

Invest in Communities - Monthly Round-up (June 2019)

Funding and Development - Information and Support

June has been a great month for meeting with local groups. Activities have included, delivery of the External Funding Workshop on 24th June and attendance at the Scottish Local Authority External Funding Officers Group (SLOG) AGM and meeting in Glasgow. The overall objective of (SLOG) is to provide a forum for external funding officers in local authorities to interact with one another, funders, partner and other relevant organisations on all matters pertaining to external funding. SLOG's activities encompass awareness raising, informing debate and networking. Presentations focused on; The National Lottery Heritage five-year Strategic Funding Framework (2019 to 2024), which includes the new Heritage Horizon Award and the National Lottery Grants for Heritage funding programmes. Further information can be found here: <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/new-look-national-lottery-heritage-fund-unveils-plans-next-five-years>; Corra Foundation's review process of the Henry Duncan Grants (HDG). Corra is carrying out a full review of HDG programme and want to hear from charities to help shape the future of grant making that will fit into the new Corra strategy going forward in 2020. Further information about the review can be found here: <https://twitter.com/corrascot/status/1134057048465952768>

The next SLOG meeting is scheduled for September 2019. If you would like to find out more about the SLOG please email the Invest in Renfrewshire Funding & Development Officer on econdev.community@renfrewshire.gov.uk.

The Funding & Development Officer provided one to one development funding support on an external funding application prior to submission. **Remember**, FREE one-to-one development support is available for any constituted Renfrewshire based community group looking to complete an External funding application. For more information, contact the Invest in Renfrewshire Communities Team on: econdev.community@renfrewshire.gov.uk.

Spotlight on... Robertson Trust: Wee Grants for Wee Groups

Constituted community group or small registered charity? Looking for funding of £500-£2,000 to support your work?

The Robertson Trust launched a new pilot on Thursday 27th June 2019, *Wee Grants for Wee Groups*, which is open to organisations with an annual income of up to £100,000. For the first time, this **also includes constituted groups with charitable aims, as well as registered charities.**

The pilot is expected to last for six months, until 20th December 2019, during which time eligible organisations can apply for up to £2,000 and projects/services can be fully funded, providing the work is a good fit with Robertson Trust's funding strands. Further information on the strands here: <http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/what-we-fund/our-funding-strands>

External Link: <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/what-we-fund/wee-grants-for-wee-groups>

Spotlight Funding Session: Eat Well Age Well Fund... 11th July 2019

Engage Renfrewshire in partnership with *EAT Well Age Well* are hosting a **Funding Spotlight Information Session** on the "*Eat Well Age Well Fund*" on Thursday 11th July 2019, 10.00am to 1.00pm at **Engage Renfrewshire, Paisley, PA3 1NS.**

One of the key things about the fund is that groups do not have to be a registered charity to apply, or even a constituted group! Also, individuals can apply too! So it could suit carers groups or anyone who is interested in food, diet and older people – particularly helping older people to remain living at home. It could also suit intergenerational practice, community cafes, and lunch clubs. For the first round we had a wide range of initiatives and they can include training, recipe books, raising the issue of malnutrition, healthy eating, social meals etc. For more information please go to <https://eatwellagewell.org.uk/roundtwo>

Booking details: If you would like to come along to the spotlight session then please contact smiller@engagerenfrewshire.com as soon as you can to book a place.

Current Funding Alerts - posted via our social media channels

SDS: Digital Start Fund The fund will be open for applications until the end of March 2020 (funds permitting). (https://twitter.com/dianeewa/status/1136032482195857408)	The Family and Communities Third Sector Fund Deadline: Fund opened Thursday 6 th June 2019 with funding available from April 2020. (https://twitter.com/corrascot/status/1122783284772122624)
Smarter Choices: Smarter Places Open Fund. Deadline: Ongoing	The Allen Lane Foundation. Deadline: Ongoing

https://twitter.com/PathsforAll/status/1131161546749546497	https://twitter.com/IRCommunities/status/1108643200124755968
Foundation Scotland: Nationwide Community Grants Deadline: July 5 2019 https://twitter.com/FoundationScot/status/1136233804551643138	Eat Well Age Well: Small Ideas, Big Impact Fund Deadline: August 02 2019 https://twitter.com/EatWellScot/status/1131164692943200256
Life Changes Trust: Aspirational Awards Deadline: July 21 2019 https://twitter.com/LifeChangesTrst/status/1136546905893330945	Transition Fund: Independent Living Fund Scotland Deadline: Ongoing https://twitter.com/IRCommunities/status/1095346821583568896
The Plugged-in Households Grant Fund (PiHGs Grant Fund) Deadline: August 23 2019 https://twitter.com/EnergySvgTrust/status/1134399821773713414	Carers Music Fund Deadline: July 04 2019 https://twitter.com/Spiritof2012/status/1129386479225102336
The Carers Acts Transformation Support (CATS) Deadline: July 18 2019 https://twitter.com/IRCommunities/status/1138068410972155904	DM Thomas Foundation for Young People Central Grants Deadline: July 23 and October 08 2019 https://twitter.com/IRCommunities/status/11138347779238125568
The National Lottery Community Fund Scotland: Community Assets grant. Deadline: October 04 2019 https://twitter.com/TNLComFundScot/status/11110836984975712256	DWF Foundation Deadline: July 31 2019 https://twitter.com/GetGrants/status/1123514913748656128
Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund (FISCAF) Deadline: July 26 2019 https://twitter.com/IRCommunities/status/1140533332012392448	Lankelly Chase & The Robertson Trust: Hard Edges Scotland Deadline: July 24 2019 https://twitter.com/LankellyChase/status/1143856383831478275

