

NEWSLETTER

At the heart of funding Scotland's Charities

Our aim is to support and work in partnership with charities which help people, especially those who are disadvantaged or disabled to play a fuller role in communities throughout Scotland.



Andrew Muirhead, Chief Executive

Welcome to our first electronic newsletter. Open communication is at the heart of the Foundation. Our aim is simple, we want our support in its various forms to be available to charities which fall within our scope.

2007 was a year of strategic development for the Foundation, and we seek to be innovative and collaborative as we enter a new year. Past successes, such as the Drugs Initiative and assisting the creation of Evaluation Support Scotland, along with other instances have given Trustees an ambition to break further new ground. The power of an independent funder such as the Foundation to create environments for good ideas to flourish has never been better. The interest in philanthropy in Scotland is growing and the power to make lives better is immense.

In 2008, we will launch a new venture philanthropy fund. Its ability to attract both private and government resources for real and lasting change sets it apart and provides exciting opportunities for charities in Scotland to do great work.

Annual Trustees' Dinner

We held our ninth Annual Trustees' Dinner on Thursday, 6th December at the George Hotel in Edinburgh.

The Dinner provided the Trustees with an opportunity to meet key figures in Scotland, principally in the voluntary sector.

Netta MacIver, from Turning Point Scotland, and Des Ryan, from Edinburgh Cyrenians Trust, spoke about the real impact their work has on people's lives across Scotland.

To have a look at some photographs from the event, please [click here](#).



Norman Drummond, Chair, speaking

Dates for the diary

As you are probably already aware, we hold funding surgeries across Scotland, giving people the opportunity to discuss their application before it is submitted.

With over 80 opportunities a year to get face to face support with your application, as well as the option of speaking to someone by phone, we do our very best to help.

You don't need to come to a funding surgery – it's not something we take into account when we assess your application. Generally people who have been to a surgery complete better applications and so are more likely to receive a grant.

Please [click here](#) to view the Surgery Tour schedule.

We can also confirm new [deadline dates](#) for this year.

...don't forget if you would like to attend a surgery, please call our office to book an appointment on 0870 902 902.

Launch of Inspiring Scotland

We'll be launching Inspiring Scotland on the 29th January 2008.

Inspiring Scotland is an exciting new undertaking that is being led by Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland. It has been developed from the knowledge gained through our work, what we have heard from the voluntary sector over the last 22 years, and learning from venture philanthropy models in Australia, the USA and Europe. This work seeks to address some of the challenges that face organisations who are working hard to make Scotland a better place, and more importantly to help them make the difference they are striving to achieve. For more information look at www.inspiringscotland.org.uk



We have new members of staff in the Inspiring Scotland team:

[Helen Chambers](#) has moved from working on the Drugs and Alcohol Programme to becoming the Head of Public Government Relations. [Janice Reilly](#) is Head of Investor Relations.

[Susan Bell](#), [Louise Hannigan](#), [Danny Phillips](#) and [Celia Tennant](#) are our Performance Advisors.

[Steve Falla](#) is currently spending half his time working on the delivery of the programme and [Catriona Henderson](#) provides communication support.

New faces at the Foundation

We would like to welcome on board three new members of staff to the Foundation.

Two new Assessors were appointed [Kaylie Allen](#) and [Sarah Littlewood](#), started in early January, and [Gemma](#) the administration team as an Administrative Assistant.

We also filled two positions internally. [Elaine Wilson](#) was appointed as the Partnership Drugs Initiative Programme Manager and [Eilidh Chalmers](#) as the Partnership Drugs Initiative Deputy Programme Manager.

and finally....

....keep checking our website for updates, as our Overseas Programme will be launching shortly.

If you have any questions about this newsletter or about the Foundation, please [e-mail](#) or call us on 0870 902 1201
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