

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!
7th May 2021



We are delighted to bring you our latest newsletter filled with
News, Events, Training and Funding information.

As we continue to navigate the global Covid-19 pandemic,
we're here to encourage and support you
in our shared Christian mission across Fife.

Please email your stories, news and suggestions for our next
Mission Bulletin to Lorraine via fife@churchofscotland.org.uk

Remember to follow us on [Facebook](#)
to keep up with our latest news.

Please share this e-newsletter on to
interested members, elders and leaders.

You can subscribe directly to this newsletter by following
the "View this email in your browser" link at the top of the page
and clicking subscribe in the top left corner.



News



World Mission Stamp Appeal 2021

During the Covid-19 pandemic, support for the Church of Scotland's 2020 stamp appeal has faced some challenges. Therefore, our 2021 appeal will continue to benefit The Women's Development Centre in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Their project supports women and girls who have been victims of rape and sexual violence.

The WDC gives these women somewhere to stay, and supports them in caring for their children, helps them return to education if they wish, and trains them in skills they can use to make a living when they leave. The WDC has a social enterprise and café where the women can work and sell their hand-made products.

The team at WDC care for and heal girls who are vulnerable and often discarded by their families. It is impossible not to be moved by what they do. Help support them by collecting used stamps which are then sold on.

For more information and to support the appeal, see:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/world-mission/get-involved/campaigns/stamp-appeal>



General Assembly 2021

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is the supreme court of our church. Meeting annually, it hears reports, makes law, and sets the agenda for the national church. The Assembly will meet online again, for a second year. Opening on Saturday 22nd May and running until Thursday 28th, Prince William, The Duke of Cambridge and Earl of Strathearn, will serve as the Lord High Commissioner, Her Majesty the Queen's representative.

Each Presbytery sends commissioners of Ministers, Deacons, Elders and Youth Reps to attend.

This year discussions will include: Developing ecumenical relations and strengthening ties with the Scottish Episcopal Church; Considering authorising Ministers and Deacons to conduct Same Sex Marriages; Approving a new Mission Plan Act; The remarkable work of local congregations during the pandemic and the

challenges ahead; Preparations for COP26; and much more too.

Reports for this years Assembly are now available and can be accessed via:
<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/general-assembly/reports-and-additional-documents>

Opportunities

Glenrothes Partnership Development Coordinator Recruitment

The Glenrothes Covenanted Partnership are now recruiting for a Glenrothes Partnership Development Co-ordinator. This key role will be responsible for coordinating the shared work of the Glenrothes Area Covenanted Partnership.

Details about the role and application information can be found via:
https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/80089/Partnership-Development-Coordinator-0.5-FTE-Job-Description.pdf

Informal enquiries can be made to Rev. Alan Kimmitt -
Alan.Kimmitt@churchofscotland.org.uk

Closing Date: 12 noon, Friday 21 May 2021

GROW: Schools and Churches Youth Worker



SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES YOUTH WORKER

Are you an enthusiastic, energetic, self motivated individual who is passionate about sharing the Gospel with Young People?

Based in Glenrothes Fife, GROW is an established interdenominational Trust created by local churches in partnership with Scripture Union Scotland, to employ a youth worker to share the significance of Jesus into our schools working alongside existing Ministry teams and churches. You will also work with church teams supporting leaders and young people in their faith journey.

We offer you the opportunity to build on the existing structure with the flexibility to use your initiative and creativity to develop new ideas. You will be supported by our volunteers and management team and have the opportunity for ongoing training and development through our partner SU Scotland.

Contract: Initial 2 years with a view to extending the contract (37.5 hours Per week)
Salary: From £20,000 -£25,000pa dependant on experience
For more information including job description and application pack, please
contact: Chris Hay
Email: mdchay50@gmail.com
Closing date for applications: 4th June 2021
Interview date: 26th June 2021 (in person if covid rules allow)
This appointment will be subject to a satisfactory PVG scheme Disclosure. It is also an Occupational Requirement that the postholder demonstrates a personal faith in Jesus Christ
Glenrothes and Region Outreach Worker SC 034830



Events

Talking Mission: *Five Marks of Mission* With Rev. Dr Donald MacEwan



Date: 21st April 2021



Time: 7.30-8.30pm

We're delighted that our second Talking Mission evening is with the Rev Dr Donald MacEwan, Convenor of the Theological Forum, on the subject *Five Marks of Mission*.

