Newsletter

SSE & E.ON COMMUNITY FUNDS PANEL

serving the Community Council areas of Ardgay & District, Creich and Lairg

Panel name change

The Panel had originally decided to change its name from the Achany Panel to the Kyle of Sutherland Panel as the Achany Fund was not the only Fund now being considered by the Panel and it wanted to be seen to be fair to both Fund providers.

However, the Panel has decided, after considering feedback on the name change, that a more appropriate way to proceed now that multiple funds have come in to the area is to call the Panel the "SSE & E.ON Community Funds Panel".

Changes at the Scottish Community Foundation

The Scottish Community Foundation has changed its name to Foundation Scotland. We have a brand new identity and 2013 will see further changes. We also have a brand new website <u>www.foundationscotland.org.uk</u> and we will be joining the social media revolution. You will be able to join us on Twitter and Facebook to be kept up to date with what's happening at the Foundation.

You can contact Carol Elliot, your local contact, on: <u>carol@foundationscotland.org.uk</u> Carol's phone number remains 07500 779 227.

Fund management changes

At the moment all three Funds that the SSE & E.ON Funds Panel makes decisions on are currently administered on behalf of the community by Foundation Scotland.

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However, SSE will be taking the management of its Funds in house. From 1st April 2013 the Scottish Hydro Kyle of Sutherland Apprenticeship Scheme Fund will be administered by SSE. From 1st July 2013 the Scottish Hydro Achany Community Fund will be administered by SSE.

This is happening with all SSE Funds across Scotland as SSE brings all of its community work together.

There will be no change to the way these Funds are administered and the local Panel will still decide how each Fund is distributed.

The Lairg & District Learning Centre will continue to co-ordinate the Apprenticeship Scheme.

SSE's local contact for its Funds will be Avril Fraser. You can contact Avril on 01463 728376 <u>avril.fraser@sse.com</u>

More information can be found at <u>www.sse.com/</u> <u>community/funds.</u>

There will be no change to the way the E.ON Rosehall Community Fund is administered, this will still be administered on behalf of the community by Foundation Scotland.





Recent Award from the E.ON Rosehall Community Fund

Woodland Trust Scotland £20,000 (over 3 years) towards improvements at Ledmore & Migdale Woods including restoration of built heritage; improved access, parking and signage; improved woodland pathways; and delivery of a programme of heritage and volunteer activities and outdoor learning.



Recent Award from the Scottish Hydro Achany Community Fund

Lairg Community Association £9,000 -To contribute 75% of the salary for a part time administrator for 18 months.

Fund deadlines

The deadlines for both Community Funds will be the same, with the Panel meeting approx. 8 weeks later to make decisions on awards. Future deadlines are 28 Feb 2013; 30 Jun 2013; 31 Oct 2013.

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Applying for Funding

Applicants can only apply to one of the Community funds in the SSE & E.ON Community Funds Panel area - the E.ON Rosehall Community Fund or the Scottish Hydro Achany Community Fund. The same project cannot be match funded with either fund.

Application Forms for both funds are available at Service Points; Key Commercial Services office in Bonar Bridge; by e-mailing Carol Elliot at Foundation Scotland; or on the Foundation Scotland web site at:

<u>www.foundationscotland.org.uk/rosehall</u>or <u>www.foundationscotland.org.uk/achany</u>

To find out more about the Kyle of Sutherland Apprenticeship Scheme Fund please contact the Scheme administrator, Lairg & District Learning Centre, on 01549 402050 or by e-mailing <u>cara-lairglearningcentre@hotmail.com</u>

Future newsletters

As the administration of the two community funds separates this year each will have its own newsletter distributed annually.



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