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Finally, on 30th June, **Big Lottery Fund** reopened for business. Their new programme from 2010 to 2015 is very similar to the old Investing in Communities Programme

The 3 key funding strands keep their names:

- **Growing Community Assets** aims to help communities have more control and influence over their own future through ownership of assets
- **Life Transitions** aims to support projects that help people at key times of change, helping them to make their lives better for the future
- **Supporting 21st Century Life** aims to support projects that build stronger families and stronger communities.

However, the types of projects they are keen to support and the outcomes that the Big Lottery expects to achieve have been restricted. In order to bring about lasting change, equalities, environment and empowerment must be at the heart of the projects supported. BLF believe that they are connected and that communities and organisations that take them to heart will be stronger and achieve better outcomes in the long term. Before you apply you should consider equalities, environment and empowerment in the design and delivery of your project. For Growing Community Assets this means that you involve the whole community in developing your project, your project is sustainable, your project develops skills and that your community overcomes disadvantage and inequality through your asset.

Investing in Ideas fund which supports initial planning with grants of up to £10000 has also been re-launched.

Further information is available on the Big Lottery Fund's website:

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/Scotland>

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Training

CWA Members Skills Development and Knowledge Share Events.

Would you like to host future knowledge share events and earn income for your group? You can earn up to £400 for your group to host an event. If you would like to host an event or would be interested in delivering training for other community groups then please contact your local Woodland Advisor.

Funding is also available for groups to visit others to learn from their experience and to attend training courses out with this scheme. Contact Diane Campbell diane@communitywoods.org for more info.

The table below lists details of events planned to the end of June 2010. Please contact the relevant person to note interest.

Course Name	Date	Info	Location and contact
Networking experience visit - Glasgow to Argyll	29 th July	David and Michaela of Dunbeag Woodland Regeneration and Sustainability Project, and Kilfinan Forest Trust, will be opening their doors and gates to CWA members	Tighnabruich, Argyll Contact Rosslyn Mills rosslyn@communitywoods.org By 23 rd July
Introduction to Woodland Management & Planning	23 rd Aug	This course gives an introduction to aspects of good woodland management planning including establishment, silviculture and regeneration. Trainer Donald McPhillimy.	Castlemilk Stables, Glasgow Contact Rosslyn Mills rosslyn@communitywoods.org
Networking experience visit - Aberdeenshire to Moray	28 th Aug TBC	An exchange visit from Huntly Community Wood to Forres Community Wood – workshops and exchange of experience.	Contact Diane Campbell diane@communitywoods.org to note interest
Charcoal Making	8 th to 10 th Sept	For those who want to make charcoal on a modest scale, i.e. semi-commercially in a ring kiln, to go right through the process.	Contact Peter Quelch peter.quelch@btinternet.com or tel 01546 602067

Other Training Events

Forest Skills - Saturday 11th September, Dalkeith Country Park **Cost:** £50.00 contact Mandy@greenteam.org.uk – 0131 558 957.

Come and spend a day in the woods to experience Forest Skills and outdoor survival that you can share with groups. The day will involve following tracks and trails, shelter building, fire lighting and knot tying as well as lots of fun games and challenges in the woods. Bring outdoor clothes and outdoor shoes and a packed lunch with you.

Spaces By Design - 9/10 September Stirling area – venue to be confirmed

This 2 day course, organised in conjunction with the Glasshouse, is aimed at community organisations who want to get involved in planning, designing and building an open space in their neighbourhood. The course, which also includes study tours, helps participants gain the design skills and confidence necessary to create great civic areas, parks, play areas, orchards, etc. The course is practise basis so is ideally suited to two or more participants from the same community organisation attending. For more information contact aileen@dtascot.org or wendy@dtascot.org

BTCV - <http://shop.btcv.org.uk/shop/level2/106/level> Short courses across Scotland. Go to the link for further details. Click through to various courses listed alphabetically by topic on the left hand menu. You will find a comprehensive list of courses.

SCVO Training Courses.

SCVO is a major organiser of training courses for the Voluntary Sector in Scotland. Their courses cover a broad range of topics from IT to organisational governance, from personal development to capacity building to meet the training requirements of the Sector. Click here <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/SCVOEvents/SCVOTrainingByMonthHome.aspx>

Scottish Natural Heritage Sharing Good Practice events for 2009/10.

Go to <http://www.snh.gov.uk/news-and-events/events/> to download the programme.

