.justenterprise.org.uk

HM Revenue & Customs data shows Gift Aid totaled £1.06bn in the year ending April 2011

Gift Aid on charitable donations rose by 4.2 per cent to £1.06bn in the tax year ending 5 April 2011, according to HM Revenue & Customs.

The amount of Gift Aid claimed increased from just under £1.02bn in 2009/10, the data shows. HMRC received about 64,600 Gift Aid claims, compared with 68,300 in the previous year, of which 47,000 were for amounts under £5,000.

Report by Deloitte says CIOs have disadvantages compared with regular companies

The new charitable incorporated organisation legal form will not be suitable for larger charities because it will not allow them to borrow money, according to a report published by the accountancy firm Deloitte (www.deloitte.com).

The form is intended to allow charities to be incorporated organisations that are not companies, meaning they will need to register with the charity regulator, but not with Companies House. The report also says that the law governing other legal forms available to charity has evolved over hundreds of years, but CIOs are a new legal entity and it will be some time before the law on them has evolved.

Scotland Rules!

Scotland has a higher proportion of people who volunteer than any other region in Britain, according to new research. A survey of 3,500 people carried out on behalf of Orange RockCorps, which gives tickets for specially arranged concerts to young people who volunteer, revealed that 64 per cent of Scots volunteer. This compares with 45 per cent of people in north-east England, the region with the lowest volunteering rate.

Of people that do volunteer, Scots spend the most amount of time per week doing so – an average of 2.7 hours per week. Volunteers in London and south-east England spend the least time volunteering, with an average of 2 hours per week. Of those that volunteer, 45 per cent raise money for charity.

Of those that raise money, Scottish volunteers raised the most money in the past year - an average of £450 per person a year. The region in which fundraisers raised the smallest average amount was the Midlands, an average of £269 per person a year.

News from John Ayscough Creative Director of Colourful Bernard

Over the coming year we have put together a program of visual art events and exhibitions to take place in a new gallery called 'bump', a rural exhibition space based in the Scottish Borders.

Each exhibition will take place over a Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, approximately 6 weeks apart. We will kick off this program of events with a short film by artist Richard Ashrowan entitled 'MUTUS FLORIS'; an invitation poster is attached.

In due course, the Bump Galley Facebook page will be set up for you to follow news and events etc.

MUTUS FLORIS will be shown on Friday 26th of August from 6.30pm to 9.00pm and again on Saturday 27th from 1.00pm to 4pm.

For more detail about Richard and his work please visit www.ashrowan.com or Blog <http://richardashrowan.tumblr.com>

Community groups will be charged to play recorded music

Community sector leaders have expressed shock at the decision by the music licensing authority PPL to charge a fee of 1 per cent of community groups' income to play recorded music in public places.

The Community Sector Law Monitoring Group, which examines legislation that will affect community organisations, said in a statement that it had believed it was in "productive negotiation" with PPL until it received a letter from it last month announcing its intention to levy the charge on community groups unless their income is under £10,000 per year. Groups with incomes of under £10,000 will pay a flat rate of £42.

Annual Scottish Parliament Reception

This year's event will be held on Tuesday 15 November to celebrate social enterprises across Scotland, with MSPs and Ministers. We will announce more details closer to the time. Contact sine.munro@ssec.org.uk to express your interest in free exhibition space.

Good news for community-owned shops

Community-owned shops in Scotland are set to receive a boost with the announcement of a new three-year funding package for their support organisation, the Community Retailing Network (CRN). The package is made up of £82,100 from the Esmee Fairburn Foundation, £36,000 from Highlands & Islands Enterprise and £15,000 from The Co-operative Group. There are currently 21 community-owned shops across Scotland and a further eight under development.

Some Diary Dates:

Safer Communities: It's Everyone's Business

Date: Thursday 15 September 2011

From: 9.00am to 3.40pm

Venue: Eildon Mill, Tweedbank, Galashiels

Residents of the Scottish Borders consider their safety to be one of the most important issues to address in the Scottish Borders. The Safer Communities Team recognise that such a massive task cannot be achieved without the involvement of a wide range of organisations, from education to street cleansing, community care to environmental health, all of whom have an active role to play. The day aims to provide an understanding of achievements to date, explore and understand how problem solving techniques can be used to greater effect, and provide an opportunity for professionals and community organisations to shape the future of the safer communities agenda. For more information contact Jan Pringle jpringle@scotborders.gov.uk

DTA Scotland Annual Conference & AGM 4 & 5th September

"Development Trusts: Creating The Future"

Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld

This is the one opportunity in the year for a large number of our members to get together and make connections with people from other development trusts who are facing similar issues, have overcome similar obstacles, have completed similar projects to the ones your group are involved in and have lived to tell the tale!!!

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