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Dear All

Cafes in communities. Are you involved in running a café in a local community (geographical or shared interest) run for local people and/or by local people? Please take part in a short survey for Community Food and Health Scotland (CFHS) which is working with Senscot and café networks across Scotland. It wants to highlight the contribution that cafes make in supporting communities' health and wellbeing, and find out what would help make sure cafes in communities are, and continue to be, seen as valuable assets and sustainable. [Please complete our short survey here.](#)

Editorial Contributions - Aboyne Fountain/Alford BULLETin/Banchory Fly - Spring Deadline Friday 1st February. If you would like to contribute to the community magazines listed above please note the deadlines as follows: Deadlines for the coming year are February 1 (publish March) | May 1 (June) | August 1 (Sept) | November 1 (Dec). Editorial space in any of the magazines for community/voluntary groups is free (and subject to space availability), but if you also wish to pay for space to advertise your group or any other venture you may have, please contact Cat Houston catrionahouston@yahoo.co.uk. Please also contact her if you would like to be added to her mailing list.

Scotmid Funding. Community Connect is now open for applications across Scotland. Groups can receive an award of up to £15,000 following a vote by Scotmid members. Applications must benefit the local community centred around Scotmid or Semichem stores; have the greatest possible benefit to their community; and be scheduled to be completed within 24 months of the award date. Scotmid members collect one Community Connect vote every time they shop in store, and then use their votes to determine the size of the award that each Good Cause Group receives. Next deadline: 22nd March. <http://www.scotmid.coop/how-does-community-connect-work-for-community-groups/>

Be part of the Cairngorms National Park Youth Project. The EUROPARC Youth Manifesto was launched in September 2018 asking for organisations and communities to engage with their young people to create new opportunities for living, learning and working in rural communities and protected areas. In response the Cairngorms National Park Authority board has agreed a project to develop a youth group in the Cairngorms to take forward some of the recommendations of the EUROPARC Youth Manifesto. This is the Cairngorms National Park Youth Project and it is looking to recruit young people aged 16-30 to be part of a steering group that will co-design a Cairngorms National Park Youth Group:

- To be the voice of young people in the Park.
- To develop a procedure to fund young people's ideas about living, learning and working in the Park.
- To put on exciting and innovative events for young people in the Park.

<https://cairngorms.co.uk/caring-future/education-learning/europarc-youth-manifesto-project/>

kind regards
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