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Community



**Dumfries and
Galloway Museums
Sells Art Collection**

ANOTHER AMAZING SUMMER



The Council has announced that £135,000 will be available for local Third Sector Organisations and Childcare Providers in Dumfries and Galloway to give Children and Young people a Summer to remember. Organisations from across Dumfries and Galloway can apply for this funding.

Following on from the successes of the Amazing Summer fund in 2021, we're once again seeking local organisations that will deliver free activities for children and young people aged 5 to 14 for the duration of the Summer holidays, allowing them opportunities to socialise and meet with and make new friends.

There will be a particular focus on providing support and activities for children and young people who may otherwise struggle to access such experiences during the holidays, encouraging them to play and reconnect with their local communities and environments.

We're looking to see a range of different activities and experiences for young people of all ages from communities across Dumfries and Galloway.

We recognise the ongoing impact that the Covid pandemic has had on our young people in their day-to-day lives, and this exciting programme of Summer opportunities will help them to broaden their horizons, and build confidence while having fun with their friends.

This programme of activities is being co-produced with local children and young people to ensure that they get the activities that they enjoy, and young people will be a key part of the decision-making panel.

We're offering funding to provide free activities throughout the whole Summer holidays, from Saturday 2 July to Sunday 21 August.

Applications are open now. The closing date for completed applications to be submitted is 12 noon on Monday 23 May.

Applications Forms and Guidance Notes can be downloaded at www.dumgal.gov.uk/grants

For more advice/guidance, e: AmazingSummer@dumgal.gov.uk or t: 01387 260 243.

Elli Wadsworth, Chair of Dumfries and Galloway Youth Council, said: "The Youth Council is really pleased to be working alongside the Council to deliver an amazing Summer programme of activities for young people. We're involved in setting the priorities for the funding and ensuring that the funding goes to opportunities that will make the most difference to young people the length and breadth of Dumfries and Galloway and those that young people will have a lot of fun attending."



GALLOWAY AND
SOUTHERN AYRSHIRE
BIOSPHERE

Biosphere **job ops**

Committed to building a sustainable economy in southwest Scotland, the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere is recruiting for 2 newly created development roles aimed at early career applicants aged between 18 and 30 years.

Scotland's first Biosphere was awarded its designation by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation in 2012, recognising a unique natural and cultural heritage and local opportunities for sustainable development. It's part of a worldwide network of more than 700 UNESCO Biospheres and will celebrate its 10th anniversary later this year.

Operating with the support of funding partners including 3 local authorities, Scottish Forestry and South of Scotland Enterprise, it's a key national player in the drive to address climate change and achieve net zero goals.

In creating its 2 development roles, the Biosphere aims to provide opportunities for local young people to explore potential career paths and build their professional skills. Both of the full-time, 12-month posts will be tailored to the successful applicants' career interests aligned with the Biosphere's programme, which covers community engagement, business development, land management, and biodiversity.

The Biosphere's Director, Ed Forrest, said: "Employment for young people is one of the biggest challenges in our region and it's an essential part of the global Biosphere ethos to create a positive future full of opportunities for the next generation. Our whole team is incredibly excited about welcoming 2 new members this summer and being able to offer a development programme based on collaboration, mentorship, and community working."

For more info see www.gsabiosphere.org.uk or e: info@gsabiosphere.org.uk

Free Yourself

If you are under 22 years old and living in Scotland, you are eligible for free nationwide bus travel. Apply now.



On the **Buses**

The campaign website for the Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme is now live: freebus.scot

The website contains lots of helpful information for families and young people about free bus travel, how it works, how to apply, the benefits, and some tips for travelling safely.

It also features the [decision tool feature](#) to make it easier for people to understand the different ways they can apply and there's a dedicated page with digital [resources for stakeholders](#)



College makes a **splash**

Dumfries and Galloway College has announced a new watersports course, beginning on 22 August.

The new course, Watersports SCQF Level 5, will enable students to gain a variety of skills, experience, and emerge from the programme with a useful qualification.

Watersports Level 5 has been developed through a partnership between the Stranraer Water Sports Association and Dumfries and Galloway College.

The course will be delivered in 2 locations, with students studying for 2 hours a week at the College's Stranraer Campus and spending 1 full day a week at the Stranraer Watersports Association. It will involve a range of practical and theory-based activities with practical and written assessments. The course will also provide an opportunity to learn skills in volunteering, employability, customer service, and sporting events. Successful students will be able to progress into full time study at college.

