

Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross Drug & Alcohol Forum Forum Agenda and actions

31 January 2021 1pm-2.30pm online

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Updates from attendees
- Bank Account signatories and funds –
 - Can funds be used to help reduce vaping in Skye and Lochalsh?
- Connecting to other Forums across Highland and Scotland
 - This will be part of the Lochalsh Community Champions Project
- Engagement with licensed premises
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- Skye & Lochalsh Sub-group Drug & Alcohol Workers for Area – assessment of need
- Update on the Lochalsh Community Champions Project
- Review of Forum, bulletin and webpage

Lochalsh Community Champions Project

This month Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust commence their Drug and Alcohol Community Champions project lead by Aneurin Ellis.

Aneurin has recently joined KLCT as a Community Coordinator, spearheading an innovative pilot project aimed at providing essential support to local community members facing issues and challenges. In collaboration with SLCVO, KLCT seeks to empower individuals by connecting them with a diverse range of Drug and Alcohol services and resources.

Aneurin's unique background is a tapestry woven with rich life experiences. Growing up amidst the vibrant urban landscape of Hampstead, London, and exploring the serene Welsh Valleys with his paternal grandmother, he developed a deep appreciation for diverse cultures. Summers spent in Grenada with his maternal grandmother added a global perspective to his worldview.

During his teenage years, Aneurin embarked on a transformative journey to rural Canada, where he, along with his mother, siblings, and Scottish relatives, managed a successful Restaurant and Hospitality business.

Aneurin is deeply committed to community involvement, evident in his role as a retained fire officer and extensive volunteering experience. A lifelong amateur athlete and runner, he continues to embrace an active lifestyle, participating in organized runs such as the challenging Kyleakin 10K.

In his new role at KLCT, Aneurin brings not only a wealth of cultural experiences but also a passion for community engagement nurtured over the years. His diverse background, combined with a genuine interest in holistic well-being and community service, positions him as an asset in driving positive change within the local community.

Table of Actions

Meeting date	Open Actions	Update	Status
28/03/2023	1. Governance New signatories for bank account so funds can be distributed and account closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13/06/2023 Councillor Drew Millar and Lowri Richards LSHA Tenant Engagement and Support offered to be signatories. Forum Chair, Jo Ford, to facilitate next action 16/06/2023 Jo Ford has contact Inspector for bank details to arrange a meeting with bank 25/07/2023 bank paperwork is ready to be collected from Police station Action J Ford to collect paperwork and pass information to DM and LR 19/09/2023 Drew Millar is to collect banking documents to action change 	Open
28/03/2023	2. Highlighting good practice and learning Forum Chair to connect to other Forums across Highland and Scotland to build connections and share experience/learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13/06/2023 Action for later in year 25/07/2023 connection has been made with the Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership who joined the Skye & Lochalsh sub-group workshop on the 18th July 19/09/2023 ongoing action 	Open
13/06/2023	3. Sharing knowledge, data and information SLCVO to contact Licensing Standards Officer to see if they could help engage with licensed premises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16/06/2023 – contact has been and they are looking at ways to connect the forum to licensed premises 25/07/2023 – no update 19/09/2023 – no progress may have to look at other ways to contact licensed premises 	Open
13/06/2023	4. Skye & Lochalsh Sib-group Drug & Alcohol Workers for Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25/07/2023 update provide at the workshop on the 18th July confirmed that both organisations are open to hosting positions. Skye and Lochalsh CAB have also noted interest in hosting a position. Before any position 	Open

