

A Summer Celebration of Success

Welcome

Welcome to the August 2017 edition of the FACT newsletter, bringing you up to date with the Trust's news and activities over the past few months.

We received good news over the summer with a three year funding boost awarded from the Big Lottery Fund which will allow us to expand our work in helping make the Forres area a better place to live, work and visit. We hope you feel inspired by our success and news and look forward to welcoming you at a FACT activity soon – there are lots of events coming up!



FACT Staff (centre) and Chair Fabio Villani (2nd right) are joined by visitors at the FACT Office

FACT Celebrates Fantastic Funding Success!



FACT Staff, Board Members and representatives from local groups celebrate with cake!

We were recently celebrating with cake upon hearing the good news of successfully attracting funding from the Big Lottery. The grant of £149,427 will be used over three years and will enable us to develop and improve services within the community and support FACT towards sustainability.

Big Lottery Fund Scotland Chair, Maureen McGinn, said: "I am delighted that Forres Area Community Trust has been successful in securing a Big Lottery Fund grant. The funding will make a big difference where it is needed most and I wish the Trust every success as it goes on to develop and expand its project for the benefit of the local community."

FACT aim to use this funding to support existing and developing partnerships, create co-working opportunities, and work towards the development of a community asset transfer of Forres Town Hall for use as a social enterprise centre.

FACT Chair Fabio Villani commented "I am thrilled that we have been awarded this funding from the Big Lottery Fund. It will make all the difference to us and the community of the Forres area as we move forward. We are very grateful to the Big Lottery for their commitment and support at a key point in our development."



Older People to Benefit from Auchernack Funding

Following receipt of funds from the Auchernack Trust earlier this year, the Older Person's Project run by FACT has been making great progress under the coordinating of project worker Kirsty Williams.

The Cameron Project befriending scheme was launched on June 28th in Forres House Community Centre with many local people attending to find out more. Since then, *Cameron Champion's* volunteers have been coming forward to volunteer as befrienders. These befrienders are now undergoing training before being matched with an older person in the community.



Kirsty Williams presenting at the Launch of the Cameron Project

Join the team and volunteer as a Cameron's Champion



Do you like to meet new people?

Are you warm and friendly?

A good listener?

Would you like to learn new skills?



Do you have an hour or two to spare to support an Older Person to keep connected with their community?

Make a difference to an Older Person's Life
It costs nothing to make someone smile....
Just a little of your time

The project, named after the late William Cameron who left his estate in trust to Auchernack following his death, aims to support those aged over 50 years living in the Forres area with befriending support to help them get out and about, to try new things, to find out about and attend social groups, or provide support to help get them back into the way of doing a favorite activity.

If you would like to become a Cameron Champion or feel some support could help benefit your life, please contact Kirsty on 01309 674388 or email kirsty@forresarea.org.

Directory of Services Launch

Following the initial production of the FACT Directory of Services for People 50+ in the Forres Area, an updated version has been created and printed. The update and reprint has been made possible with funding from the Auchernack Trust and Co-op Community Fund.



The new Directory of Services is ready for Distribution

The new directory will be distributed following a launch event on Wednesday 6th September, 2pm at the FACT Office – everyone is warmly invited to attend to pick up a copy and find out more about our current work.

STOP PRESS!

The Glasgow School of Art & Design Campus at Altyre are getting ready to welcome the next group of Masters students to the area in September. They have yet to find rooms for 4 students. Do you have a spare room that they could live in for the next 12 months?

If you think you can help, please contact Debbie at debbie@forresarea.org or call 01309 674388

Lunchtime Leisure

To promote the importance of taking a break at lunchtime, FACT staff, volunteers and visitors have a *Lunchtime Leisure* drop-in once a week. Simply bring your lunch and FACT will provide refreshments and friendly conversation. Everyone welcome.

Thursdays 1-1:45pm, FACT Office

FACT AGM – Tuesday 19th September | 6:30pm | Tolbooth

At the upcoming FACT AGM, there will be positions available to join the Board of Directors. Nominations can be submitted for consideration up until 14 days prior to the meeting. If you are interested in community development or have skills and experience you wish to contribute please feel free to get in touch with us to discuss further. The AGM will include a presentation from Moray LEADER staff about funding available from this European programme.

Get Digital and Get Online!

