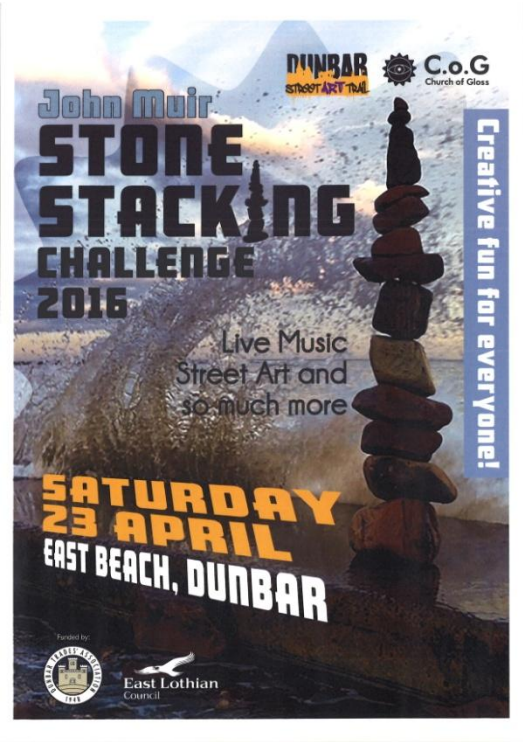
Area Partnership FYI!

If you would like an item included in FYI! please submit to areapartnership@eastlothian.gov.uk by 5.00pm Thursday each week.



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ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT

The East Lothian Angling Association has been alerted that an organised gang of poachers, based in North East England, are planning to Electrofish rivers and burns in East Lothian and East Edinburgh, within the next 2 weeks.

Locally, in particular the Drem to Peffer burns and the Tyne but they will be everywhere in between. **They can wipe out stocks of fish very rapidly.**

Please lookout for people with electro fishing gear near burns/rivers and assume that these people are not operating legally and are poachers (on a large scale) and to call the bailiff/police:

- Lee Fisher, Salmon Board Bailiff. 07887835549
- Dougie (local contact for Bailiff) 07736466725
- Also Police Scotland 101

At this time of the year there are no fishers on the river and it should be assumed that anyone wading up the river with poles/rods as suspicious..

Please be mindful of this and help us protect our wild habitat

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Youth Parliament and the East Lothian Youth Club

Please find attached a link to a short documentary about poverty for the Scottish Youth Parliament and the East Lothian Youth Club.

The link is:-
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=USpboIy5u0c

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Healthy Minds Happy Babies Free Cycle East Lothian
Helping vulnerable families in our community

Stepping Out (A mental health charity) and Support from the start have joined together to start a free cycle in East Lothian. It has been an amazing success helping over 30 families and we are keen to get the message out there to help more.

We get referrals from health professionals and then ask our local community for support, we currently have many items in storage just waiting for new homes.

If you know anyone who is currently in need, please let us know and we will try and get what they need. For example we currently have donated baby equipment, cots, stairgates, sterilisers, clothes, furniture, toys, beds and much more.

If you would like any further information, or to make a referral please contact

Nicky Fox 07966-535514 or email Nicky.fox@btinternet.com
Sally Hetherington 07801-968512 or email Pollypad@btinternet.com

Just a Reminder



Money available to invest in your paths

We are inviting community groups who would like to improve their local community paths to apply for a *Community Paths Grant*.
We are offering individual grants of up to £1500 to help community groups improve, maintain and promote their local community paths.

Not only can we offer financial help in the way of a grant but we have a dedicated team to give support and technical help throughout all steps of the process of your project. For inspiration take a look at some of the projects previous applicants have been involved with in our Making Tracks case studies.

Find out more details about our grant fund here. If you are not yet at the stage of applying for a *Community Paths grant*, but want to discuss
an idea then please get in touch with our team of experts:
communitypaths@pathsforall.org.uk or 01259 218 888.

Nick Morgan and Jennifer Lothian can advise on this if required, and it might be useful if community groups wishing to pursue this grant option make contact with Jennifer Lothian (west area) or Nick (east area) and we'll see how we can help.

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Tyne/Esk LEADER programme

The Tyne/Esk LEADER programme will cover all of East Lothian, exc Musselburgh but including Wallyford and Whitecraig. The Project Co-ordinator has been appointed – Neil Ramsay, to be based at Midlothian Council, lead partner for the programme, end March 2016. It is hoped that Neil will spend time in Haddington to meet projects

and develop ideas. Should you have project ideas addressing rural development, please complete and return Expression of Interest form - https://www.ruralnetwork.scot/funding/leader/local-action-groups/tyne-esk-leader

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FLAG funding announced

The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund covers Cockenzie & Port Seton, Dunbar and North Berwick http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/news/article/2127/flag_funding_announced

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If you would like further support, see STP's Funding Support pages and attend STP's Funding Workshop for free. A comprehensive half day session that will give you the knowledge and inspiration to fund your project. Join STP and partners to 'Meet the Funder', hear top tips from our funding expert, Michael McKernan and get insights from External Funding Officer, Ellen Archibald representing SLOG. Featuring Zoe Clarke, Heritage Lottery Fund; Matt MacDonald, Sustrans; Alastair Jackson, Big Lottery Fund.
23 February | Edinburgh

Please see the flyer attached to the email.