The five marks have been adopted as a working definition of mission and it will be important for us to develop an understanding of them as we consider our mission planning, both at a congregational and presbytery level.



The Church of Scotland

Talking Mission Series: Five Marks of Mission **with Rev Dr Donald MacEwan, Convenor of the Theological Forum**

Hosted by Neil Campbell, Fife Presbytery Mission Director,
Available Now via: [https://youtu.be/ Sj0xIqy4r4](https://youtu.be/Sj0xIqy4r4)

The purpose of these monthly online gatherings is to develop an understanding of contextual mission across our new Presbytery. A 20-30 minute talk with a missional focus followed by an opportunity for questions, reflection and discussion. These events are open to all across the Presbytery. Booking is requested to aid with preparation. For those unable to attend the event will be recorded and available to view via the Presbytery YouTube.

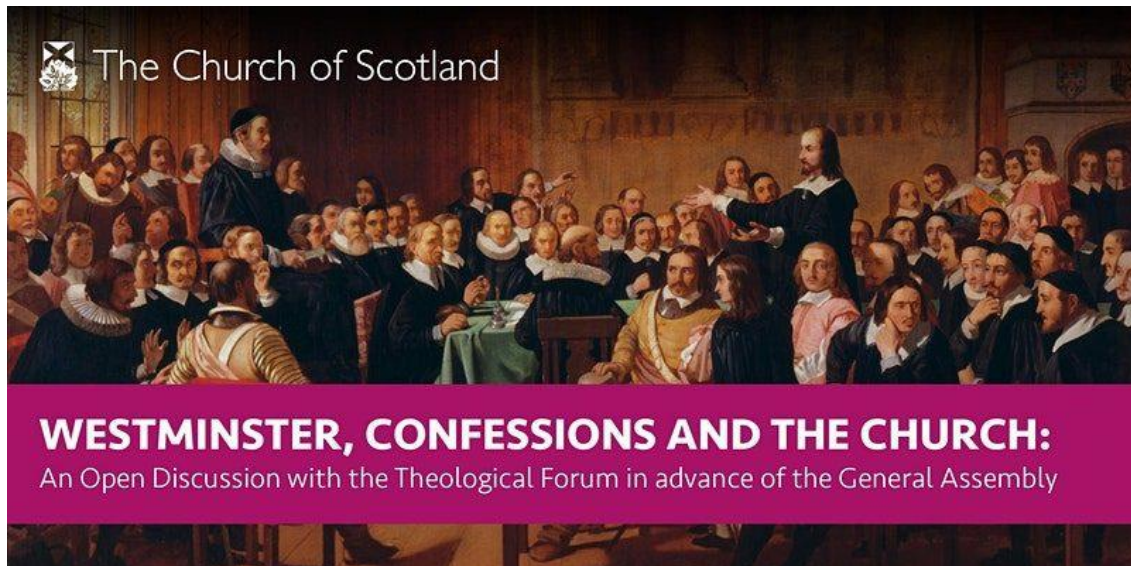
On Wed 21st April we welcomed Rev Dr Donald MacEwan, Convenor of the Church of Scotland Theological Forum, who discussed with us the Five Marks of Mission that have been adopted as a working definition of mission by the Theological Forum. It will be important for us to develop an understanding of these as we consider our mission planning, both at a congregational and presbytery level. You can now access our latest talking mission via:
[https://youtu.be/ Sj0xIqy4r4](https://youtu.be/Sj0xIqy4r4)

At our previous talking mission, we heard a deeply insightful, challenging and inspirational mission talk from Very Rev Dr John Chalmers about the *Faith Action*

Plan: In Action, Post Covid and Next steps.

