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Introducing the new SCSN logo

SCSN has come a long way since it was established in 1997 under the banner of the Scottish Local Authorities Community Safety (SLACS) forum. With the support and guidance of community safety practitioners across Scotland, SCSN has established itself as the network that brings together people involved in all aspects of community safety from across Scotland to share practice and information on current and emerging national and local practice.



While we have made big steps in service delivery and name recognition; our corporate branding has been weak and not easily identifiable. Indeed our current logo is regularly confused for the Scottish Government logo as well as other organisations that use variations of the saltire flag.

You may be thinking, "as long as I am getting quality services why does the logo matter?" Actually I had the same thoughts. I also had concerns that the SCSN family may be 'attached' to our logo and hostile to change. However, an organisation's identity is important for its long term security, to attract customer engagement, secure sales and funding, stand out from competitors, and provides a standard 'kite mark' for quality of service. As demonstrated by many multi nationals, there is a business need to evolve the branding to reflect the current market. Indeed its not just multi nationals who regularly modify their branding, take a moment to reflect on the

number of local authority branding changes we have gone through over the last 20 or so years.

With this in mind, the SCSN Board, along with members of the National Operational Group began the process of developing a new corporate identity in August 2015. The challenge was to find a unique branding that represents what SCSN stands for; that has the flexibility to evolve with the organisation and would provide a strong corporate identity.

Thanks to Community Safety Glasgow (in particular a big thanks to Colin Scott) we have been able to create a stronger and more easily recognisable identity which builds on the work Heidi, former SCSN Communications Officer, did for us on the National Convention logo. Our new corporate brand clearly identifies us as a standalone organisation and our new 'SCSN Tartan' will provide a colour palette that will support wider branding of our training, resources and events. We believe the logo represents us an organisation and conveys the message that we are: professional, small but with a big reach, knowledgeable, committed, confident, efficient and dependable.

Our new branding will be introduced into our materials over the coming months.



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Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Operator Induction Training

This new interactive eLearning module has been designed to complement local Operator Induction Manuals and provides certified training for CCTV operators. The course has been broken down into three 30 minute sections and is supported by a comprehensive CCTV Induction Manual:

- Introduction and characteristics of CCTV
- CCTV codes of practice and guidance

- documentation
- CCTV legislation (Scotland)

CCTV equipment use

- Data management and disclosure
- CCTV surveillance techniques

Managing incidents and communications

- Emergency procedures and responses
- Health and Safety at work

The course is available on the SCSN website or by following the eLearning direct link <http://elearning.scsn.org.uk/>

Applying For Awards eLearning

Thinking of Applying for an award? This 20 minute eLearning package will give you the skills and knowledge to write stronger award applications. For the purpose of this eLearning module, an award is 'a prize or other mark of recognition given in honour of an achievement.'

Thinking of applying for a Safer Communities Scotland Award in 2016? Then this is **really** for you as we have used the Safer Communities Awards application as our template to support your learning and to help you to think about and answer the questions the panel

are asking.

By the end of the eLearning module, participants should:

- Feel more confident in completing applications
- Be more confident at evidencing their work
- Be aware of the common mistakes made
- Understand how awards can impact on the future of a project

The course is available on the SCSN website or by following the eLearning direct link <http://elearning.scsn.org.uk/>

SCSN Website is Refreshing

When you next visit the SCSN website we hope you will like the new refreshed look, designed to align with our new corporate branding. While the look is important it is the functionality we are keen to develop. Immediate changes include a live link to our twitter feed, so there is no excuse for not following what we are up to and what our followers have to say about it!

In the next few weeks we will launch our new 'what do you think' question of the month. We hope to use this to canvass the sectors views on new and emerging issues e.g. 'Does

public space CCTV have a role in the criminal Justice system?

We will also be making our events and training booking easier, and you will be able to see what is planned in the new calendar feature.

A good website is always evolving and now we have a more flexible content management system SCSN will be able to introduce a variety of new features which we hope will improve your journey through our site.

To access our website, please visit www.safercommunitiesScotland.org

60 Seconds with....

Emma Walker

Emma Walker is Managing Director of Town Centre Activities Ltd, a CCTV company that as well as monitoring public space CCTV also manages commercial monitoring, Shop Watch, emergency response and much more. Emma is also a Director on the SCSN Board and currently holds the post of vice-chairperson.

