



GREC Services

Hello and welcome to the second edition of the GREC Community Bulletin! We received a great response after last month's relaunch, and would like to thank everyone who got in touch for all their lovely comments.

In this month's edition we have gathered information from all of Grampians local authorities as well as Police Scotland, Aberdeen Interfaith, CFINE, Aberdeen Multicultural Centre and many more.

The GREC office currently remains closed, but all our projects continue to run remotely and staff can be contacted via the details opposite. You can also keep up with us on social media using the links below!

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EVENTS

This year's GREC AGM will be held on **Wednesday, 25th November** from 7pm on Zoom. [Click here](#) to register on Eventbrite. Alternately, email Dave (dblack@grec.co.uk) or Jackie (jwalker@grec.co.uk) to sign up or request a copy of the agenda.

8th-15th November is Scottish Interfaith Week!



We will be hosting our second annual Interfaith Forum with our friends at Aberdeen Interfaith this **Sunday, 15th November** at **2pm**. The event is free and open to all.

We are discussing Gender Based Violence and will have talks from a number of excellent speakers, including representatives from **Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre** and **Religions for Peace**.

[Click here](#) to book your free ticket for this event, or [click here](#) to see the full Scottish Interfaith Week programme.

Next **Friday, 20th November** is **Transgender Day of Remembrance**. To commemorate the occasion, **AUSA Trans Students Forum** have organised a number of socially distanced activities. [Click here](#) for more information.

ESA Scotland will be hosting their first online event for the Scottish East and South East Asian community on **Wednesday, 25th November**. [Click here](#) to book your ticket, or [click here](#) to visit the ESA Scotland website.

The African Council is hosting an Employability Masterclass on **Friday, 20th November** from 12pm. [Click here](#) for more information, or [click here](#) to visit the African Council's website.



COMMUNITIES

Inchgarth Community Centre recently launched their **One Penny at a Time** campaign. You can drop off your old coppers at the Centre or alternately, [click here](#) to donate online. the money raised will go towards ensuring Inchgarth can continue the vital work they do for communities in Aberdeen South.

East and Southeast Asian Scotland (ESAS), a group based in Edinburgh, have set up a COVID-19 Response Scheme for the East and Southeast Asian communities in Scotland. Families with children and individuals with NRPF (i.e. without access to government benefits) may apply for vouchers to buy groceries, phone credit/data and/or winter clothing. For more information or to apply, please contact project manager Kimi by emailing kimijolly@esascotland.org or calling **07898 365775**.



Aberdeen Multicultural Centre (AMC) has partnered with the Scottish Government to help older people (50+) from BAME communities living in Aberdeen who have been financially affected by COVID-19.

You may apply for shopping vouchers worth up to £50 per household. [Click here](#) to apply, or [click here](#) to visit AMC's website.

Alcohol & Drugs Action (ADA) recently launched **Brew & Banter**, a new informal social group held on Zoom. The group meets on Tuesdays at 3pm and is open to all.

For more information and joining details, please call ADA at **0333 344 8355** or email helpline@alcoholanddrugsaction.org.uk

We, along with our partner RECs across Scotland, have just begun a new project looking to better understand the experiences of Chinese, East and South-East Asian communities during COVID-19 and lockdown. This includes a focus on recent experiences of hate crime & prejudice. Part of this project is a survey, and there are also focus groups planned. We will use the results to inform policy makers what action is required to better support communities.



[Click here](#) for the survey in **English**
[Click here](#) for the survey in **Traditional Chinese**
[Click here](#) for the survey in **Simplified Chinese**

OPPORTUNITIES



Police Scotland is hosting a recruitment event for members of the LGBT+ community interested in a career with the police on **Thursday, 3rd December** at 6.30pm. For more information or to sign up, please email recruitmentpositiveactionteam@scotland.pnn.police.uk

NHS Grampian is currently recruiting a Non-Executive Board Member. The closing date for applications is **Friday 4th December**. [Click here](#) for more information or to apply.

CFINE is recruiting a Financial Inclusion Team Leader to lead and develop its financial inclusion service. The closing date for applications is **Thursday, 19th November**. [Click here](#) for the full job description or to apply.

THIRD SECTOR SUPPORT

Food Fund Grants are now available via **Food Poverty Action Aberdeen**. Third sector organisation can apply for grants of up to £5000 to support people in Aberdeen to access food and other essentials. For more information or to request an application form, please email Lesley at ljenkins@cfine.org

The **Community & Third Sector Recovery Programme** is currently open for applications. [Click here](#) for more information or to apply via **SCVO**.

Phase 2 of the **Connecting Scotland** programme will be reopening for applications this month. [Click here](#) for more information.

The hit TV show **Outlander** is currently recruiting a number of Scotland-based trainees. The application deadline is **Monday, 23rd November**. They are particularly seeking applications from "diverse talent, specifically people of colour, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ communities". [Click here](#) for more information.

Grampian Credit Union is currently recruiting volunteers to sit on its Supervisory Committee, as well as Non Executive Directors. If you are interested in volunteering with Grampian Credit Union, please email admin@grampiancreditunion.com by **Monday 30th November**.



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to complete Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership's Equality Outcomes survey and help ACHSCP plan their equality priorities for 2021-24.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

- Earlier this month, the **Scottish Government** introduced a new tiered system of coronavirus restrictions.
- There are five tiers or "**Protection Levels**", with Tier 0 being the least serious and Tier 4 the most.
- Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire are currently in Tier 2, while Moray is in Tier 1.
- [Click here](#) for more information about the tier system from the Scottish Government.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

[Click here](#) for the latest coronavirus updates from the **Scottish Government**.

[Click here](#) for the latest coronavirus updates from **Aberdeen City Council**.

[Click here](#) for the latest coronavirus updates from **Aberdeenshire Council**.

[Click here](#) for the latest coronavirus updates from **Moray Council**.

BENEFITS & SOCIAL SECURITY

It was confirmed earlier this month that the **Job Retention Scheme** (a.k.a furlough) is being extended until **March 2021**.

[Click here](#) for more information on the Job Retention Scheme.

The **Self-Isolation Support Grant** is now open for applications from individuals on low incomes who are required to self-isolate.

[Click here](#) to apply for a Self Isolation Support Grant via Aberdeen City Council.

The **Scottish Child Payment** is now open for applications from parents of children under 6 on low incomes.

[Click here](#) to apply for the Scottish Child Payment.