	<p>Lowri Richards LSHA Tenant Engagement and Support and Roddy MacLeod Skye Youth Development Officer for Highlife Highland to ask respective organisations if they would consider hosting a D&A staff role</p>	<p>can be applied for groups need to identify need through research, quantitative evidence, and community engagement. The Community Champion Network project includes 1.5 days a month for SLCVO to support groups in identifying need and collating evidence. If the application to the Highland Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Local Improvement Fund is not successful, the Forum will need to look at other way resources can be allocate to this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/09/2023 J Ford advised the group that the project has been successful in its funding application however only half the funds asked for have been offered. SLCVO and KLCT will look at what can be delivered for this reduced amount however, funding to support the D&A Forum and groups to gather evidence of need and plan new projects will probably have to be taken out of the project and the delivery reduced from 17 to around 7 months. 	
19/09/2023	<p>5. Sharing information, Highlighting good practice and learning</p> <p>Vaping forum to consider how the money that is in the bank account to help reduce this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/09/2023 Participants discussed the issues of vaping and children, it was noted that children as young as P6 are now vaping. There are a number of significant concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaping is a gateway to other substances, • There is a lack of understanding of health effects • The ease of access to vaping (online being a big issue) • The environmental impact of vaping pens <p>Young people need to be more aware of issues and harms associated with vaping. J Ford to look at what is available at the moment and share with the forum</p>	NEW

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28/03/2023	Governance Terms of Reference agreed.		Completed 28/03/2023
28/03/2023	Sharing knowledge, data and information SLCVO to invite other groups and services to be part of the Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13/06/2023 some invitations issues • 16/06/2023 see action 8 • 25/07/2023 participants at the Skye & Lochalsh sub-group workshop on the 18th July signed-up to the Forum mail list of which there are now 62 subscribers from third sector and public sector organisations 	Closed
28/03/2023	Sharing information, Highlighting good practice and learning SLCVO to create a Forum Bulletin - It was agreed that a Bulletin is a good way to share information from a central point. Forum members will email SLCVO with information they want to share in the Bulletin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30/05/2023 The first bulletin was issued as a PDF • 13/06/2023 it was agreed to send to send the bulletin as an editable document so groups can use the information • 10/07/2023 Second bulletin issued by email to mail list 	Closed
13/06/2023	Sharing Information SLCVO to set-up a dedicated webpage on the SLCVO website for the Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25/07/2023 Webpage is now live meeting notes and bulletins will be shared on this as well as other information that will help groups https://www.slcvo.org.uk/slwr-da-forum 	Completed 10/07/2023
13/06/2023	Sharing knowledge, data and information SLCVO to host a workshop for the Skye & Lochalsh Sub-group to look at look at how	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/06/2023 – Workshop arranged for 18th July at Kyleakin Hall, invitations sent to forum members, Community Councils, Development Trusts, NHS, Skye Connect and groups who deliver support activities • 25/07/2023 notes from workshop will be issued in September bulletin 	Completed 18/07/2023

	groups, services and businesses can work together to tackle the drug and alcohol challenges facing communities, families and individuals in Skye and Lochalsh.		
13/06/2023	<p>Sharing information - how to report criminal activity</p> <p>Nicholas Kelly to liaise with Police Scotland Rep to get agreement of poster (reporting pathways for criminal activity) from the media team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/06/2023 Poster sent to Police Scotland for review • 25/07/2023 The poster has been distributed in Broadford however, at the forum meeting on the 25 July Police Scotland advised the poster and internal Police Scotland email should not be used as the poster does not follow Police Scotland standards and reporting criminal activity should follow below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always dial 999 in an emergency • By phone – 101 for non-emergencies • Online – for issues of a non-serious nature use the Contact Us form • In person – Find your local Police Stations and check the Public Counter opening hours • Text Relay - 18001101 for deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or speech-impaired callers • Support for British Sign Language users/speakers • In writing – to PO BOX 2460, Dalmarnock, Glasgow, G40 9BA <p>19/09/2023 posters have been removed – action closed as people should be signposted to above</p>	Closed
13/06/2023	<p>Sharing Information</p> <p>SLCVO to look at what information there is to reassure public about the reporting process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/06/2023 information shared with YDO and Youth worker about Crimestoppers 'Fearless campaign a dedicated service for 11 to 17 years olds to report crime https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless 	Completed 10/07/2023

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