Volunteer Development Scotland and FEVA are offering a range of learning opportunities, accredited and non-accredited, to be delivered across Scotland commencing September 2010. These training opportunities are free and are funded by VDS and FEVA. Please ensure that you consider the time commitment of the LEVEL 6 Coordinating Volunteers accredited training before applying. Please apply directly to VDS. Your application will be assessed and your place will be agreed in consultation with FEVA. Further information from vds@vds.org.uk. Indicate your interest for any of the learning opportunities and/or return your completed application or booking form to Hazel McAlpine – hazel.mcalpine@vds.org.uk See table below for details – costs are associated with each course Contact Volunteer Development Scotland for details www.vds.org.uk

Learning Opportunities	Duration/ Dates	Location and Date	Accredited Learning alignment
Volunteer Impact Assessment Toolkit	23 November 2010 10.00 - 16.00	Edinburgh	No direct accreditation - can be aligned to 1 unit in Evaluating and Improving Professional Practice, PDA
Volunteer Motivation and Retention	8 September 2010 10.00 – 16.00	Stirling	Can be aligned to 1 unit in Managing Volunteers Customised Award RPL
Monitoring and Evaluating in Volunteering	9 November 2010 10.00 – 16.00	Glasgow	No direct accreditation – Learning can be linked to Evaluating and Improving Professional Practice, PDA
Effective Volunteer Recruitment	30 September 2010 10.00 – 16.00	Inverness	Can be linked to 1 unit in Coordinating Volunteers Customised Award RPL
Recognising Volunteer Achievements/ Volunteer Portfolios	19 October 2010 10.00 - 16.00	Ayr	Can be aligned to 1 unit in Managing Volunteers Customised Award RPL
Customised Award Coordinating Volunteers	Introduction 19 or 25 August 2010. 31 August, 28 September, 2 November, 1 December and 18 January 2011.	Stirling – from August 2010	Yes - Coordinating Volunteers Customised Award at SCQF 6 Please use the SQA application form for this programme. A second programme may be offer from February 2011.

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Events

Big Tent 2010 Date for your diary Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th July

Big Tent is Scotland's largest eco festival and is set on Falkland Estate against the stunning backdrop of the Lomond Hills. 2010 will be the event's fifth anniversary and since its inception it has grown year-on-year, becoming a must-visit occasion. Big Tent is a family-friendly event packed with a range of great activities, thought-provoking environmental perspectives, a fantastic music programme, arts and crafts and mouth-watering food. If you'd like to find out more visit www.bigtentfestival.co.uk

Story Telling Weekend, 30th to 31st July - Wooplaw, Borders

The weekend of 30th and 31st July is the Guid Craik Societies story telling weekend at Wooplaw. There are some amazing story tellers each year and it suits all ages. Last year they had performing zebras with dogs on their backs turning somersaults add breathing fire. They had to call the fire brigade when one of their tails caught fire and it ran off through the woods. Well, I think that's what they told me. www.wooplaw.org.uk

Scotland's Housing Expo - Inverness - August 2010 Scotland's Housing Expo is the first event of its kind in Scotland. It showcases over 50 house designs of the future - which people from all backgrounds, ages and income brackets can afford. It aims to make good design and sustainable features commonplace in every home - just like the indoor WC that was such a revelation in the 1930s! The Expo is based upon similar models found in mainland Europe, and particularly Finland where historically the housing fair concept has proven very successful in stimulating quality design and innovation for housing. Aspiring to bring about a similar effect in the Highlands and throughout the UK, the Scottish Housing Expo offers a model for future housing design and development. The homes on view will be available to purchase, with a proportion being affordable housing. For more information visit: www.scotlandshousingexpo.com

Highlands and Islands Social Enterprise Zone (HISEZ) Conference – 27th August Centre for Health Science, Inverness. Come along and meet with Social Enterprises from across the Highlands and Islands. There will be a chance to discuss issues which are affecting you, meet with people who can help you and find out how to access new markets or funding. There will also be a Social Enterprise Market area packed with local produce for you to buy, so come armed with your reusable shopping bags! The Market area will also include many other organisations interested in meeting and talking to Social Enterprises, so expect to make some new friends too. <http://www.bipsolutions.com/events/HISEZ10/index.html>

Management and Utilisation of Scots pine in the Northern Periphery - 24-25th August 2010 Strathpeffer Spa Pavilion, Strathpeffer, Ross-shire. Book online at: <http://www.keycs.com/events.asp> The first day of the conference will be focused on the management of Scots pine forests. In the morning there will be a series of presentations relating to Scots pine management in northern periphery countries, including the impacts of silviculture, results of a survey of Scots pine quality in Scotland and methods for assessing and forecasting quality. In the afternoon there will be field visits to Cawdor Estate to view examples of Scots pine management for the production of quality timber. On the second day the emphasis will be on processing, marketing and utilisation of Scots pine timber. The morning session will include presentations relating to the end-use properties of Scots pine timber, marketing initiatives in Finland, preservative treatment of Scots pine, trials of Scots pine timber cladding and construction of a bird hide showcasing the use of Scots pine timber in construction. The afternoon will include visits to the bird hide constructed as part of the project and other buildings.