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Happy 30th Birthday Bridges Project



To help the Bridges Project to celebrate their 30th birthday they are opening their doors on **Monday 29th February** from 12pm until 4pm and they invite you to go and help them mark this special occasion!

Bridges Project, Unit 1, Bogpark Road, Musselburgh, East Lothian, EH21 6RT

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Learning Event

The Maitlandfield Hotel, Haddington
Thursday 31st March 2016, 10.00am – 2.00pm

All welcome!

Help us plan the event using this survey - https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/T3B75RX

RSVP: To secure your place or let us know any access or dietary requirements, please email: sue@dfel.org.uk or phone or text: 07702433860

This event is FREE

We warmly welcome people living with dementia, their family, friends and carers.

More information is attached to the emails

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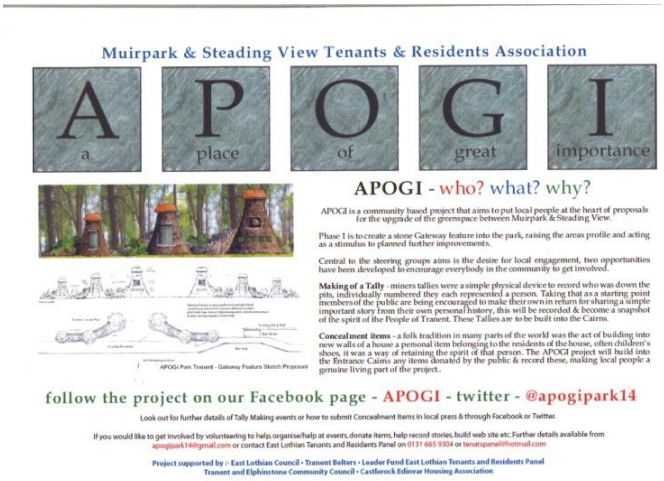

This is also attached.

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Dementia friendly

Longniddry Development Public Exhibitions



Socially Conscious Capital and the Wemyss & March Estate are delighted to invite you to take part in a community engagement event being held to highlight proposals for the sustainable expansion of Longniddry. (outlined by white-line on the below).

As outlined in East Lothian Council's Draft Proposed Local Development Plan – which outlines development proposals for the County up until 2024 – the site around Longniddry Farm is allocated for "around 450 homes plus associated employment development, community facilities and infrastructure."

Based on this, proposals are being brought forward for an exemplary village expansion of around 450 much-needed new homes. These will embrace a range of house types and tenure options. An additional mix of uses such as shops, small offices, community facilities and greenspaces is also envisaged**.**

A public exhibition will be held at the Longniddry Inn on:

- **Friday 19th February: 3pm - 8pm**
- **Saturday 20th February: 10am - 1pm**

Members of our team will be on hand to answer any queries you may have and feedback forms will be available for you to fill in. We look forward to seeing you at the exhibition, hearing your feedback and answering any questions you may have.

For further information please contact:

contact@longniddrydevelopment.com

Wemyss & March Estate Office, Longniddry
EH32 0PY
www.longniddrydevelopment.com

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East Lothian Council Draft Tenant Consultation Strategy 2016

We would really like to hear your comments and would appreciate it if you could give us your feedback, any responses can be emailed to myself by Friday 4th March 2016. At the end of the consultation period the TP Strategy Group will consider the responses and agree any changes to the draft.

Thank you for taking the time to get involved.
Deborah Piner
Service Development & Support Officer
East Lothian Council

Email: dpiner@eastlothian.gov.uk
http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/10843/draft_tenant_consultation_strategy_2016

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Big Nature Festival ticket offer

Scotland's Big Nature Festival is returning to Levenhall Links, Musselburgh on 21 and 22 May. More than 6,000 visitors enjoyed the 2015 event which included everything from pond-dipping and bug-hunting to bird-ringing demonstrations, inspirational wildlife talks, delicious catering and much more! www.bignaturefestival.org.uk

'Early bird' half price tickets are now available.

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Nominations close on the 24th February and we need your help for the final push. We would love you to nominate young people in your area for an Award to ensure that as many incredible young people from your community are nominated. We would also be delighted if you could encourage nominations by telling people about the Awards, directing them to the dedicated Young Scot Awards website where they can find a full list of categories and nomination forms and by joining the conversation on social media by using #YSAwards16.

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