



## Community Councils and Resilience Teams Information Bulletin and Updates

### **CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

**National Planning Framework 4:** The Scottish Government is reviewing national planning policies and is developing Scotland's fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4).

Comments are invited on whether people agree with the Government's current thinking set out in the [Position Statement](#).

Further information on how you can get involved and have your say can be found [here](#).

### **FORTHCOMING ONLINE TRAINING EVENTS**

**'The importance of effective and meaningful Community Engagement and Consultation'**: This online course is designed to give Community Councils more confidence in designing and delivering local consultations and in responding to consultations; developing a range of skills and competences within the community council and in enhancing consistency and the reputation of Community Councils as listening and engaging organisations in their local communities.

The online sessions have been developed by the Consultation Institute and will be delivered by Davy Jones, Consultation Institute via Microsoft Teams. Each session can accommodate up to 20 people.

Further information will be circulated separately but meantime if you have any questions or would like to register your interest in **one** of the following online sessions please email us at [Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk).

- Session 1:** Thursday, 11 March 2021 – 7.00pm to 9.30pm  
**Session 2:** Thursday, 18 March 2021 – 2.00pm to 4.30pm  
**Session 3:** Saturday, 20 March 2021 – 10.00am to 12.30pm

**Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Awareness Session:** The session developed by Public Health Scotland and NHS Education Scotland will be delivered via MS Teams and is being offered to Community Resilience Team Volunteers. The session will support individuals to:

*“Develop their knowledge and skills in recognising and responding to people they come into contact with who may be in distress and require additional support; and develop an understanding of the wider factors that impact on mental health”*

[from NES workshop guide]

The Session will be hosted via the online platform Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday, 23 February 2020 from 9.30am to 12.30pm.**

Each session can accommodate 8 people. In the event that this session is over-subscribed, we will offer places on a first come basis. Thereafter, and if required, we will work with you to identify and accommodate additional sessions for individual groups and/or organisations. To find out more and to book your space please email [Supportdg@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Supportdg@dumgal.gov.uk).

## **WINTER AND COMMUNITY REILIENCE PLANNING**

**Winter Treatment Routes:** Our [interactive map](#) provides details of the roads and footpaths that we are responsible for gritting and salting across Dumfries and Galloway during low temperatures and in hazardous conditions.

**Salt/Grit Bins:** For use by the public, they are intended to aid speed of response and self-help on paths and footways. All salt/grit bins are identifiable with a unique identifier number and the Council's logo and an accurate inventory is maintained that shows the location of each salt/grit bin. Please find a link to a [short video](#) that you may find helpful providing further information on the provision, maintenance and locations of our grit/salt bins.

We will consider requests for new salt/bins such as on steep hills or walkways. To find out more please email us at [contact@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:contact@dumgal.gov.uk).

Meantime, to find out where your nearest salt/grit bin is located please [click here](#).

**Community Resilience Teams:** Further information including information on starting your own local community resilience team can be found [here](#).

**SupportDG website:** Please [click here](#) to find out the latest up to date Covid-19 guidance and information on:

- Support for Communities including community resilience and the emergency food helpline.
- Schools and Childcare including delivering remote learning and top tips for parents.
- Support for Local Businesses including grants and funding for businesses and business rates relief.
- Support for Employment including employment support for parents and carers, support for secondary pupils and school leavers and support to develop skills and find work.
- The latest information available on Facebook and Twitter in relation to all of the above.

## **SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR ORGANISATIONS**

**Dumfries and Galloway Council's Regionwide Community Fund:** Opens on the **29 January 2021** for the second year.

There is approximately £90,000 total available this round, open to constituted groups in Dumfries and Galloway for applications between £500 and £5,000. The deadline for applications is **5pm Friday 23rd April 2021**.

This fund is aimed at supporting:

- Local business and skills
- Community and environment
- Culture and tourism
- Affordable housing
- Community transport
- Broadband connectivity
- Fuel poverty
- Energy conservation and production
- Support local recovery from Covid-19 pandemic

Further information and details on how to apply are available at

<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/20249/Dumfries-and-Galloway-Regionwide-Community-Fund>

### **The Voluntary Sector – TSDG Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway**

A detailed website providing regular updates on Funding Opportunities. Subscription to their funding newsletter is free and provides a great deal of useful information on the various funds that are available to community groups and organisations. Please click [here](#) to find out more.

### **The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)**

For further information of the funds available right now as well as information on previously funded projects please see the following pages:

- [The Community & Third Sector Recovery Programme](#) aims to support charities, 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.
- [Adapt & Thrive Programme](#) supports organisations to change and recover.
- [Communities Recovery Fund](#) supports the delivery of services in communities that were suspended or reduced because of Covid-19, or the creation of new services that tackle new challenges presented.

## **INFORMATION ON SOURCES OF FINANCIAL HELP AND SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES**

**Scottish Welfare Fund:** The Scottish Welfare Fund can provide financial support if you have a crisis to cover the costs of items such as food and heating. Further information and details or how this fund can be accessed can be found [here](#).

**Community Care Grants:** This fund is designed to support people to live independently, or continue to live independently, preventing the need for institutional care and is there to help individuals who are in receipt of a low income. Further information including how to find out if you/your family might be eligible for support can be found [here](#).

**Crisis Grants:** This fund is designed to support people who are in receipt of low income or benefits and that do not have access to any other appropriate source of financial help. Crisis Grants are intended to meet one-off needs but do not provide an alternative source of regular income. A crisis grant may help if you are facing a disaster (such as a fire or

flood); you are facing an emergency such as a one-off expense that you have not budgeted for or if you need help with costs that have arisen as a result of a disaster or emergency. Further information including how to find out if you/your family might be eligible for support can be found [here](#).

## **LOCAL AREA DATA**

Details of the most up to date information on the number of cases in your local area as well as trends for Local Authorities and NHS Boards can be found on Public Health Scotland's [interactive dashboard](#). In addition, you can access data for your community by accessing the '[Cases by neighbourhood](#)' tab that you may want to share this information with your contacts and across your local community.

## **KEEP INFORMED**

As Community Councils, Resilience Teams and Local Volunteers continue in their response Partners remain ready to assist and support you in whatever way we can.

Key Partner contact details and further information can be found as follows:

- Dumfries and Galloway Council <https://supportdg.dumgal.gov.uk/>
- Third Sector D&G <http://thirdsectordumgal.org.uk/>
- Scottish Government <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- NHS <https://www.nhsinform.scot>