You can still access and view our first talking mission via:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzvRDN5AD-g>



Westminster, Confessions and the Church:

An Open Discussion with the Theological Forum

Wednesday 12 May 2021 11am – 1pm on Microsoft Teams.

The event is a webinar organised by the Theological Forum to provide a space for discussion on the confessional position of the Church, and any possible changes, as reported on in the Theological Forum's report to the General Assembly 2021.

All are welcome to this free event, but please register using the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/westminster-confessions-and-the-church-tickets>



Fife Presbytery: Virtual Prayer Room

Wednesday 19th May, 7.00pm - 8.00pm

As part of the Thy Kingdom Come global initiative, Neil Campbell (Mission Director) invites to you a virtual prayer room on Wednesday 19th May from 7pm - 8pm. This will be an opportunity to gather together and pray for mission across our Presbytery, our congregations, ministers and ministry staff as well as the forthcoming General Assembly.

If you would be interested in getting involved and assisting with this gathering, please contact Neil via: neil.campbell@churchofscotland.org.uk

There is no need to register and zoom Details will be circulated across Presbytery in advance, which can be shared with congregations.



**1 MONTH
TO GO!!**



22 May 2021

Messtival 2021

Join Messy Church for [Messtival 2021](#) online on Saturday 22 May. The morning will have a variety of workshops. In the afternoon, join The World's Biggest Messy Church for a huge celebration of the church's birthday at Pentecost.



Together for our Planet: Faith Communities and COP26

Interfaith Glasgow and Interfaith Scotland are teaming up to present an information and discussion event on Monday 24 May from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Glasgow will take centre stage for the United Nations Climate Change summit (COP26) this November, as countries come together to negotiate the future of our planet at the biggest conference the UK has ever hosted. This is a unique opportunity for faith communities in Scotland to foster unity and apply their faith in local action together.

Join to find out about COP26, why it matters to Glasgow, Scotland's faith communities, and the world, and how you can get involved. Hear from inspiring speakers and discuss your thoughts with people from other backgrounds about how you and your faith community can take action.

For more information and to book see: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/together-for-our-planet-how-faith-communities-can-engage-with-cop26-tickets>