Why do you think CCTV is so important in today's society?

Since taking up the post 12 years ago I have developed a real understanding and belief of the benefits of CCTV to communities. CCTV is not just about crime such as early guilty pleas and successful prosecutions; CCTV provides an effective tool in relation to emergency responses like the recent flooding and is regularly used to find missing people, it really contributes to making communities safer.

What do you feel are the biggest challenges for Public Space CCTV in Scotland today?

Funding is a real challenge and we need to promote and recognise the value CCTV has in relation to supporting safer communities, in particular the cost benefits the service provides by decreasing demand on other services and speeding up the justice processes. The success of the CCTV service has a lot to do with the partnership approach adopted, however with the current financial challenges all partners are facing difficult budget and resources decisions and this is impacting on the quality of services and potentially future of the service.

Where do you see CCTV in five years?

I have real concerns for the future of CCTV. As an industry we need to work together to develop strategies and national frameworks that will support professionalization and recognition of the services we provide. In an ideal world we would have more investment to take advantage of improvements in

technology that could make the industry even more effective and efficient.

Why did you get involved with SCSN?

I believe SCSN has had a positive influence in the community safety field over the years, and as a national body is experienced and knowledgeable. I wanted to support SCSN's work in relation to CCTV.

Prior to working in Public Space CCTV, what was your favourite job?

Sports Development Officer with Edinburgh Leisure working with young people to get them engaged in sport. I really enjoyed the sense of giving something back as I had had a lot of encouragement through my own sporting endeavours as a younger person!

What is your greatest achievement and how has this shaped you?

Being a commonwealth medallist in Judo and being the youngest ever to achieve a black belt in Ireland at the age of 15. Through sport I have learnt about commitment, team working and become results driven. Skills I use today.

What animal best represents you and why?

A labrador dog because they are loyal, friendly and like being around people.



Scotland's Over 60s at risk from home electrics



The vast majority of older people in Scotland want to stay in their own homes but a new report highlights how unsafe electrics can make that a risky business.

With 78% of their homes in disrepair (and 58% requiring a critical repair), Scotland's ageing population is at increasing electrical danger, according to a new report - Age Safe Scotland: Electrical Safety in an Ageing Population - by the charity, Electrical Safety First.

Around two thirds of domestic fires in Scotland arise from electricity – with many caused by electrical products - and older people are much more vulnerable to injury from electrical fires than other age groups.

Older people also tend to be owner-occupiers (72%), living in homes built before 1982 that often lack important electrical safety features. Critically, Scotland's quality standards for social housing and the private rented sector don't apply to people who own the home that they live in.

The personal cost of electrical accidents can't be calculated but Electrical Safety First found that injuries caused by an electrical fault costs Scottish tax-payers around £8.9M each year. However, a third of this (£3M) is spent on older adults – who only represent 18% of the total population. To put this in perspective, the average cost of a hospital admission for someone over 65 is comparable to the weekly cost of 28 people living in a care home.

Our ageing population will see a significant increase in age-related illness and frailty, with the growing numbers of those suffering from

dementia - and the cognitive impairment it brings - a particular concern. The Charity's research found that electrical safety is a key issue for families and carers when leaving a person with dementia on their own.

However, electrical risk isn't limited to those who live out their later years under their own roof. Scottish care homes are not legally required to carry out mandatory electrical safety checks. Yet in 2014 – 2015, there were 81 fires with an electrical source in Scottish care homes and the number of fires in the sector has increased over the last five years.

Electrical Safety First's report makes a series of recommendations to the Scottish Government, including a call for free, five-yearly electrical safety checks for all households with one person of pensionable age. It has also recommended mandatory checks in the social rented and care sectors and that Residual Current Devices (RCDs) - which rapidly cut the current to reduce the risk of electric shock - should be fitted to all private rented sector homes.

"Over the last 6 years we have made over £90k available to Care and Repair Agencies in Scotland, to improve electrical safety in older people's homes", explains Phil Buckle, Director General of Electrical Safety First. "But as this report makes clear, there is much more that needs to be done to protect Scotland's ageing population. We hope the Scottish Government will take note and act on its recommendations."

