

Community Regeneration

Access 2 Employment

For those currently seeking employment, considering a career change and others who's long term goal is to find work West Lothian Councils access2employment team offer a range of free online support such as:

- Job search assistance
- Life and employment coaching
- Physical and mental well-being support
- Development of CV's and covering letters
- Assistance with applications and supporting statements

For more information or to discuss support available please call our Freephone number on: **0800 032 9768**

Alternatively you can email: access2employment@westlothian.gov.uk

or book an appointment online at: www.westlothian.gov.uk/access2employment



Wellbeing Fund Round 2 open

The 2nd round of the Scottish Government's Wellbeing Fund is now open to applications from voluntary sector organisations providing crucial services to people as a result of COVID 19. The first round closed on 30 April having received over 1,000 applications, half of applications now assessed and more than £6 million approved for funding so far. Awards have been offered to support a wide range of activity From creative learning packs, online exercise classes and increased phone contact to support the mental health and wellbeing of veterans and young people, to grocery and baby essential parcels for those who are self-isolating. The second round of the Wellbeing Fund is open to all voluntary sector organisations that did not apply or receive funding from the first round. Applications from organisations working to support people facing financial or employment difficulties are being particularly encouraged, as well as applications from organisations working with minority communities. For more information about the Wellbeing Fund, including eligibility criteria For more information about the Wellbeing Fund, including eligibility criteria and a link to apply – visit the SCVO COVID 19 Third Sector Information Hub.

<https://scvo.org.uk/support/coronavirus/funding/scottish-government/wellbeing-fund>

NHS Lothian is currently considering adapting some services so that they can be delivered remotely in view of the pandemic and changed circumstances beyond. The attached questionnaire seeks your initial views on these ideas. Your input will inform the development of these services and is important in helping them to make sure decisions reflect the needs of people who use their services. Please return the questionnaire to this email address: Marjolein.don@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk before Friday 25th May 2020.

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Whilst we're at home throughout this crisis, the internet is keeping us connected to friends and family, informed, entertained, and able to learn, work, shop, access health information and other public services. However, some people can't access these benefits because they don't have the confidence, kit and connectivity at home. The Connecting Scotland initiative aims to connect up to 9,000 more people on low incomes who are considered clinically at high risk so they can access services, support and connect with friends and family during the pandemic. Find out more here: <https://connecting.scot/about>

Knightsridge

The Food Outlet is now running twice a week from Mosswood Community Centre (on Tuesday and Thursdays). This is provided by Vennie staff and volunteers with food supplied by Fare Share and other providers.

The outlet prioritise 'Key Workers' to allow them to shop first. Tuesday opens at 12 and Thursday opens at 2pm. They also makeup food parcels for people who are shielding.

Since lock down started the outlet have served **603** service users. This equates to **2195** people who have benefited

Spotlight on volunteers



The
Regeneration
Team

Prescriptions

To date we have delivered over **430** scripts to individuals shielding

Other queries

we have supported **377** other enquiries