Other funds promoted during June 2019 (deadlines now passed)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ALLIANCE Self Management Fund Deadline: June 30 2019 https://twitter.com/ALLIANCEscot/status/1118858214379073536 • Lloyds Banking Group: Credit Union Development Fund Deadline: June 30 2019 https://twitter.com/IRCommunities/status/1130770853996707840 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Government: Investing in Communities Deadline: June 14 2019 https://twitter.com/IRCommunities/status/1130768680047054849 • Inspiring Scotland: Community Play Fund Deadline: June 09 2019 https://twitter.com/PlayScotland/status/1130921833686028293
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Curriculum Fund. Deadline: June 03 2019 (https://twitter.com/CreativeScots/status/1130392124627853313) • Comic Relief Bridging the Gaps Deadline: June 28 2019 (https://twitter.com/IRCommunities/status/1140975315466031104) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRS Foundation Deadline: June 24 2019 (https://twitter.com/PRSFoundation/status/1140975015099322378)
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BOOK NOW... External Funding Workshops 2019... BOOK NOW...

Limited spaces available! Book on to our 2019 External Funding Workshops:

External Funding Information workshop (focused on **National Lottery: Awards for All and Foundation Scotland: Baillie Gifford Community Awards Programme**) delivered at:

InCube Business Base, 27 High Street, Paisley, PA1 2AF, 14:00 to 16:00. If you would like to book a place on one of the above workshops (one space per organisation please), contact the Invest in Renfrewshire, Communities Team on: econdev.community@renfrewshire.gov.uk.

- Monday 16th September, 2019 *(1 space left)*
- Monday 14th October, 2019
- Monday 11th November, 2019
- Monday 9th December, 2019

Social Enterprise Activities - June

As holiday season approaches, so there's an opportunity to review activities. Over the first two weeks in June, social enterprise support sessions have been held with organisations to help identify next steps. Among the groups previously supported, two groups are continuing to meet with their **Innovation Support** specialist and another is receiving support from a **business consultant**. Two others have been referred to the Invest in Renfrewshire **Business Growth Team** with the possibility of accessing further one to one support. Others have received **surgery sessions** with a marketing expert. If you would like to arrange a business review session with the Invest in Renfrewshire Social Enterprise Officer, please email: Econdev.community@renfrewshire.gov.uk.

Daytime and Evening Social Enterprise Sessions

- **Enterprising Ideas Workshop (Evening)** - The next evening session for our Enterprising Ideas workshop is scheduled for **25th September 2019**. Workshops commence at 6:00pm (5:45pm sign-in / registration) and conclude by 8:00pm. This is an ideal opportunity for new board members and/or volunteers to find out more about social enterprise support.
- **Social Enterprise Surgery Sessions (Day-time)** - Our surgery sessions are a great way to address specific queries about developing/growing your social enterprise. Our next surgery sessions will take place between 2:00pm–4:00pm on **Monday 26th August 2019**.

If you would like to book a place(s) on one of the above workshops, contact the Invest in Renfrewshire Communities Team on: econdev.community@renfrewshire.gov.uk.

Remember, we can deliver these sessions to your group or organisation out-with the above dates/times. If you would like to arrange a group booking, contact the Invest in Renfrewshire Communities Team on: econdev.community@renfrewshire.gov.uk. (and use the subject heading 'Social Enterprise Workshops').

Just Enterprise Programme 2019

Whilst the current Just Enterprise programme has closed, you can still add your name to the waiting list for the next round of Just Enterprise support, email: support@justenterprise.org or call 0141-425-2939. To find out more about Just Enterprise visit: www.justenterprise.org.

Social Enterprise Scotland Awards 2019

Apply by 7th July and the winners of five of the six categories will win a ticket to Social Enterprise UK's awards as well as automatically shortlisted in them. You could win Scottish Social Enterprise of the Year, pick up a ticket for SEUK's awards and qualify for a bursary to attend the 2019 Social Enterprise World Forum taking place in Addis Ababa...and then win UK Social Enterprise of the Year...so it's worth entering! Here's the link to more information about the award categories and criteria: socialenterpriseawards.scot...and here's a recent article from Social Enterprise Scotland on 'Why Should I Apply' <https://www.socialenterprisescotland.org.uk/news/1383> Re: **Social Enterprise UK's awards** - organisations and individuals in Scotland are also eligible to enter the SEUK's Awards. More info can be found [here](#). To submit a nomination visit: <https://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/uk-social-enterprise-awards-2019>.

