

## GALASHIELS CLD LEARNING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE BULLETIN

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9th November 2020

### Turas (Gaelic singing group) events:

Turas is back! Virtual ceilidh on 27th November and a singing evening to prepare for it on the 24th.



Turas Ceilidh info  
Nov. 2020.docx

### Play #yourpart by helping SBC to shape budget plans:

The annual Scottish Borders Council budget consultation is now open. This is your chance to play #yourpart and shape the Council's financial plan for next year as well as its future priorities.

This year the consultation, which is open for 12 weeks, focuses on some high-level issues facing the Council and the wider area. Borderers are being asked to allocate a limited number of points across these to provide insight on local priorities.

The feedback will be used as the Council develops its 2021/22 financial plan and also future priorities as part of a review and update of the Council's Corporate Plan.

The online consultation can be accessed via [www.scotborders.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/consultations) or directly at <https://scotborders.prioritysimulator.com>

Councillor Shona Haslam, Leader of the Council, said: "Without doubt next year's budget will be the hardest to set for many years.

"Funding for all local authorities continues to be tight, and the ongoing financial impact of COVID-19 will not disappear come April next year.

"Given the unpredictability of the pandemic it is also hard to predict just what scale the ongoing costs will be next year, both in terms of a continued response and in the Council helping our area to recover."

Councillor Mark Rowley, Executive Member for Economic Regeneration and Finance, added: "With the existing huge funding challenges for the Council responding to COVID-19 and the unpredictability of the finances that will be available to us next year we are asking Borderers to consider their priorities and offer feedback through this year's budget consultation on how they would like the Council to prioritise dealing with some really significant challenges.

"These range from helping people to live well for longer to doing more to help the environment and addressing climate change.

"The input of residents will help us to focus our financial and corporate plans to tackle these significant challenges over the coming years.

"More people than ever engaged with us through the budget consultation last year, which was great to see. However with the unique issues we are currently facing I hope the public response will be even more significant this time around."

The consultation will be open until 31 January.

For more information, contact the Communications and Marketing team on 01835 826632 or [communications@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:communications@scotborders.gov.uk)

**11th November 2020**

**Citizen Rights Scotland: new EU settlement Scheme**

There are current issues reaching the marginalised group and ensuring they have access to the right support. Please see link : <https://citizensrightsproject.org/>

[Citizens' Rights Project – Providing information, advice and support for EU citizens in Scotland](#)

Read more. EU citizens rights factsheets and new EU Settlement Scheme statistics 19.06.2020 A series of very useful factsheets created by Just Rights Scotland, explaining rights to work, study, vote, public healthcare, housing, and access to public funds have been added to our website in Your Rights section.. The Home Office has also released the latest figures on EU Settlement Scheme ...  
citizensrightsproject.org

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**12<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Children's Parliament has published the fourth/final report for 2020 on the results from our How are you doing? national wellbeing survey for 8 to 14 year olds.** Thank you for any help you have given to support children engage between April and October this year. In the report we compare children's responses from lockdown to the September/early October period and explore some key questions: *What should concern us? Are there signs of recovery?*

Please do share across your networks. More here: [bit.ly/Coronavirus\\_Kids](https://bit.ly/Coronavirus_Kids)

Regards,  
Colin Morrison



Children and Coronavirus: **How are you doing? survey** and **Corona Times Journal** published here [bit.ly/Coronavirus\\_Kids](https://bit.ly/Coronavirus_Kids)

New resource: **Back to School - A rights-based approach to recovery**  
<https://backtoschool.scot/>

Dr Colin Morrison  
Children's Parliament  
[www.childrensparliament.org.uk](http://www.childrensparliament.org.uk)

**Borders College community courses survey:**

I am writing on behalf of the Business Development Unit of Borders College. To try and provide courses tailored to the needs of our region, and embrace the rich diversity of people and cultures amongst the communities of the Scottish Borders, we are conducting a survey to try and find out more about what people want from their local college and the types of community courses that appeal to people.

Do people want more online courses or courses tailored to their home town for example.

As we hope to reach as wide an audience as possible, I would be really grateful if you were able to share our survey with the people of your community.

The survey can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#)

Tracey Whitmore

13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### **Drink Wise Age Well Programme:**



Scotland KEW  
Dates - Nov and Dec

You may be aware that the Drink Wise, Age Well Programme that had been running successfully for the last 5 years in Glasgow ended in March this year. We gained so much learning about working with the older population in relation to alcohol that our aim now is to **share this evidence-based learning and research** with relevant services across Scotland and the UK.

As a result, we have developed and are currently delivering **free Knowledge Exchange Workshops** remotely using the online platform Zoom. Our workshops are interactive and include many practical examples of **good practice on working with older people around alcohol**. They are based on our experience, research and involve experience from people who have used Drink Wise, Age Well.

We would like to invite you and your team, as well as key stakeholders or partners, to attend a Knowledge Exchange Workshop with us.

We have arranged a series of Scotland wide dates running on the following dates:

- [Monday 16th November - 1:45pm - 4:15pm](#)
- [Wednesday 25th November - 9:45am - 12:15pm](#)
- [Monday 30th November - 1:45pm - 4:15pm](#)
- [Wednesday 9th December - 9:45am - 12:15pm](#)
- [Monday 14th December - 1:45pm - 4:15pm](#)

If you would like to book a place to attend, enquire about other dates or would like further information please contact **Abby Rodden**, Drink Wise, Age Well National Legacy Coordinator (Scotland) on **07773489694** or by email at:

[legacyevents@drinkwiseagewell.org.uk](mailto:legacyevents@drinkwiseagewell.org.uk)

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**Please note that the Drink Wise Age Well operational Service has now closed. If you need advice or help please go to the website [www.drinkwiseagewell.org.uk](http://www.drinkwiseagewell.org.uk).**