

Voluntary Arts Scotland is part of Voluntary Arts, an organisation whose aim is 'to promote participation in the arts & crafts' across the UK and Republic of Ireland.

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Voluntary Arts Scotland offers –

- Useful newsletters which include items on funding, training, arts jobs and events
- Helpful information sheets covering everything from funding to child protection
- An extensive website
- Training and events
- Publications on Planning, Evaluation and Health & Safety
- A voice for the voluntary cultural sector

We work with volunteers and paid staff in –

- Voluntary arts and crafts groups
- National and regional umbrella art-form bodies
- Local authorities
- Funders
- Government departments and agencies
- Other cultural and voluntary sector organisations

For more information visit www.vascotland.org.uk

A' dealbhadh nan ealan

Voluntary Arts Scotland's 2nd National Conference

An dàrna co-labhairt nàiseanta aig Ealain Saor-thoileach an Alba



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Friday 30 & Saturday 31 October 2009
Howden Park Centre, Livingston, West Lothian EH54 6AE

What we'll be doing: The arts and crafts landscape in Scotland is continuing to change in ways that will affect you, your group or people you represent. This is your chance to find out more, and share your thoughts on how the arts and crafts in Scotland should develop.

We will be covering issues such as Creative Scotland, community planning, funding, legislation, running your group, measuring your group's impact, and opportunities presented by the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012 and the Commonwealth Games in 2014.

The conference will be a great place to take part in practical sessions, learn from other people's experiences and gain knowledge on a wide range of topics. We'll also have a smattering of arts and crafts activities, good food, entertainment, information stalls and more.

The conference programme will be updated on www.vascotland.org.uk as speakers and workshops are confirmed.

Who should attend? Our conference is aimed at:

- anyone who gives up their time to organise arts, crafts or heritage activities;
- any paid staff who help run such activities;
- local authority arts officers;
- arts and crafts practitioners;
- and anyone else who feels they would benefit from discussing both the cultural and general issues on the conference agenda.

Where and when? Voluntary Arts Scotland's second national conference will take place on Friday 30 & Saturday 31 October 2009 at the refurbished, and fully accessible, Howden Park Centre, Livingston, West Lothian. The conference will start with lunch on Friday and end at 4pm on Saturday. There will be a buffet dinner and entertainment on Friday night.

How much will it cost? Your fee covers lunches, dinner, refreshments, evening entertainment and all materials used throughout the conference. Thanks to in-kind venue support from West Lothian Arts Services we are able to keep the fee as low as possible, ranging from £40 - £135 (see booking form for details). Visit www.vascotland.org.uk to book and pay online or contact the Voluntary Arts Scotland office.

Please let us know if you have difficulty meeting the costs involved in attending the conference, including travel and accommodation, as financial assistance may be available.

If you require accommodation, we have arranged a special rate with the Ramada Jarvis hotel in Livingston at £59 per room (suitable for one or two people) or £70 including breakfast, providing you book it through us by Thursday 1 October. See www.vascotland.org.uk for details or contact us at the Voluntary Arts Scotland office on tel: 0131 225 7355 or e-mail: admin@vascotland.org.uk.

Booking form

Please return your booking form to:

Crafting the Arts, Voluntary Arts Scotland, 54 Manor Place, Edinburgh EH3 7EH by 22 October 2009 to ensure we have a place for you.

Note: workshops and discussion groups will be registered at the conference.

Name of attendee:

Position (if relevant):

Organisation name (if relevant):

Contact address:

Postcode:

Tel: Email:

Website (if relevant):

Conference fees (please tick relevant box)

EARLY BIRD RATE: Book by 1 October 2009 and take £10 off the following conference fees!

Small arts/voluntary group (with a turnover under £100,000) and individuals: **£50**

Large arts/voluntary group (with a turnover over £100,000): **£60**

Local Authority Officer: **£135** (includes spaces for two voluntary/community arts group representatives – we will need the name and contact details of your guests one week before the conference)

Statutory organisation/private non-arts organisation/LA Officer without above representatives: **£100**

I require accommodation (**must be booked by 1 October**)

Please note, after 1st October hotel bookings are non-refundable but are transferable

£59 room only (for up to two people) **£70** room and breakfast (for up to two people)

I am sharing with (name)

You can also pay securely online at: www.vascotland.org.uk

Payment enclosed: £ or I have paid my fees online (tick if relevant)
or please send me an invoice (tick if relevant)

Please note, make cheques payable to Voluntary Arts Network

Please add/amend (delete as appropriate) my details on the Voluntary Arts Scotland mailing list.

Any individual requirements we should know about? e.g. dietary, access, help with transport to the venue from the train/bus station etc.

