

# Community Regeneration

## Skills support for workers in furlough or facing redundancy

Employees in Scotland who are in furlough or face redundancy due to COVID-19 are being encouraged to apply for a new selection of fully funded modules by The Open University in Scotland that offer vital post-pandemic skills. Supported by the Scottish Funding Council's Upskilling Fund, the modules have been selected by The Open University (OU) and Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) to address specific Scottish skills gaps in IT, business, maths and engineering and support workers to reskill. The Upskilling Modules will be delivered online through flexible distance learning from October 2020 and they are open to everyone with no previous qualifications required. Applications must be submitted **by 24 July 2020** at [www.open.ac.uk/courses/choose/upskilling-scotland](http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/choose/upskilling-scotland)

## Connecting Scotland

This is a Scottish Government programme set up in response to Coronavirus aimed at providing iPads, Chromebooks and support to develop digital skills for those who maybe digitally excluded, on low incomes and or at risk of isolation. To reach these identified groups, Connecting Scotland collaborates with local councils, public and third sector organisations who are already working them.

Public and third sector organisations who work with target groups in Scotland can apply for devices. For more information including the 'How to apply' please visit the link below:

<https://apply.connecting.scot/>

## Crowdfunding Workshops

New workshops are being delivered offering an in-depth look at the best ways to crowd-fund for for businesses and the third sector. These workshops will take place over a series of weeks.

The 'How To' series is an innovative course that consists of 4 workshops they will run once a week for 30 mins each covering one of 4 key 'how to' topics. You can sign up for any of these workshops using the Eventbrite links below:

**15 July 11am—How to: Find The Crowd for Your Crowdfunder**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crowdfund-scotland-how-to-find-the-crowd-for-your-crowdfunder-tickets-111606610376>

**22 July 11am—How to: Use rewards for Your Crowdfunding**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crowdfund-scotland-how-to-use-rewards-for-your-crowdfunder-tickets-111618941258>

**29 July 11am—How to: Create A Great Crowdfunding Page**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crowdfund-scotland-how-to-create-a-great-crowdfunding-page-tickets-111621851964>

**5 August 11am—How to: Run a Successful Crowdfunder**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crowdfund-scotland-how-to-run-a-successful-crowdfunder-tickets-111623095684>



## FORT Calling all community groups services & organisations

There are so many fantastic community groups and organisations working to help people through the current crisis. Services have had to adapt to new ways of working and now more than ever, it is important that services work together to support those in need.

The Fast Online Tracking System (FORT) can help local services to connect and make seamless referrals to help local people access the right help and support at the right time.

Watch this short video to find out more about how the FORT system could benefit your service  
<https://youtu.be/lq-pqF71CS0>

If your organisation is interested in signing up to use the FORT system or want more information, Email: [anti.poverty@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:anti.poverty@westlothian.gov.uk)

## Funding

Charities, community groups and or social enterprises can find funding using the Funding Scotland website. The website has a free online search engine for both small grants and funding for big capital projects. For more information and to search for funding for free please follow the link below:

<https://fundingscotland.com>

## A Walking Time

Paths for All are gathering information regarding peoples physical activity in particular, walking. They are asking people to complete a short survey to see if a daily walk has been a regular routine. Stories are being gathered on what walking has meant for people during lockdown and whether a daily walk has helped keep people focussed, cleared their heads, a welcome break from home-schooling and allowing for people to explore their local area.

If you would like to take part in this survey please follow the link below:

<https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/news/news-post/share-your-lockdown-walking-story>

Scotland's  
lockdown  
walking  
stories

paths  
forall  
FOR A SMILE,  
WALKER SCOTLAND



# ACTION PACKED!

## CLD YOUTH SERVICES Competitions SUMMERFEST 2020

Monday 6th July Come and collect  
your Beach Party themed Activity  
pack



P1-7

S1-6 packs available

Limited number of Activity  
packs- first come first  
served

Fauldhouse PC 1-2 pm

Stoneyburn 2-3pm

West Calder 3-4pm

Armadale PC 1-2pm

Whitburn 2-3pm

Livi station 3-4pm

Forrestbank 1-2 pm

Winchburgh 2-3 pm

Bridgend 3-4 pm



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