



Info Sheet on Village SOS in Scotland

The new Big Lottery funded Village SOS programme has been launched in Scotland, with the aim of helping rural communities successfully develop, fund and implement projects which strengthen their community. More information on Village SOS can be found at <http://acre.org.uk/our-work/village-sos>.

The focus of the programme in Scotland is on helping communities who want to take forward a project or enterprise to get support from communities who have already been through this experience, with additional technical support provided as necessary. Rocket Science is leading the project's delivery in Scotland with support from Senscot, Forth Sector and Rose Regeneration.

Keen to get involved? See below for more information on how you can participate:

Become a member.....to participate and receive regular updates from Village SOS.

Anyone with an interest in enterprising rural community action can become a member of the campaign. Whether you've got experience to share, or want to learn from others please sign-up now to find out more at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VillageSOS_Members_signup, or by contacting Clare Hammond at vsos@rocketsciencelab.co.uk or on 01312264949.

Become a supported community..... to receive resourcing and support for your community project or social enterprise.

If you have a project, potential project and/or an organisation that provides a service to your local rural community with a population of fewer than 10,000 then you may be eligible for assistance through Village SOS

Register as a member of Village SOS and we will be in contact to work out whether Village SOS is right for your project.

Become a mentor..... if you are keen to support a community through the development and/or delivery of their project.

We are looking for people with experience in the delivery of successful community based projects. Further information on the role description is available by contacting Clare Hammond at Rocket Science. Register as a Village SOS member and we will contact you about mentoring.

Mentors will need to complete one day of free training. There are currently two training days for mentors to choose from in Scotland: Glasgow on the 29th April or Inverness on the 30th April.