More info available [here](#)



Facing changes in Health and Social Care: **Jeanette's** story

“ I've worked for the Care and Support Service in the Sanquhar area, providing care at home for over 65s for 37 years. I've experienced many changes and challenges, from starting as a home help and progressing through care in the community, which eventually transitioned into the role of care and support worker. I became a senior carer, and experienced contract changes, service changes and many changes generally within the role. No 2 days have ever been the same.

Working with people is my absolute passion and knowing that I've made a difference to someone's day and contributed to keeping them safe and well in their own home is the ultimate reward.

It's not just about the essential tasks of personal care, meal preparation, and medication assistance, it's about the person. It's not a job for money. It's really a job to love, being dedicated, committed, and showing real dignity, respect, and compassion to service users, their families, and my colleagues.

Although a lot of the time the role involves lone working, it couldn't be done without the team supporting each other and of course the camaraderie and friendships that are formed.

Covid has been the most recent challenge and initially the fear and the uncertainty were almost unbearable but I had at least one certainty, that I would keep doing my job.

I was scared myself but reassured and comforted by being able to make a positive difference to others. I was often the only person the service user had seen and interacted with that day. Seeing the streets deserted and other services suspended made my job seem even more valuable and essential.

There have been many tears of both laughter and sadness over the years, moments of hilarity which demonstrate our complete commitment and teamwork, such as taking bikes on the bus to the highest village in Scotland. We've overcome snow, flooding, road closures, a pandemic, and whatever else nature has thrown in our way. Ultimately, I wouldn't change it for the world.”



A Time To Say Thanks

Volunteers' Week is a chance to recognise the contribution volunteers make to our communities and to say "thank you".

Volunteers' Week is supported and celebrated by small grassroots organisations as well as larger, household-name charities, who together run hundreds of activities across the UK. These activities showcase and celebrate volunteers and the contribution volunteering makes in our communities.

Mercy me

Phil McGroggan, chairman of the Dumfries Unison branch, has recently undertaken a mercy mission to Ukraine.

He flew from Edinburgh to Budapest, picked up a vehicle loaded with supplies, then drove to Ukraine.



The aim of the week is to raise awareness of dementia and help improve the lives of people with dementia, their families, and carers.

Talk to us about...

Your Community Safety Team deal with a wide range of antisocial and environmental issues.

We work across the region to make communities and individuals feel safe and secure.

dog fouling
littering
fly tipping
abandoned vehicles
removal of sharps
neighbour disputes
mediation



The Council's Community Safety Team is running engagement days for the public to come and speak about issues and concerns in their communities, with Council services and other agencies participating

Tuesday 24 May Kirkcudbright Harbour Car Park;
Gatehouse Fleetvale Car Park

Thursday 26 May Annan Tesco Car Park

Tuesday 31 May Lockerbie Tesco Car Park;
Lochmaben High Street

Tuesday 7 June Kelloholm Greystone Ave;
Sanquhar High Street

Thursday 9 June Dalbeattie High Street

Tuesday 14 June Dumfries Queensberry Square

Thursday 16 June Locharbriggs Auchencrief Road;
Heathhall Herries Ave

Tuesday 21 June Castle Douglas Tesco Car Park

Thursday 23 June Stranraer Castle Square

Tuesday 28 June Langholm Co-op Car Park

Thursday 30 June Newton Stewart Victoria Street

Take our **art** home



A new service is being offered by Dumfries and Galloway Museums East in partnership with Art UK.

You can now browse through the historic artworks in the museum collections and buy your favourites online. You can customise the size and frame if you want. There are images of local scenes (such as Sanquhar Castle, Devorgilla Bridge or Dumfries Dock Park) available along with paintings by well-known artists and of people such as Robert Burns.

A Council spokesperson said, "We're really proud of the art we have in our museums and think this is a great way to share it with our communities and visitors. These images offer a way to take home your favourite museum piece or purchase an unusual gift. At present, only a small selection of the museum collection is available but more will be coming online and in other formats, such as on tea towels or mugs."

Browse the [shop](#)

See more of the Dumfries and Galloway Museum Service Artworks:

[Annan Museum](#)

[Dumfries Museum](#)

[Sanquhar Tolbooth Museum](#)





Garden of **Cosmic** Speculation

Open Days 2022

Lower Portrack Cottages, Holywood, Dumfries DG2 0RW

Sat 28 May sessions 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm

Sun 29 May sessions 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm

Opening in aid of charities: Maggie's Centres and Scotland's Gardens Scheme's beneficiaries.

Tickets £10, free limited car park spaces

ONLY available direct from the Midsteeple Box Office on 01387 253 383 (not available online)

The Garden of Cosmic Speculation at Portrack is the much-loved garden designed by the late Charles Jencks, which uses nature to celebrate nature, both intellectually and through the senses, including the sense of humour. Covering 30 acres, the garden features many landforms, sculpture, terraces, bridges, fences and architectural works.