Branching Out - Glasgow 15th September

An award winning referral programme of woodland activities for people using mental health services. Use of the natural environment has the potential to be one of the most beneficial and cost effective ways of increasing the nation's mental and physical health.

This seminar will bring together health and environmental sectors and showcase current practice of joint working and how green healthcare can help deliver a mentally flourishing Scotland.

Programme highlights:

- Keynote address from Anne Hawkins, Director of the Mental Health Partnership in Glasgow
- Research showing the link between green space and health and wellbeing
- Health professionals view of the Branching Out programme
- Case studies of other green healthcare options (Trellis, Gardening Leave and Care Farming)
- Woodland activity sessions
- Explore green healthcare possibilities for your area
- The role of green care in promoting mental wellbeing

To book your place, please send your details to

centralscotland.cons@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or telephone 01698 368555. This seminar day will be FREE. Places will be limited so book your place early.

Woodfuel Events

11th August, Huntly – Biomass for Businesses www.usewoodfuel.co.uk

11th August, Oban – AliEnergy Agyll Renewables Show phone David Doherty 01631 565 183

18th August, Inverness – UseGreenHeat Retrofitting Renewable Energy Technologies

www.usewoodfuel.co.uk

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General News

UK Landscape Award 'Showcasing the best projects in the UK'

The UK Landscape Awards are looking for the best landscape projects in the UK. Good landscapes, wherever they are, help make great communities. A new town square, a restored coastal path, a regeneration scheme with public space at its heart, all make a contribution to how well a community works.

The UK Landscape Award was created by the European Landscape Convention and helps to implement it in the UK. The winner will become the UK's entry to the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (COE). The landscape might be newly-created, it could be the improvement or renewal of an existing landscape or perhaps it has brought new life or community involvement to an existing place. All types of landscape - urban, rural, peri-urban (urban edge), suburban, coastal, agricultural, industrial, designed, natural, cultural, appealing to or designed for children - are eligible to enter.

The Award is a great opportunity for organisations to showcase their best landscape projects, highlighting their role in making good places and establishing community involvement in the process.

Entries close on 27 August 2010. The winner will be announced on 8 November 2010 at the European Landscape Convention Conference in Liverpool. The UK winner will then be submitted to the Council of Europe's European Landscape Award which will be announced in March 2011. More information and details of how to enter are available on the UK Landscape Award

<http://www.uklandscapeaward.org/>

Milled Douglas Fir for Sale

Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Trust has good quality Douglas Fir for sale near Beauly. The main sizes available are

- 4.9m x 200mm x 50mm
- 3.9m x 200mm x 50mm
- 3.9m x 100mm x 50mm.

The timber was milled in March this year and is for sale off saw and without VAT.

If interested please phone Gordon Fisher on 01463 831540 or email gordon@parva.clara.co.uk

Disposal of Land Regulations Abolished! Regulations insisting on Scottish Ministers consent before the disposal of land at less than market value have been abolished on 1st June 2010. They have been replaced with a best value framework which provides guidance for local authorities to dispose of land without referring decisions to Scottish Ministers

New Evaluation Guidance a website where mission-driven organisations can explore practical ways to measure their impacts and demonstrate the quality of what they do and how they operate.

<http://www.proveandimprove.org/new/>

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Funding

FunderFinder Service for when you are looking for grants.

CWA offers members the FunderFinder service, a database of over 4000 potential funders. Contact Diane on 01854 613737 with details of your project and we can give you a big list of funders to follow up. The link below takes you to a list of schemes that FunderFinder have been asked to promote.

http://www.funderfinder.org.uk/links_awards.php

Knowledge and Skills Exchange Fund - If you want to research your next project, or increase the impact of a current activity, then take a visit to a group that has been there and done it! CWA staff can point you in the direction of other community woodland groups that have similar experiences, and the Knowledge and Skills Exchange Fund provide funding for travel and accommodation expenses up to £1000. For guidance and application forms contact Diane diane@communitywoods.org

Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP).