The Charity's call is supported by Brian Sloan, Chief Executive of Age Scotland,

"We welcome this timely report as an opportunity to publicise the benefits of electrical safety checks for all. The personal and financial costs to domestic fires as a result of electrical dangers in the home cannot be allowed to continue to rise. We therefore urge the Scottish Government to take action now so that Scotland's older people can enjoy safer, healthier and happier lives."

To download a copy of the report, please visit www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/

Campaign aims to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation

A new campaign has been launched across Scotland to draw attention to child sexual exploitation (CSE). It comes as figures reveal that 93% of parents have heard of child sexual exploitation, but almost a third know little about it and over a third believe it won't affect their family. The new TV advert and website – www.csethesigns.scot show how conversations online can potentially lead to a young person placing themselves in danger and highlight how to spot the warning signs.

Education Secretary Angela Constance launched the campaign and said,

“Child sexual exploitation is happening to boys and girls in Scotland. By its very nature this form of child abuse is often hidden and many young people who are affected don't realise they are a victim and will not ask for help. The first step in tackling this abhorrent

crime is understanding that it can happen to anyone. It can take many forms – online, through social media or on phones, as well as in person on a one to one or group basis.”

The TV advert will run alongside outdoor advertising, partnership work with local authorities and social media. The campaign is aimed at parents and young people aged 11 to 17, with the message that child sexual exploitation can happen to any young person, regardless of their gender or background.

Malcolm Graham, Assistant Chief Constable, Major Crime and Public Protection said,

“Child sexual exploitation takes place across all communities and it affects boys and girls. Young people are exposed to exploitation in a myriad of ways from online grooming to contact offending. They may not recognise or understand what's happening until it's too late. Raising public awareness, and particularly parental awareness, of what to look for if their child is being exploited is an important part of tackling this crime.”

Child sexual exploitation involves a young person under the age of 18 being manipulated, forced, pressurised or coerced into taking part in a sexual act in exchange for something.

New laws put an end to automatic prison release

New laws ending the current system of automatic release from prison for the most serious offenders have come into effect.

The change means no long-term prisoner in Scotland will be eligible for automatic release after two-thirds of their sentence, and there will now be a mandatory period of supervision for the most serious offenders.

The measures are designed to maintain public safety by ensuring long-term prisoners can serve more of their sentence in custody while allowing for the effective rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders returning to the community.

New powers of increased flexibility on release dates also come into force, meaning release can be brought forward by one or two days, to ensure that people leaving custody can access support services immediately. Justice Secretary Michael Matheson said,

“I am delighted that long-term prisoners who pose an unacceptable risk to public safety will now serve more of their sentence in custody. This is a huge step in the right direction to end a system introduced by the then-UK Government in 1993. Prison will always be the right place for serious and dangerous offenders. This law is part of our aim to achieve a more balanced justice system in Scotland, protecting our communities from serious offenders while those at the lower end of the scale receive community-based alternatives with targeted support to address the underlying causes of their offending behaviour.”

Could you be a 2016 Safer Communities Award Winner?



The public, private and voluntary sectors are being urged to apply to the 2016 Safer Community Awards.

Now in their fifth year, the awards look to reward those from Scotland's public, private and voluntary sector who have made an exceptional impact in making Scotland a safer place to live, work and play.

Nominations are now open and this year there are four categories as well as the special People's Choice Award.

Organisations are urged to apply in the Early Intervention and Education, Innovative Media Campaign, Strengthening Community Engagement and Resilience and Wider Partnership categories. All finalists will also be included in the People's Choice public vote award, giving organisations a chance to encourage their supporters to get involved.

Liz Sneddon, Manager of the Recovery Café, 2015's People's Choice award winner said,

"Winning the award made a great deal of difference for the project - the volunteers and all involved are rightly proud of this achievement. Locally we have received very good support from elected members and a great deal of goodwill and 'in-kind' support from the local business community. Following the awards we have been approached by a number of similar projects in other areas, it is great to be able to offer advice and support to each other so that more people can really benefit from this type of service."

This year's awards ceremony will be returning to the Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow, with the spectacular event taking place on 5 September.

Jacqui Doig, Scottish Community Safety Network manager said,

"Right across Scotland fantastic work is being done on a daily basis to help make our communities and neighbourhoods safer places. We regularly hear about different projects that are making a huge impact and positive difference in people's lives. We would encourage all organisations, large and small to apply for the awards – you never know, this year your project could be in the spotlight."