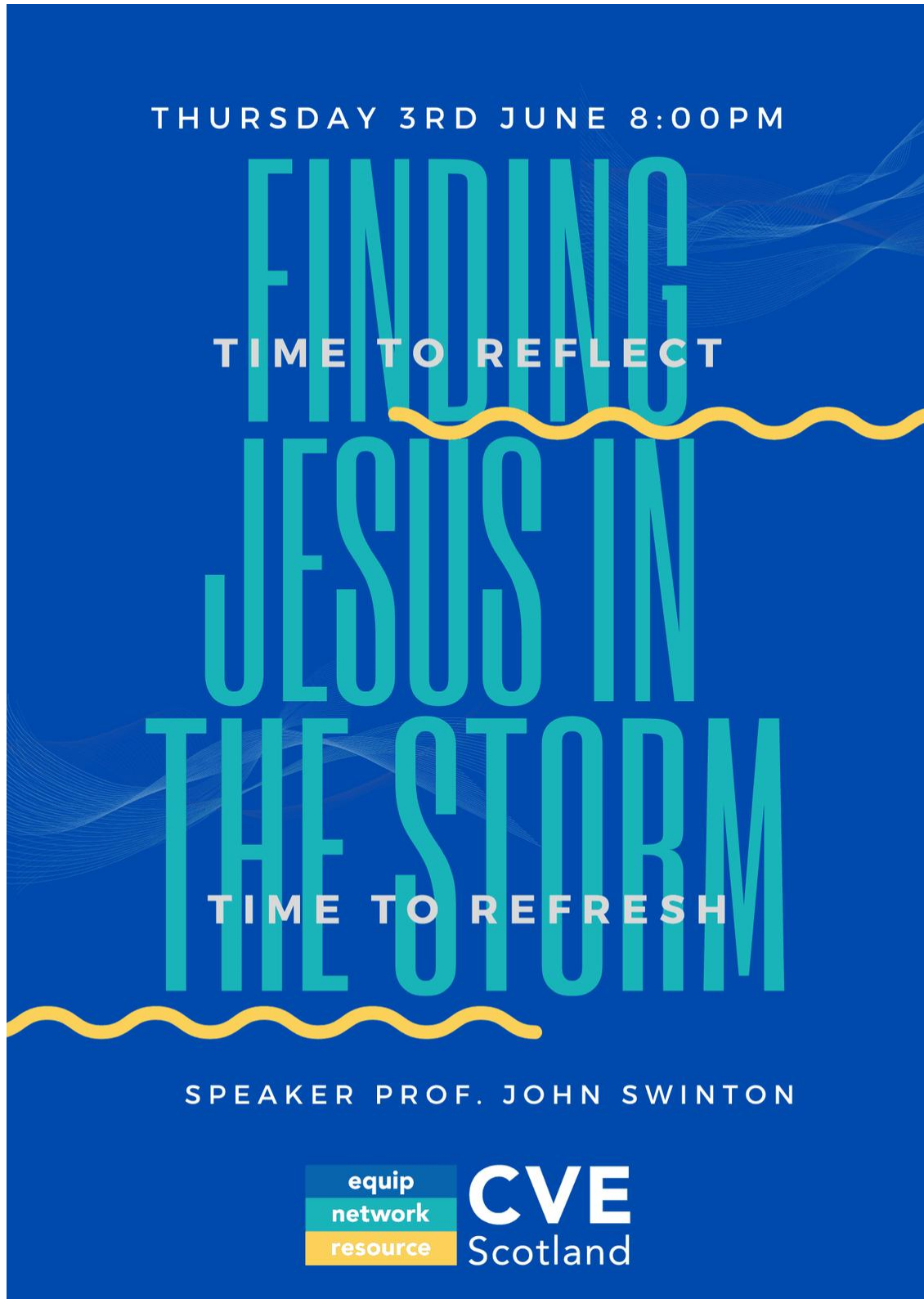
Faith Nurture: Children's & Family Ministry Webinars

As we start to look to the future and explore what our worship and congregation's life will be like in the post pandemic world, we would like to draw your attention to the following events being organised by the Church of Scotland. Do pass these on to people in your congregations who may be interested in attending.

Date Saver for future webinars:

- **Intergenerational Church – Biblical perspectives** – Monday 21 June, 7.30-9.00pm

- **Family Ministry** – Thursday 4 November, 7.30-9.00pm



CVE Scotland: Finding Jesus in the Storm

are delighted to provide an online space for reflection and refreshment during these challenging times. Tailored for those who work in and with schools, Professor John Swinton will share with us from his expertise in the fields of mental health, disability, pastoral care and spirituality. Both mental health and additional support needs are significant areas of concern for those in education and this event provides an opportunity to both learn from a leading teacher in associated fields and also reflect on what that means for our own school settings and ourselves.

We are really looking forward to John sharing with us his insights into mental health challenges and spirituality and the encouragement that there is lifegiving hope for everyone in the midst of the storm. During the event there will be spaces to recharge, discuss, think and respond, through breakout room, audio-visual media and Q&A times.

For more information and to register, see: <https://cve-scotland.org.uk/finding-jesus-in-the-storm>



Cinnamon Incubator Competition 2021

The Cinnamon Incubator Competition is an annual search to find ambitious church-led social action initiatives that want to replicate their work through churches across the country.

This year they're looking for church-led projects supporting adults with employment, education and training.

What's the prize?

