

Community Briefing – 09.08.24

Dear Community Group/Community Council/Colleagues,



Welcome to The Highland Council's fortnightly Community Briefing delivered in collaboration with the Highland Community Planning Partnership, containing information about funding, training, support, resources, and news for Highland wide and local communities.

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FUNDING	NEWS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SCVO is a key source of funding information for the third sector.• HTSI Funding Support and Advice• Youth Work Grants & Funding Directory• Get Grants – provides practical support, training, and advice relating to fundraising.• Highlands & Islands Climate Hub Funding Finder <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobility Foundation - offers multiple grants for community groups, including for Community Transport and Active Travel.• Communities Mental Health Fund – supports community-led initiatives that promote good mental health and wellbeing or mitigate sources of distress and mental ill health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ownerless Property Transfer Scheme – Creates opportunities for communities to bring ownerless property back into productive use.• Dornoch BID – Project Manager Post – Dornoch BID are looking for a project manager, with experience in marketing who will be responsible for improving the prosperity for local businesses. Email dornochBID@gmail.com for the full job description and person specification. Submit your c.v. along with a covering letter by 19 August. For further information contact ginny.knox@hotmail.co.uk

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlands & Islands Community Climate Action Fund – offers small grants for community projects addressing climate change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highland Whole Family Wellbeing Programme – This platform is intended to share information about anything relating to holistic family wellbeing and support. • Armed Forces & Veterans: Education, Health & Housing - Information to support and signpost Highland's Armed Forces Community:
TRAINING	EVENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection Training – a wide variety of training is available for free to anyone who has contact with children • These virtual seminars are focus on highlighting the importance of kindness and empathy for young people. A recording of the session will be sent if you cannot attend a session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to show kindness and listen empathetically ○ All about kindness and empathy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Festival 2024 – Throughout September a variety of events are taking place across the Highlands. • Local Place Plans and Climate Change – this online session will include hearing from communities about how they are integrating climate change into their community planning. 22 August 18:30-20:00. • Cost of Living Event (Inverness) – This drop in event will have organisations from across Inverness will be available to offer support and advice on a range of topics including housing, mental health, and benefits. 1pm – 4pm 28th August at the spectrum centre. • Intergenerational Workshops in Skye – This free workshop looks at ageism, community safety, and how intergenerational work can make a difference breaking down barriers to connection. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Broadford Community Hall - 2nd October 1030 -1230 ○ Shepherds Way Church Hall – 3rd October – 1030 - 1230
MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING	COMMUNITY SAFETY & RESILIENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Highland Mental Wellbeing – a collection of resources and signposts to help people of all ages to look after their own mental wellbeing. Register for the event by following the link. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Energy Scotland - offer free, impartial advice on energy saving, keeping warm at home, renewable energy, greener travel, cutting water waste and more. They work with community groups that are tackling climate change through local community-led projects where the aim is to reduce energy use and encourage behaviour change within the community. • Highlands and Islands Climate Hub – Empowers community-led climate action.

- <https://ready.scot/> - Tips on steps you can take to prepare your home, family, and business for emergencies.
- Met Office Weather Warnings -
<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings#?date=2022-11-04>
- Met Office Weather Ready
<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/weatherready>
- [Scottish Flood Forecasting](#) – Provides up to date information on when and where flooding is expected to occur over a three-day period.
- Floodline Scotland
<https://floodlinescotland.org.uk/>