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Dear All

A2B Dial-a-bus. From 8 January 2019 Ballater Royal Deeside Limited (BRDL) will take on the running of the A2B dial-a-bus shopping service from Braemar and Ballater to Banchory. The service will continue to operate fortnightly on Tuesdays at the usual times. Passengers will continue to phone the A2B dial-a-bus team in the Passenger Transport Unit to book the bus. The A2B booking office is open on Mondays to Fridays from 0930 to 1530 hours, on 01467 535 333, with bookings taken up to one week in advance of travel. There will be no charge for using the service although passengers may make a donation to the charity should they wish.

New community benefit scheme for Aberdeenshire. Vattenfall have committed to annually investing £150k to a community benefit scheme for the 20 year lifetime of the European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre, in Aberdeen Bay. The fund is open to Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen projects. Vattenfall's Unlock our Future Fund will open on 14th January 2019 and close on 15th April 2019. Application forms will be available from 14th January at The Unlock our Future Fund webpage (<https://wwwFOUNDATIONSscotland.org.uk/programmes/unlock-our-future-fund/>). It is expected that the successful applicants will receive their funding award in early summer 2019.

Following the launch there will be a series of drop in sessions, open to all, for application support. At these sessions you will meet some of the community champions panel, Foundation Scotland representatives and some other key organisations and funders who may be able to support groups with their applications. More information attached.

https://Unlock_our_Future_Fund_Update_Dec_2018.pdf

Application Support Sessions Venue

14th January 2019 from 3pm-7pm Balmedie Leisure Centre, AB23 8YF

15th January 2019 from 3pm-7pm Inverurie Town Hall, AB51 3SN

17th January 2019 from 4pm-8pm Stonehaven Town Hall, AB39 2BU

21st January 2019 from 3pm-7pm Aberdeen Science Centre, AB25 1HU

22nd January 2019 from 3pm-7pm Fraserburgh Community and Sports Centre, AB43 9TH

Free Community Lunches. Sick of all the cooking over Christmas? Fancy getting together with friends in the community – or maybe making new ones? There really IS such a thing as a free lunch....

Three free community (hot) lunches are being held with food donations from Tesco and Balmoral and Invercauld Estates.

The first is on Thursday 27th December at 1pm upstairs in the Lonach Hall Strathdon and you can reserve seats here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-pot-luck-lunch-strathdon-tickets-53175244588>

On Friday 28th December there is one being held in the Victory hall, Aboyne (1pm) - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-pot-luck-lunch-aboyne-tickets-53105983426>

And on the same day in the Crathie Church Hall (1pm) - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-pot-luck-lunch-crathie-tickets-53105804892>

Transport can be arranged if you are unable to get to your chosen venue without help:

For Strathdon transport please phone 07793 503528 stating it is for the Strathdon lunch on 27th

For Aboyne please phone 07594 196006