CWA Woodland Advisors can help you with applications to SRDP – contact your area Advisor if you would like to discuss this free service. www.communitywoods.org/staff

Community Wildlife Fund - The BIG Lottery Fund has announced the launch of its new Community Wildlife Fund. Through the fund not for profit groups, local councils, schools and health bodies can apply for funding of between £300 and £10,000 for projects that will bring together local people to discover, enjoy or protect wildlife in their local area by improving rural or urban environments for people to enjoy, and by getting people more active and healthier. Example projects include; protecting wildlife habitats; creating a nature trail, woodland walk or wildlife garden for people to enjoy; improving natural community spaces, such as rivers, ponds and woodland; exploring parks, rivers and the countryside to look for rare or endangered species; encouraging people to take up gardening or go on nature walks; providing opportunities for children to learn about nature through play. There are three deadlines for applications. The first deadline is the 21st July 2010, followed by the 22nd September and the 24th November 2010. www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_community_wildlife.htm

UK Mammals Grants (UK) The People's Trust for endangered species is inviting applications from voluntary conservation organisations, scientific researchers, individuals and consortia, needing financial support for work that relates to the conservation of mammals in the British Isles and Eire, to apply for funding of up to £30,000 through their UK mammals grant programme. The trust aims to fund scientific research, practical habitat management work, reintroduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects. Projects supported in the past include; Bats in the Lake District; Monitoring of UK bat species in underground sites; and monitoring Irish pine martens. The deadline for applications is the 22nd November 2010. <http://www.ptes.org/>

Heritage Lottery Fund Heritage Grants Scheme The next application round for the Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Grants Scheme for projects over £1million and under £5million is the 9th August 2010. Under the Heritage Grants scheme funding is available for projects that relate to the national, regional or local heritage of the UK. To be eligible for funding a project must help people to learn about their own and other people's heritage, conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy; and help more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about heritage. HLF welcome applications from single organisations and partnerships. Priority is given to not-for-profit organisations, and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations. If private owners are involved, HLF expect the public benefit to be greater than any private gain. In addition, the HLF also makes grants of £50,001 - £1 million; and Grants in excess of £1 million. www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/heritagegrants.aspx

Lush Charity Pot Funding Grants of a few hundred pounds to a maximum of £10,000 (although the average grant awarded is £3,000) are available for small grassroots charities, community groups and non-violent direct action groups working in the areas of environment / conservation; animal protection; and human rights. The funding is being made available through the Handmade Cosmetics Company's Lush Charity Pot. In the past, nearly all its grants have gone to small organisations with a turnover of less than £250,000 per year. The company are particularly keen to support projects that create change and aim to get to the route of the problem. They also prefer to fund project costs rather than core costs but occasionally fund salaries. Applications can be submitted at any time.

www.lush.co.uk/index.php?option=com_virtuemart&page=lush.lscharity.php&Itemid=115

Biomass Heating Scheme A final call has gone out to small-medium sized businesses across Scotland encouraging them to take advantage of Scottish Government funding that will help them make the switch to biomass heating. Applications are being invited for the Scottish Biomass Heat Scheme, which will give grants to small and medium sized businesses to install renewable heating systems. To reach European climate change targets, the Government wants to increase by tenfold the amount of renewables used for heating in Scotland. The Scottish Biomass Heat Scheme is managed in partnership between Scottish Government and Forestry Commission Scotland. Projects must clearly demonstrate that they can be complete by March 2011. Therefore projects which have a completed specification,

planning permission, match finance in place and can demonstrate a secure fuel supply will be a priority for fast-tracking. Applicants should submit an initial enquiry form that outlines their project details, however if a project is to be considered for fast-tracking to the full assessment stage, a full application must be submitted. www.usewoodfuel.co.uk/ScottishBiomassHeatScheme.stm

Senior Volunteering Opportunities in Adult Education Organisations working in Adult Education and Lifelong Learning that are interested in setting up a senior Volunteering project with a European Partner Organisation will be able to apply for funding in early 2011 under the Grundtvig Programme's Senior Volunteering scheme. Grundtvig, which is part of the EU's Lifelong Learning Programme funds training opportunities for adult education organisations, staff and learners. Senior Volunteering projects funding aim to build a lasting collaboration with another European organisation around a specific theme or activity or target group, through the exchange of volunteers. Organisations can send senior adult learners (aged 50+) to spend 3-8 weeks as volunteers at your partner's organisation in another country. You will also host the volunteers they send. The volunteers can be involved in any non-profit making activities, so long as they provide good learning opportunities. These may be formal, non-formal or (most usually) informal activities.

www.grundtvig.org.uk/page.asp?section=0001000100400006§ionTitle=Senior+Volunteering+Projects