Five finalists have the chance of securing a place on the coveted Cinnamon Incubator programme. Over the course of the two years, they'll receive training and coaching to help them put in place strong foundations, make key connections and develop the capacity to grow. A place on the Cinnamon Incubator Programme is worth more than £21,000. Just five places are available each year on a strictly invitational basis, so this really is a prize money can't buy. What's more – the two winners will also receive a £25,000 development grant and all Cinnamon Incubator finalists have a chance to pitch their initiatives to a group of hand-selected philanthropists and potential donors at the Cinnamon Incubator Competition Final.

Who can Enter?

We're looking for church-led initiative that are:

- helping individuals retrain
- building confidence and skills
- providing connections to work
- creating employment opportunities
- developing apprenticeships
- reaching those not in education, employment or training

Of course, we know the church is incredibly creative, so this list is by no means exhaustive.

For more information and to apply, see:

<https://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/incubate/>

Training



Scripture Union: Back of the Net!

As the summer arrives and restrictions ease, Scripture Union brings you *Back of the Net*, a faith and football flavoured outdoor event for children and young people. With the Euro tournament and a women's Team GB at the Olympics, football will have a high profile this summer.

Dates and times for training:

Thursday 20th May 2:00 - 3:00 pm (BST, UTC+1)

Thursday 20th May 7:30 - 8:30 pm (BST, UTC+1)

For more information and to register,
see: <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/online-training>



Exploring Muddy Church

Mon 24th May - 7.30pm via Zoom

Exploring and considering opportunities for developing Muddy Church as Covid-19 restrictions change

This session will look at how Muddy Church can offer opportunities and develop outreach in your community beyond Covid restrictions. We will journey through some of the ideas of Muddy Church and explore what we can do, how we can do it and most importantly why.

For more information and to register, see: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exploring-muddy-church-after-covid-tickets>



The Church of Scotland

Elders Conference 2021

ELDERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHANGE

A Series of Webinars on
Discipleship, Worship, Leadership & Relationship
7-9pm on 3, 10, 17 & 24 June



Elders Conference 2021 – ‘Eldership in Times of Change’

A series of Learn webinars on Thursday evenings 3, 10, 17 and 24 June (7–9pm).

The Covid-19 pandemic has been affecting every aspect of congregational lives,

raising numerous fundamental and practical questions. Looking at today's eldership in relation to worship, discipleship, leadership and relationship, Elders Conference 2021 will reflect on the significance of elders' role in these areas and explore how effectively and efficiently they could play their parts in times of change. It will nurture and guide participants to enhance their understanding of these areas and to take an active part as inspirational leaders in their church ministries.

Details about this event follow below with a link to its online booking page. We'd really appreciate it if you were able to forward the details on to others in your Presbytery who might be interested.

3 June – 'Eldership and Worship'
10 June – 'Eldership and Discipleship'
17 June – 'Eldership and Leadership'
24 June – 'Eldership and Relationship'

For whom: Elders and those in church leadership roles in the Church of Scotland

Ticket: Free

Booking: <https://elders-conference-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please contact Hongsuk via HUm@churchofscotland.org.uk if you have any questions about this conference.



Family Ministry Unpacked

A series of sessions from Core Skills in Family Ministry including reflections around digital engagement and the impact of the pandemic

Exploring the themes of Core Skills in Family Ministry across the topics below and consider the various influences that have had an impact more recently and how this

might begin to shape our ministry for the future. The sessions will take place fortnightly on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm.

11th May *Family Relationships and Wellbeing*

25th May *Intergenerational Ministry - participation in the [Intergenerate Conference](#) or guided self learning*

8th Jun *Faith at Home*

For more information and to register please see:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-ministry-unpacked>



Reimagining your Messy Church for a changing context

This 90-minute training session on Zoom is for those who already run a Messy Church and who wish to explore and discuss different approaches to 'rebooting' it while there are Covid-related restrictions on meeting together.

Dates and times

- Wednesday 12 May 11:00-12:30
- Thursday 13 May 19:30-21:00
- Friday 18 June 10:00-11:30
- Wednesday 7 July 15:00-16:30
- Thursday 8 July 10:30-12:00

For more information and to book, please visit:

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/messy-masterclasses>



People of Hope: National Conference for School & College Chaplains

This major international and ecumenical online conference and retreat is for all involved with school and college chaplaincy – lay or ordained chaplains – pastoral leaders, education and youth officers, as well as policy makers interested in this vital growth area of Christian ministry.