NEWS FLASH: Applying for Awards eLearning is now live and highly recommended to potential Safer Communities Awards applicants.

The deadline for entries is **Friday 29 April**. For more information and to apply, please visit the Scottish Community Safety Network [website](http://www.safercommunitesscotland.org.uk) at www.safercommunitesscotland.org.uk

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New data reveals A9 is safer place



New data reveals that A9 accident and casualty rates have fallen dramatically in the first year of operation of new average speed cameras.

The data shows that from November 2014 to October 2015:

- Two fewer people have been killed and 16 fewer people have been seriously injured between Dunblane and Inverness
- The number of 'fatal and serious accidents' between Dunblane and Inverness is down by almost 59% with 'fatal and serious casualties' down by 64%

- No one was killed or seriously injured between Dunblane and Perth
- The number of 'fatal and serious accidents' between Perth and Inverness is down by almost 45%, with 'fatal and serious casualties' down by almost 58%

More recent figures confirm that the downwards trend is continuing with no fatal accidents on the A9 in the second half of last year.

Chief Superintendent Andy Edmonston from Police Scotland said,

"It is apparent the Safety Cameras have contributed towards changing driver behaviour, particularly in respect of complying with speed limits. Since the cameras were introduced just over 6,000 vehicles have been detected travelling at excessive speed and subject to enforcement action. To put some perspective on this figure, during the same period there were over 18 million vehicle movements along the route. This represents an extremely high level of compliance. I would urge all drivers to take responsibility for their own actions, avoid risk taking and drive in a safe and considerate manner, not just on the A9, but on all of Scotland's roads."

Alcohol-related deaths highest in Scotland



Scotland had the worst rate for alcohol-related deaths in any part of the UK, according to figures recorded over the past 20 years.

According to figures published by the Office for National Statistics, alcohol death rates for men in Scotland have risen dramatically, standing at 31.2 per 100,000 of the

population, compared to 18.1 per 100,000 in England, 20.3 in Northern Ireland and 19.9 in Wales.

Alcohol related deaths were also higher among women in Scotland than in the rest of the UK, with 13.3 drink-related deaths per 100,000 females, compared to 9.1 per 100,000 in England, 8.5 for Northern Ireland and 10.4 for Wales.

Dr. Peter Bennie, chair of the British Medical Association Scotland said,

"It is disappointing to see the rise in number of alcohol-related deaths, but it does underpin the importance of tackling the culture of heavy drinking in Scotland."

For more information, please visit bit.ly/alcohol-related-deaths

The true economic value of Scottish youth work

New research shows that youth work contributes over £650 million in economic benefits, effectively recouping £7 for every £1 spent.

The study, commissions from Hall Aitkin by Youthlink Scotland says youth work is hard to define, but includes everything from uniformed organisations such as the Scouts, Guides and Boys Brigade to small voluntary groups and local council clubs.

The economic gains relate to the estimated savings youth work provides to the education system, to the welfare state through more young people going into employment, to health and mental welfare services and on criminal justice interventions.

Youthlink Scotland Chief Executive Jim Sweeney hailed the research, saying it shows

how important it is to maintain funding levels, he said,

“Putting out the figures in money terms makes it easier for the government to see what they are getting. It’s equating it to the only thing that politicians understand which is pounds and pennies. In times when budgets are increasingly tight, it is crucial that cuts are not made to youth work services in Scotland, particularly at a local level. This new research reinforced what we as a sector have been seeing for years, that youth work has a significant effect on people’s lives for the better. We believe that universal youth work, available to all, provides the greatest opportunity in terms of preventative spending, as it can reduce the need for higher cost targeted interventions later on in a young adult’s life.”

To find out more and to read the report in full, please visit bit.ly/youthwork-report

Celebrating youth work at the 2016 YouthLink Awards

Young volunteer, Natasha Kerr, 20, from Catrine in North Ayrshire, has been named Scotland’s Youth Worker of the Year 2016 and also Volunteer of the Year for her work in mentoring young athletes. HND Sport Student from Ayrshire College, Natasha Kerr volunteers with Kilmarnock Harriers, Catrine Youth Club and East Ayrshire Vibrant Communities.