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust is a large charitable trust with a wide range of interests and limited written guidance for groups and organisations who wish to apply. There is no application form and very brief guidelines for applicants. To apply, you should write to the director of the Trust, giving details of; Your charity and its aims; How much your project will cost; The size of the grant requested; How much has already been raised and from whom How you plan to raise the shortfall. You should include an annual report and any other documentation that you feel could support your appeal. Grants range from £1,000 to £250,000, but most will be for less than £10,000. The foundation can support capital projects, endowments, scholarship funds, research programmes and research funding. Applications should be made to: John Rimmington, Director, The Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust 20 Berkely Square, London, W13 6LH

The Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust Funds available in support of horticultural education; for the advancement of research in any branch of horticulture and the publication of the results of such research; to assist the creation, development, preservation and maintenance of gardens accessible to the public; the promotion of the cultivation and wide distribution of plants which have value to mankind; promotion and cultivation of new plants; assisting the publication of books or other works relating to science or horticulture. <http://grantsforhorticulturists.org.uk/smith.html>

Woodland Trust 'More Trees, More Good', launches on 30 June. This will replace Tree For All. The campaign sets out a longer-term aim of a UK rich in native woods and trees, enjoyed and valued by everyone. To achieve this, for every native tree that exists in the UK today, another needs to be planted. An ambitious tree planting movement which everyone can take part in.

To help achieve this, the campaign offers a range of support:

- Large tree planting schemes will receive site visits with advice on funding sources, species choice and planting design, more information is available at woodlandtrust.org.uk/plantyourownwood
- Landowners with a hectare or so may be eligible for support through the Woodland Trust's MOREwoods scheme, details can be found at woodlandtrust.org.uk/morewoods
- Schools and youth groups can apply for free packs of trees and seeds-to-trees kits at woodlandtrust.org.uk/hedge
- Communities can apply for a choice of four themed tree packs to enhance their neighbourhood. These are free and available in two sizes: 105 trees (suitable for a hedge or copse), 420 trees (approx one acre). Visit woodlandtrust.org.uk/communitytrees to apply.
- Online tree planting advice and information can be found at woodlandtrust.org.uk/planttrees
- New campaign website is moretreesmoregood.org.uk

Comic Relief UK grants - deadline: September 2010 (various dates) Comic Relief UK grants are open to voluntary and community sector throughout the UK including: constituted voluntary and community groups, charities, social enterprises, co-operatives, faith organisations, and community interest companies. Grants, on average, vary between £25,000 and £40,000 per year. Comic Relief currently has the following programmes:

- * Mental Health
- * Domestic and Sexual Abuse
- * Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women
- * Sport for Change
- * Local Communities
- * Older People

For more information on how to apply for any of the above, please go to www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk

The James Caan Foundation (JCF) was set up by Dragon's Den investor James Caan in 2006, and supports UK charities as well as education initiatives in Pakistan. The objectives of the foundation are as follows;

For the public benefit to promote education (including social and physical training) in such ways as the charity trustees think fit. This includes:

- Awarding scholarships, maintenance allowances or grants tenable at any university, college or institution of higher or further education
- Providing their education (including the study of music or other arts), to undertake travel in furtherance of that education or to prepare for entry to any occupation, trade or profession on leaving any educational establishment
- Helping in the development of schools in underprivileged areas
- To assist in the treatment and care of those suffering from mental or physical illness of any description or in need of rehabilitation as a result of such illness. This can be through the provision of facilities for work and recreation, or the support of research into the causes and cures of diseases. To support any other purpose which is deemed to be charitable.

There is no set deadline. www.hamiltonbradshaw.com/charity-community/james-caan-foundation/

Woodland Grazing Forestry Commission Scotland a new grant aimed at boosting woodland grazing. The joint initiative between Forestry Commission Scotland, and Scottish Natural Heritage will help put Scotland's livestock to work enhancing the environment, economic and public amenity value of the semi-natural native woodlands across Scotland. Grants will be provided through annual payments of £87/hectare/year for a period of five years and this can be supplemented with additional Woodland Improvement Grant funding. The National Farmers Union (NFU) will be holding a series of workshops focusing on woodland grazing best practice as well as the grant application process.

For further information about the events contact Perth and Argyll Conservancy Office on 01738 442830 or email panda.cons@forestry.gsi.gov.uk These grants are also available to potential applicants with Plantation on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS) that are actively being restored to native woodland.

Priority will be given to UK Biodiversity Action Plan woodland habitats and species. For those interested contact Douglas Wright on 0131 314 6481 email douglas.wright@forestry.gsi.gov.uk
www.forestry.gov.uk/newsrele.nsf/aa14185030b005dc8025751b004c36d9/5616a694595e1ce5802576fe004a632f!OpenDocument

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