For more information and to register, please see: <https://cve->

scotland.org.uk/people-of-hope-uk-conference



Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy

Who? Why? What? How?

If you want to know more about WPCS and you are interested in becoming a volunteer Chaplain, then this is for you! This introductory module helps you to understand the structures of WPCS and where you fit into the organisation. What is chaplaincy and what defines it from other arms of ministry and pastoral care? What is the theological understanding of the purpose and functions of chaplaincy? What are some of the skills required? How might it fit into your local workplace community and church context?

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Paul Wilson (paul.wilson@wpcscotland.co.uk or 07703 585987).

Resources



Christian Aid Week in Scotland

Droughts in Kenya are now more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis. In Scotland, we are surrounded by 30,000 freshwater lochs, lush countryside and thriving agriculture.

This Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May, every envelope and every gift matters. There are lots of ways to get involved, either in person or virtually.

For resources and more information see: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>



The Pioneer Tool Library Hack

With already over 80 tools in the Pioneer Tool Library is now available to help resource mission and pioneering. It's completely FREE to access or to post your own tools. Hosted by the Northern Centre of Mission.

You can access the library here: <https://en-gb.padlet.com/NorthernMissionCentre/pioneerlibrary>



The Chosen: Season 2 Now Available

The Chosen is the largest crowdfunded media project of all time.

A multi-season series about the life of Christ based on the gospels.

The Chosen can be accessed and watched for free online via <http://thechosen.tv> or via The Chosen App.



Thy Kingdom Come

This year's Thy Kingdom Come will happen from 13th - 23rd May.

There are loads of exciting new resources on the way for Thy Kingdom Come 2021! As well as the refreshed regulars, such as the Prayer Journal and Novena, there is also some exciting new resources, including a Prayer Escape Room designed for young people, resources created in collaboration with the Cheeky Pandas, an

updated Prayer Adventure Map, and many more!

TKC are also giving away 100,000 hard copies of a new Prayer Journal!

For more information see: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



Scripture Union: Jungle Adventure Holiday Club

A brand new Holiday Club resource for 2021! Available Now!

Jungle Adventure takes us on a journey of discovering Jesus, through the eyes of his disciples, who were called by and experienced first-hand Jesus' care, provision and deep friendship.

As children explore the disciples' adventure and explore the Bible for themselves, our prayer is that they will discover Jesus as their own *guide* and *friend*.

Developed to help children discover how Jesus is the greatest guide ever, Jungle Adventure is written for use in an outdoor woodland setting, with easy adaptations offered so it can be used in other settings.

For more information and to order, please see:

<https://www.suscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/missions/jungle-adventure-holiday-club/>

Funding

SCVO Funding Scotland

Funding at your fingertips

Find funding for your charity, community group or social enterprise using our free online search engine. From small grants to funding for big capital projects, we can help you track down the funding you need to make a difference in your community. See: <https://fundingscotland.com/>

Tesco Community Grants re-opens for applications

Community groups across the UK are being invited to apply for funding for local projects that matter to them.

The Tesco Community Grant scheme will award grants to charities and community organisations to fund local good causes whose focus is on supporting children and families.

Funding pots of £500, £1000 and £1500 will be available for projects and Tesco customers will be able to choose which project receives the most funding by voting in store every time they shop. Eligible projects include breakfast or holiday lunch clubs, food banks, youth clubs or schools.

Deadline: 24th May 2021

For more information and to apply, see:

<https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

The Community & Third Sector Recovery Programme

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)'s Community & Third Sector Recovery programme aims to support charities (including churches, community groups, social enterprises and voluntary organisations) that are supporting people and communities through the shift from lockdown to recovery. As well as providing ongoing crisis support, they will be planning and implementing changes to adapt and thrive in a very different social and economic climate.