Other winners this year include Megan Scott from the multi award winning Callander Youth Project Trust, Lesbian, Gay and Transgender campaigner from Dundee, Barry Jordan, Barnardo’s Scotland’s Outside-In Project, was awarded Innovative Team of the Year, Climate Change Champion of the Year went to David Hodson from Tweeddale Youth Action for The Food Punks project Supporting youngsters who are struggling to achieve at school has meant national recognition for youth workers, Elaine Baxter, Greenwood Academy, Irvine and Colin Lemmon from Northfield Academy in Aberdeen. Bringing Art and Creativity into work with young people has gained Dunure Youth Club the title of Time

to Shine Arts and Creativity Champion of the Year.

Commenting, Jim Sweeney, Chief Executive of YouthLink Scotland, said:

“Every year my respect increases for the dedication shown by youth work volunteers and staff, who despite tough economic times and reducing budgets keep their focus on enabling young people to change their lives for the better. Our overall winner, Natasha Kerr is a great example of the dedication shown by tens of thousands of volunteers every week.”

Aileen Campbell, Minister for Children and Young People, said:

“I’m delighted to have been invited to join so many inspiring individuals at the Awards – to celebrate and promote the immense value of Scotland’s youth work sector to our young people and our wider communities. Youth work not only builds the self-esteem and confidence of young people for future opportunities, it also helps to prepare them for the world of work – providing opportunities for awards and life experiences they may not achieve otherwise.”

Domestic violence a trigger for violent young offenders

According to the team behind the University of Strathclyde's Interventions for Vulnerable Youth (Ivy) service, the impact of significant domestic abuse between parents or between parents and partners is more damaging than even physical abuse of the child.

This ground-breaking project working with some of Scotland's most high risk young offenders has revealed that most grew up with significant trauma in their family background and that three quarters had experience of domestic abuse.

Consultant Clinical and Forensic Psychologist Dr Lorraine Johnston said,

"We are seeing a bigger effect of domestic violence than any other form of maltreatments, even physical abuse of children. We are trying to make sense of why domestic abuse is particularly toxic. I would not want to minimise other abuse experiences,

but there seems to be something particularly difficult about watching someone you love being harmed by someone else you love. It seems to be extremely potent for young people."

The Ivy project cites figures showing that 76% of young people referred to it have witnessed domestic violence in the home, while an evaluation of the project found that 28 out of 42 young people assessed had been exposed to violence in the home.

The Ivy project offers support to workers in criminal justice, mental health and other settings who are trying to manage the most difficult and troubled young people in Scotland. The project offers comprehensive consultations to help build up a psychological profile of the young person involved, helping frontline workers weigh up the best approach.

For more information please visit <http://www.cycj.org.uk/about-us/what-we-offer/interventions-for-vulnerable-youth-ivy-project/>

Newly established group to help tackle problem drug use

A new group, Partnership for Action on Drugs in Scotland (PADS) has been set up the reduce problem drug use and complement the work of the established Road to Recovery strategy.

The group will help lead and focus the sector on three priorities:

- Building communities focused on recovery and tackling stigma
- Quality and consistency of service planning and delivery
- Harm reduction and reducing drug-related deaths

Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs Paul Wheelhouse, who will chair the new group said,

"We have already made great progress in tackling problem drug use through the Road

to Recovery. The number of Scots reporting drug use is continuing to fall amongst the general adult population while drug taking among young people is at its lowest level in a decade.

Although these trends are extremely encouraging we are not complacent, which is why we have created the Partnership for Action on Drugs in Scotland. The group will continue to build on these achievements as well as oversee the three sub-groups focusing on particular priorities related to problem drug use."

Roy Robertson, Professor of Addiction Medicine at the University of Edinburgh and GP at Muirhouse Medical Group said,

"The Partnership for Action on Drugs, and its supporting groups, have a mandate to energise the sector and to visualise a framework which might consolidate the many innovative projects under current discussion and to build an inclusive response to a problem which has always had the status of an outsider from mainstream care."

Community Payback Orders... Impact Report

According to a new report, people on Community Payback Orders (CPOs) carried out more than 1.3 million hours of unpaid work in communities across Scotland in 2014-15.

The report also found that unpaid work being carried out by people on CPOs received an overwhelmingly positive response from local communities benefitting from the work. A range of beneficiaries from charity shop staff to the elderly praised the high standard of work and positive attitude of people on CPOs.