Spotlight on...Leadership Development

If you're looking to develop leadership skills within your organisation / board, then the following may be of interest:

- **Business Gateway workshops (Paisley) 6th September 2019 – Becoming an employer** – To help you understand the process of employing people.
- **ACOSVO's Leadership Exchange Programme** – is a free initiative that pairs leaders from across sectors to improve leadership capacity between peers. Find out more here: <https://www.acosvo.org.uk/leadershipexchange>
- **Social Enterprise Academy** – Deliver regular workshops as well as bespoke learning and development packages. To discuss your needs and find out more about their bursary scheme contact Olga Wojciechowska (olga@socialenterprise.academy)
- **Join the Renfrewshire Social Enterprise Network Directory** – and share your learning with other social enterprise leaders in Renfrewshire. It's free to join, so sign up today! Download the membership form here:

<https://www.engagerenfrewshire.com/files/3314/9189/9940/SEN-Form.pdf> and return to: info@engagerenfrewshire.com

Highlights from recent social enterprise e-bulletins and newsletters

The School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE) included this item in their recent e-bulletin:

French organisation Empow'Her are currently running a study on women in social entrepreneurship in Europe and they need your help to better understand what difficulties you have met and what are your support needs. If you are a woman social entrepreneur interested in joining a European community of women changemakers then they'd love it if you could [take a few minutes to answer this survey](#).

Senscot E-bulletin (no. 982) included an article on 'Data Trends in Start-up Social Entrepreneurship' written by Josiah Lockhart of Firstport. Here's the link:

<https://senscot.net/data-trends-in-start-up-social-entrepreneurship/>

Social Firms Scotland included this item in their newsletter for June (No.49):

Senscot is hosting an event, working with NHS Health Scotland, to explore the role community cafés play within social enterprise - examining issues around sustainability and considering the different business models being used. See [details and to register](#). Further sessions on this same topic are also being organised in partnership with the [Scottish Borders SE Chamber](#) and [Glasgow SEN](#). For more info, contact mary@senscot.net

If you would like to subscribe to the above e-bulletins, here are the links:

- Senscot e-bulletin - <https://senscot.net/resources/newsletters-bulletins/subscribe-senscot-bulletin/>
- School for Social Enterprise e-bulletins – you can [sign up here](#).
- Social Firms Scotland - See homepage: <https://socialfirms.org.uk/> -.

Renfrewshire's Creative Sector

If your social enterprise operates within the Creative Sector and you would like to offer work placement(s), then Therese McKendrick, The Invest in Renfrewshire Employability Team would love to hear from you. Work placements can be as short as two weeks. For more information contact Therese on mobile: 07976 240 145 or email therese.mckendrick@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Social Enterprise - Dates for your diary

- **11th July - Deadline for Firstport's Build It programme** - For more information visit: <http://www.firstport.org.uk/>
- **26th July – Marketing your business** (Business Gateway Workshop) – For more details and booking instructions visit: <https://www.bgateway.com/events/12986/marketing-your-business-12986>

- **8th August – Blogging for Customer Engagement** (Business Gateway Workshop) – for more details and booking instructions visit: <https://www.bgateway.com/events/13424/blogging-for-customer-engagement-13424>
- **15th August – Get Real Results From Your Website** (Business Gateway Workshop) – for more details and booking instructions visit: <https://www.bgateway.com/events/12991/get-real-results-from-your-website-12991>

Social Media Round-up - Here's a selection of our social enterprise posts during June 2019:

- Scottish Enterprise - Workplace Innovation Workshop - <https://t.co/f2tt8EWFSa>
- Firstport - Data Analysis <https://t.co/as04SVnkBj>
- Evaluation Support Scotland – June Newsletter <https://t.co/JhFXfTsqp1>
- Social Enterprise Scotland – 2019 Social Enterprise Awards <https://t.co/KmFtFdDH1x>
- School for Social Entrepreneurs – Online course for start-ups <https://t.co/C77gvEoMzf>
- Social Enterprise Scotland – benefits of community owned business <https://t.co/SftteCHFcp>
- Social Enterprise Scotland – joining social enterprise sector's linkedIn group <https://t.co/qNBCqp9bnc>
- OSCR – Guide for Independent Examiners <https://t.co/ggl6VqM7lf>
- CEIS - 2019 Policy and Practice Conference <https://t.co/u0ufLXq45l>
- OSCR - newsletter <https://t.co/llmBJvccgq>
- OSCR – Good Practice Guidance for Trustees <https://t.co/GBqivLtNPI>
- Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce – How to become a member <https://t.co/kC2pV2DD0H>

Contact Information

If you have a query, please feel free to email us: econdev.community@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Our **website** has more general information about the Invest in Communities team:

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