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Note: As mentioned last month, it has been decided not to include hyperlinks to the Your Moray site in the E-Bulletin, in case they are moved at a later date. To access documents and other information, please click on the buttons referred to in brackets after each heading. External links are still hyperlinked, where possible.

Partnership Updates

Latest Meetings (*Community Planning Board, Community Engagement Group, Theme Groups*)

The third cycle of meetings of Strategic Groups within the new Community Planning structure has recently been completed. All reports, agendas and minutes can be found on the Your Moray website under the relevant Group headings.

Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2009/10

The new SOA has been drafted for presentation to the Community Planning Board on 5 February. This takes account of feedback from the recent consultation with the voluntary, community and equality sectors and ongoing discussions with Partnership stakeholders. The final draft will then go before the Full Council on 25 February prior to being submitted to the Government by the end of February deadline.

The final version will be much slimmer than the current SOA, focussing on the following 10 key priorities:

- > Health
- > Alcohol
- > Elderly/Vulnerable
- > Housing/Homelessness
- > Achievement/Attainment
- > Young People
- > Flood Alleviation
- > Roads/Transport
- > Economic Development
- > Efficiencies

Fairer Scotland Fund

Jacqui Taylor, formerly of Moray New Futures, has recently been appointed as the Fairer Scotland Fund Programme Manager and will start work early next month.

Area Forums

The Area Forum Support Worker Team has been strengthened with the appointment of Linda Adam as Support Worker covering the Buckie, Keith and Speyside Forums. Linda was formerly LCN Support Officer in the Laich and Milnes areas. A progress update on the Elgin Forums is available under Elgin North and Elgin South.

Document Library *(all documents found under this main heading)*

Partnership

Community Plan and the Single Outcome Agreement

This annual update highlights the significant changes in Community Planning brought about over the last year by the Concordat between the Scottish Government and Local Authorities and the introduction of Single Outcome Agreements.

Community Plan (2008/09)

A revised version of the Community Plan has recently been published to take account of the national and local outcomes set out in the SOA (2008/09).

Social Inclusion Strategy *(under Safer and Stronger theme)*

This strategy has recently been published, setting out how the Partnership will address inequality and disadvantage across Moray.

Safer Communities Strategy *(under Safer and Stronger theme)*

This strategy sets out how issues of community safety and anti social behaviour will be addressed over the next three years.

Partner

Moray Youth Lifestyle Survey 2007 *(under Healthier theme)*

The recently published findings of this survey give a fascinating insight into lifestyles of secondary school children, and, for the first time, of young people aged 18-25 in Moray.

Director of Public Health Report 2008 *(under Healthier theme)*

This recently published report sets out the key progress in addressing public health issues in Grampian over the past year and, on the basis of this evidence, provides guidance and direction for future action.

Government

Early Years Framework

This joint Government/COSLA [publication](#) sets out how to maximise the opportunities for all children to get the best start in life, regardless of their background or circumstances

Equally Well Implementation Plan

This [plan](#) is intended to support further progress and change in improving the health and wellbeing of the people of Scotland.

Voluntary Sector

Village Halls Survey *(under What's New Elsewhere)*

A [report](#) has been published by the Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations on recent research carried out into the state of Scotland's village halls.

Managing Community Assets *(under What's New Elsewhere)*

A new [report](#) has recently been published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation into Community Ownership and Management of Assets.

Consultations

Investing in Affordable Housing

This consultation asks stakeholders' views on proposals for the majority of Government's investment in affordable housing to be awarded to Lead Developers within the RSL sector.

Closing Date: 17 March 2009

Further Information: [Scottish Government Website](#)

Forthcoming Events

Health and Wellbeing in Schools

An all-day seminar on this two-year project to increase the health care capacity of schools is being held in the Laichmoray Hotel, Elgin on Tuesday 24 February 2009.

Further information: [Flyer](#)

Poverty Alliance Seminars

The Poverty Alliance are holding 8 free seminars during 2009 which provide an opportunity to discuss the prospects for tackling poverty during the recession, and to look at the role of the new Scottish Government/Cosla anti-poverty framework. The seminars are free, but places are limited, so please book as soon as possible. Dates for the local seminars are as follows:

* 3 March 09 - Inverness Spectrum Centre 2pm - 4pm

* 4 March 09 - Elgin Library, Cooper Park, 2pm - 4pm

* 5 March 09 - Aberdeen Foyer, 2pm - 4pm

To register for the event, please contact admin@povertyalliance.org to request a registration form.

Tobacco Control Learning Day

ASH Scotland's Local Alliance Project is holding a Tobacco Control Learning Day on the 19th March 2009 at the Newton Hotel in Nairn.

Further details: [Flyer](#)

Developing Confident Individuals

This one-day seminar is taking place on Monday 9th March from 9.00 - 3.30 in the Mansefield Hotel, Elgin - please contact janet.kennedy@careers-scotland.org.uk.

Training

UHI PolicyWeb Rural Seminar Series

Following two successful seminar series on Climate Change, UHI PolicyWeb is offering four seminars on topical rural issues from February to June 2009 in Inverness. The events are free, but spaces are limited.

To book: contact hilda.zara@inverness.uhi.ac.uk or phone 01463

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Further information: [Poster](#)

Adult Learning Opportunities

The Moray Council Community Learning & Development section has published its Winter 2009 Programme of Adult Learning Opportunities.

Further information: [poster](#) (PDF 2.5 MB)

To book: Telephone 01343 559999 or email adult.learning@moray.gov.uk

Datashare

Grampian Police - Moray Division (*under Wealthier and Fairer theme*)

The Quarter 2 (July-Sept) Performance Report for Moray Division has recently been made available.

National Initiatives

Walk Homecoming Scotland

Ramblers Scotland is seeking interest from community groups throughout Scotland in promoting local walks as part of Walk Homecoming Scotland 2009.

Further information: [Letter](#)

Funding

LEADER Programme Launch

The new LEADER European Funding Programme was launched at a Rural Development seminar in Elgin Town Hall earlier this month. The Programme, which runs until the end of 2013, has £1.8m allocated to it with a total budget of £5k, including match-funding. The aim of LEADER is to increase the capacity of local rural community and business networks, build knowledge and skills, and encourage innovation and co-operation in order to tackle local development objectives. Until a Programme Manager is appointed, all enquiries should be directed to pierre.masson@moray.gov.uk.

Heritage Lottery - Awards for All

The Heritage Lottery Fund will no longer be part of the Awards for All Scheme - but instead will use their current Your Heritage and Young Roots grant programmes to ensure the continuation of small community grants within the heritage sector.

Further information: [Heritage Lottery Fund Website](#) or [Awards For All Website](#)

Stop Press

Latest E-Bulletins

> Economic Development Association Scotland (*under Wealthier and Fairer theme - E-Bulletins*)

> Engage (*under Healthier theme*)

> Forward Scotland (*under Greener theme*)

- > Minority Ethnic Matters Overview (*under Safer and Stronger theme*)
- > Paths for All (*under Greener theme*)
- > Paths to Health (*under Greener theme*)

All news, information and events for the February E-Bulletin should be sent to communityplanning@moray.gov.uk by **Wednesday 25 February**.