

October 2020

# Community Planning & Regeneration

for communities and organisations

## WLC Third Sector Community Support Fund £400,000

A new fund has been created which focuses on building the resilience of our communities recovering from COVID19. This fund will address key areas identified through the Community Planning process and support our most vulnerable communities.

Applicants will be able to apply for new projects as well as ongoing core costs within three broad headings:

- Income and employment
- Physical and mental health and wellbeing
- Housing and homelessness issues

For details, application form and guidance: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/65737/>



Scottish Charity Number: SC043199

## Black history month

West Lothian Community Race Forum invites you to join us to celebrate on:

**Friday 23 October 2020**  
**6.00-7.30pm Zoom**

We've lined up key speakers doing amazing things across Scotland:

**Professor Sir Geoff Palmer**  
the first black Scottish professor, highly respected in his profession.

**Wezi Mhura**  
the driving force behind the Black Lives Matter Mural Trail in Scotland.

**Etienne Kubwabo**  
comic book artist who created the first black Scottish super-hero comic character

Register at [Event Brite here](#), or email [communityraceforum@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:communityraceforum@hotmail.co.uk)

## National Standards for Community Engagement



These standards have been updated to take into account COVID 19 challenges and are a useful tool for working with communities.

[This guide to the National Standards for Community Engagement](#) will help you to think about how you can engage communities around recovery and renewal. The Community Planning and Regeneration Team can support this process at: [regenerationteam@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:regenerationteam@westlothian.gov.uk)

Following **Voluntary Sector Gateway West Lothian (VSGWL)** successful partnership with WLSN and the National Lottery, VSGWL is pleased to announce a second round of grants between £500-£1000 to help small grass roots organisations and groups support local communities. The fund is open until **5pm on Friday 16th October**.

Monies will be distributed to successful applicants on Wed 28 Oct to support activities from 1 November to 31 January 2021. Organisations that were successful in receiving monies from Phase 1 will also be eligible to apply for further funding.

See [application form](#) and [guidance note](#) for further information.

## £15k VSGWL Covid-19 Response Fund Phase 2

The **Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations** 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. The programme is now open and has two strands: Adapt & Thrive and Community Recovery Fund. For more information: [SCVO - Community Recovery Fund](#)

## SCVO Community & Third Sector Recovery Programme

## The Robertson Trust launches new strategy

The Robertson Trust have launched their new strategy for the next ten years. It focuses on tackling poverty and trauma in Scotland and the impact this has on the physical, mental and material wellbeing of individuals, families and communities. The Trust want to fund those who are helping communities affected by poverty and trauma with a focus on early intervention, and support capacity, skills and capability in the organisations they fund.

[Funding Scotland - The Robertson Trust](#)



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# Food for thought!

## Halloween spooky special!

Halloween is a bit tricky this year with COVID. How can you manage Halloween activities whilst social distancing and keeping safe!!

- door decorating competitions
- Treasure hunts
- Trunk and treat event - *check if this is doable?*
- Pumpkin carving
- Creepy stories



Check out lots more activities that friends, neighbours and communities can take part in [here](#)

For more ideas click on:  
[Reatedart.com](http://Reatedart.com)

## Every litter bit hurts

Whilst out enjoying our natural surroundings we all need to be aware of the impact on the environment and wildlife around us.

RSPCA receive 5000 calls per year regarding litter with wildlife being the main victims.

To learn more about tackling litter locally please visit West Lothian Litter pickers on

[Facebook](#).



## Science on the Sofa

is crammed with amazing activities and experiments perfect for young people to do at home or in the classroom. There's even stuff for grown ups!

So if you are just generally looking for stuff to keep the kids amused, Follow the link below for hours of fun and learning.

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/.../sciencefestival/scienceonthesofa/>



## Adult learning digital handbook

This is ideal for individuals who are able to work through instructions without too much support. It might also be handy for staff /families/ volunteers who are trying to support individuals.

### [Adult Learning](#)

Please refer anyone on to Adult Learning who would benefit from the speaking to a digital tutor

[adultlearning@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:adultlearning@westlothian.gov.uk)

## Mental Health & Wellbeing

Befriending, listening ear, specialist support and counselling

These times have proven to be challenging for all and can be particularly hard for those self isolating, vulnerable and on their own. we have previously compiled a list of befriending, listening ear, community support and counselling services which can be found on [Community Regeneration Newsletter - 22-05-2020](#)

More information can be found at Westspace -West Lothians online source of mental health and well being information.

[Westspace - Befriending and Peer Support](#)

Find out more about 'happy to chat' benches

<http://www.sclt.us/chat-bench/45944670652>