From repairing fallen gravestones, cleaning unsightly graffiti from streets and stairwells, to helping local charities and groups carrying out renovation work to buildings, CPO teams have been involved in a range of activities in communities. During recent flooding in the north-east, teams supported the clean-up effort in communities by filling sandbags, clearing debris and planting natural flood defences to prevent future flooding.

Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Michael Matheson said,

"It is encouraging to see that the number of CPOs imposed by the courts continues to rise since their introduction give years ago. This report clearly demonstrates that CPOs have a huge impact, both on our local communities and on the individuals who can use them to turn their lives around. Short sentences do little to reduce reoffending in our communities. Community sentences help to reduce reoffending by supporting the underlying causes of offending and ensure people pay back for the harm their crimes have caused with hard work in the community.

This isn't about being 'soft' or 'tough', it is about being 'smart' and acting on the clear evidence in front of us. And the evidence shows our approach is working. Recorded crime in Scotland is at a 41-year low and reconviction rates in Scotland are at their lowest in 16 years."

To find out more and to read the report in full, please visit bit.ly/CPO-report

New funding to tackle violence against women

The Scottish Government has announced that women who have suffered violence and abuse will benefit from a funding boost of £570,000 to help build stronger and more resilient women's support groups across Scotland.

The funding will be allocated to domestic abuse and sexual assault services as one-off payments to invest in improving their resilience and infrastructure to help them provide better services to women survivors.

Social Justice Secretary Alex Neil said,

"The Scottish Government is absolutely committed to tackling the scourge of violence against women and girls. This funding boost of over half a million pounds

will ensure local Women's Aid and Rape Crisis centres can continue to provide vital services to women and girls throughout the country. It means every local centre or group will receive an extra £10,000 to help them reach those in need. Violence against women and girls is a fundamental violation of human rights, blighting thousands of lives each year. We are providing record levels of funding and strengthening the law in this area, but we know there remains much to be done."

Sally Brindley, National Coordinator of Rape Crisis Scotland said,

"Rape crisis centres across Scotland provide crucial support services for survivors of sexual violence. We are delighted to receive additional funding to assist in the delivery of these services."

Stats show decline in numbers of child smokers



New statistics show that the number of 15-year-olds who smoke regularly has dropped by more than two thirds in the last two decades.

In 1996, 29% of 15-year-olds in Scotland smoked regularly, but in 2013 that figure had dropped to 9%. For 13-year-olds there was a drop from 8% to 2% over the same time period.

The statistics are an analysis of data gathered over almost three decades through the Scottish Schools Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey (SALSUS) and a series of surveys which preceded it.

The figures also show that after the Scottish Government increased the age of cigarette sales from 16 to 18 in 2007, and introduced the Tobacco Retail Register in 2010, there was a marked decline in the numbers of children buying cigarettes from shops.

Minister for Public Health Maureen Watt said,

“It is extremely encouraging to see that the number of children who smoke has decreased so significantly in the last few years. I am particularly pleased to see these figures demonstrating the impact of Scottish Government policies in helping to reduce the sale of tobacco to children. While the figures are moving in the right direction there is still work to be done – 9% of 15-year-olds smoking regularly is 9% too many, and it's concerning that some children mistakenly believe smoking can help them to relax and cope better with life.”

To read the SALSUS report on tobacco use among adolescents please visit bit.ly/SALSUS-report

Additional CashBack for Communities funding announced



The Scottish Government has announced that more than £400,000 seized from criminals is being used to fund youth projects across Scotland. The money which has been seized through the Proceeds of Crime Act and reinvested as part of the CashBack for Communities programme is going to help six groups including;

- The Boys' Brigade
- The Girl's Brigade
- Clubs for Young People Scotland
- Girlguiding Scotland

- Scouts Scotland
- Youth Scotland

Justice Secretary Michael Matheson said,

“I am extremely pleased to be able to announce this additional funding for these very deserving youth organisations, run primarily by volunteers. The CashBack programme is all about seizing money from criminals and reinvesting it back into the community to fund facilities and activities for young people to stop them getting involved in crime and anti-social behaviour. Since 2008 -09 CashBack has committed over £75 million to projects and organisations who work with young people, delivering more than 1.8 million activities and opportunities throughout the country.”

For more information on the CashBack for communities programme, please visit bit.ly/cashback-for-communities



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