The programme is currently open and has two strands: Adapt & Thrive and Community Recovery Fund.

In the simplest terms, Adapt & Thrive is capacity building to help organisations adapt, change, and thrive post-COVID-19. The Communities Recovery Fund is grant funding to deliver support and services in communities.

Money for Adapt & Thrive has to be allocated by the end of March but can be used for up to 12 months thereafter. No match funding required and grants range from between £5K and £75K.

For information please see [SCVO Website](#)

Funding to Create Resilient Rural Communities

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for projects from across the UK which are working to create resilient rural communities. The Prince's Countryside Fund will award funding from the Barclays 100x100 UK Covid-19 Community Relief Fund to support farming and rural communities to cope with the impact of Covid-19, to expand on new services that have emerged to support the local community during

this time and to build future resilience. Applications are encouraged from community-led organisations with a turnover under £500,000 per year, from communities with a population of up to 3,000 residents. Examples could include rolling out longer term food and medicine delivery services; social groups to support isolated people; or mental health support. The Fund will close when enough eligible applications have been received.

See: <https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

Grants to Help Older People Lead More Fulfilling Lives

Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a grant giving charity that helps older people and other adults with a disability across England, Scotland & Wales to lead more fulfilled lives and reach their full potential. The Foundation's focus is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community, helping combat isolation and loneliness and enabling people to be active and engaged. Funding of between £100 and £5,000 is available for individuals and small community groups to help improve people's mobility, independence and quality of life. Individual applications must be completed by a third-party sponsor such as a health care professional, social worker or charity/support group representative. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, with funds allocated to those who demonstrate greatest need.

See: <https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk>

People's Postcode Trust Opens for Applications

The People's Postcode Trust has re-opened its grants programme and will award grants on a monthly basis until October 2021. Funded by players of the People's Postcode Lottery, the Trust makes grants to support smaller charities and good causes in Scotland under the following themes: • Improving mental wellbeing • Enabling community participation in the arts • Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty • Supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality • Improving biodiversity & green spaces • Enabling participation in physical activity • Responding to the climate emergency & promoting sustainability • Increasing community access to outdoor space Registered charities can apply for grants of up to £20,000, other not for profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £2,000 to support both project and organisation core costs. The funding is available for 12 months. To be eligible to apply, organisations will need to have an annual income of below £1 million with preference given to those with an income of below £500,000 per year. The Postcode Community Trust will operate on a monthly basis. On around the 1st of each month, applications will open, and organisations will be able to submit their request for funding until the maximum number of 150 has been received until the 1st October 2021.

See: <https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk>

AllChurches Trust

AllChurches Trust like to fund projects that demonstrate an impact on people and communities. Applicants should include clear (and where possible, measurable) outcomes for projects and demonstrate how they will ensure sustainability beyond our funding. It's also important to show how additional funding support will be sought to enable the project to be completed.

Our open grants normally fund capital projects and equipment, not salaries or

running costs, with the exception of our transformational and Hope Beyond programmes. In most cases, we give a small percentage of the project cost as this enables us to say yes to more worthwhile causes, although we do occasionally give larger grants.

See: <https://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund>

National Church Trust

Funding available for Scotland's cash strapped churches and chapels

A range of grants are available from the National Churches Trust

Churches and chapels in Scotland needing funding for urgent repairs and maintenance are being encouraged to apply for grants from the National Churches Trust.

In 2021, the church support charity expects to allocate more than £1.5m to churches and chapels throughout the UK. Any church, chapel or meeting house in Scotland that is open for regular public worship can apply.

See: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/news/funding-available-scotlands-cash-strapped-churches-and-chapels>

Scotland's Churches Trust

Scotland's Churches Trust helps sustain and support Scotland's places of worship through a range of grants, bursaries, advice and support.

Scottish Churches Trust offers grant support to help with:

- restoration projects in the repair of buildings and windows
- cost of routine preventative maintenance
- organ educational awards
- support towards organ concerts

See: <https://scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk/>