The Forres Online digital inclusion project is developing from strength to strength and has an exciting diary of activities lined up over the coming weeks. Why not join us to get digital and get online?

Here is a low down of what's happening;



Family History Online Workshops, in partnership with Forres Heritage Trust

Workshops will be held each Wednesday in September
7-9pm | 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th | The Tolbooth Rent Room

£20 to attend the four sessions or £6 pay as you go

Includes Tutor Support, Information Pack, Refreshments & Scotland's People Tokens

Booking required 01309 674388 | samantha@forresarea.org

Website Wednesday

First Wednesday evening of each month

September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, December 6th

Informal drop-in space for those with an interest in website editing to share ideas, tips and projects

6pm | FACT Office | Free

Forres Online Focus Group

Have you used the Forres Online service? Would you like to share your experience?

Join this focus group to give feedback about the project and to help inform how it develops

Wednesday 6th September | 10am-12pm | FACT Office | Refreshments & Snacks

Booking required 01309 674388 | debbie@forresarea.org

Tech & Tea Party

Join us to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the Forres Online project!

Bring your tech (laptop, tablet, smartphone) and have some tea while you learn new digital skills

Tuesday 26th September | 2-4pm | FACT Office

All Welcome

Online Safety for Children & Young People, in association with Dyke Pre-School

A short introductory session for parents to raise awareness about keeping young family safe online

Thursday 28th September | 6pm | Dyke & District Village Hall



Digital in Action! Some recent Forres Online activity sessions which have taken place






For FREE Help & Advice with Being Online and Using Mobile Phones, Laptops and Tablets, please feel free to drop into one of our regular sessions

Tuesdays & Thursdays 2pm – 4pm, FACT Office

Thursdays 10 – 12pm, Forres Job Centre

Fridays 10am – 12pm, FACT Office

Team Updates

		Opportunities to work with Forres Area Community Trust	
Community Development Worker c£12,500 per annum 18 hours per week 3 years fixed term Closing date Monday 28 th August, 12pm Interviews Monday 11 th September			
		Digital Project Tutor £9,165 per annum 15 hours per week 1 year fixed term Closing date Monday 28 th August, 12pm Interviews to be confirmed	
			
For more information and an application pack visit www.forresarea.org or contact info@forresarea.org 01309 674 388			

Sadly we say goodbye to David Harrison, our Forres Online Project Tutor at the end of September. David has been instrumental in supporting the Forres Online project develop by managing the Forres Job Centre sessions, organising the Family History Online workshop series and supporting numerous people at drop-in sessions. David leaves post to embark upon a full time degree course at the University of the Highlands & Islands. We wish David the very best for his studies and future.

Did you Know we Offer a Range of Services?

- **Room Rental** – hire the functional space at 1 Leask Road for your activity group or meeting
- **Admin Support** – we are available to help your community group or organisation with admin tasks
- **Social Media Support** – we can help you set up and update social media pages
- **Projector & Screen Hire** – hire our projector and screen to use at your local event
- **Third Sector, Community, Health & Wellbeing Promotion** – promote your organisation or event by using our in office and outside noticeboard and online *What's On* features
- **Free Internet Access** – use our broadband internet with your own portable device or use our laptops/ tablets at a quiet work space

Dates for your Diary

Forres Online, FACT Office
 Tuesdays & Thursday 2-4pm
 Fridays 10-12pm

Website Wednesday, FACT Office
 1st Wednesday of every month at 6pm

Forres Online Focus Group, FACT Office
 Wednesday 6th September, 10am

Launch of Older Persons Directory, FACT Office
 Wednesday 6th September, 2pm
 Refreshments will be served, All Welcome

Family History Online
 Each Wednesday in September
 7pm, Forres Tolbooth Rent Room

FACT Board Meeting, FACT Office
 Thursday 14th September, 7pm

FACT AGM, The Tolbooth
 Tuesday 19th September, 6:30pm

Tech & Tea Party, FACT Office
 Tuesday 26th September, 2pm

Online Safety, Dyke Village Hall
 Thursday 28th September, 6pm

FACT Board Meeting, FACT Office
 Thursday 12th October, 7pm

FACT Board Meeting, FACT Office
 Thursday 9th November, 7pm

Public Drop in Hours
 Monday to Friday
 10am to 1pm
 1 Leask Road, Forres

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