Image Copyright Charles Jencks



Make some noise!

Stranraer and Wigtown Libraries rocked out recently when Callum Beattie and his band played consecutive weekends as part of the Get it loud in Libraries initiative.

Supported by Connor Fyfe, Stranraer Library and the historic Wigtown County Buildings became concert venues and hosted events.

Callum made an impression by staying on to meet and greet fans and visit local pubs.



COULD YOU TRANSFORM THE LIFE OF A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON?

Dumfries and Galloway Council is recruiting foster carers / host families



Dumfries & Galloway 

More info on fostering [here](#)



Round 3 funding to tackle youth issues

Youth groups and community organisations in Dumfries and Galloway can now apply for their share of a £60,000 fund that will tackle a range of youth issues, including poverty, mental health, and inequality.

The youth-led organisation 10,000 Voices in Action is inviting groups to put forward proposals that they think will make a difference for 12 to 25-year-olds living in Dumfries and Galloway.

Young people across the region will have the final say on the projects that receive funding by voting on the ideas that they feel will have most impact.

This is the third round of funding that has been distributed by 10,000 Voices in Action over the last 2 years, delivering a range of resources, events and projects set up to support young people, including new opportunities, money advice, food initiatives, and much more.

£5,000 is available for each of the 12 ward areas in Dumfries and Galloway.

Applications are now open for projects that require funding from £500 to £2,500.

Cloe Allison, a member of the Youth Action Group responsible for leading the project, said: "We're blown away by the wide range of fantastic projects that have come forward to help us tackle poverty, inequalities and disadvantage in our region, and we would encourage anyone with an idea to get their application in as soon as possible."

For more information and to apply visit youthwork.dumgal.gov.uk or e: 10kvoicesinaction@gmail.com



Extra QAVS award for Jubilee

This year, The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) is running an additional award to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.

It seeks to celebrate fantastic work by national charities and their volunteers to empower young people and provide them with skills and opportunities.

This award will recognise 20 charities working at the national level to empower young people (16 to 25) providing them with skills and opportunities, with volunteers playing a key role in delivering the work.

Applications are to be submitted directly by national charities. National could mean UK-wide or Scotland-wide. Deadline for applications: 17 June

For more info and an application form see: [web page](#)



Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

Goldenpie

Baron Macfarlane of Bearsden, KT, DL, FRSE
March 1926 – November 2021
Honorary Freeman of Dumfries and Galloway

Ian Fleming's house in Jamaica was called Goldeneye. Norman Macfarlane's house in Bearsden could have been called Goldenpie.

While the Bells whisky brand sponsored the Scottish Football League, Macfarlane and wife Greta visited every Scottish football ground to meet club officials. The League gifted him a golden Scotch pie sculpture.

Lord Mcfarlane of Bearsden, Honorary Freeman of Dumfries and Galloway, was a titan in Scottish business, sports, and the arts.

In the aftermath of the Guinness-United Distillers acquisition scandal, Macfarlane was the safe pair of hands charged with saving the business and restoring the firm's reputation.

When his wife Greta tried to dissuade him from getting involved, his response was "We own Gleneagles so I can get the tee-off times I want. And we own Gordon's Gin, so that's you settled."

His enormous network of contacts and his affability and personal charm ensured that a dire situation was turned around. He even managed to retrieve a substantial

proportion of the company's money issued to manipulate the share price, just by phoning and politely asking for it.

After WW2, Macfarlane invested his £200 Army severance money in a stationery and packaging company and attended commercial college, where he met his future wife. As the Macfarlane Group (Clansman) PLC his company was floated in 1973.

At one time or another, Macfarlane was involved in running or supporting Scottish Ballet, the Scottish National Orchestra, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow High School, the National Art Collections Fund, the National Galleries of Scotland, the National Lottery, the Glasgow Development Agency, the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and the Scottish Football League.

He was a longstanding collector of paintings, particularly by the Glasgow Boys, and chaired the committee charged with raising funding for the refurbishment of Kelvingrove Galleries in Glasgow. He was asked to raise £5m from the private sector. He raised £13.5m.

Macfarlane was knighted in 1983, created a peer in 1991, and joined the Order of the Thistle in 1996.

He accepted the position of patron of Kirkcudbright 2000 and his committed involvement was key to developing the close partnership working between Dumfries and Galloway region and the City of Glasgow. His relationship with Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum and his enthusiasm were vital in delivering the extremely successful exhibition Monet and the Impressionists: Kelvingrove at Kirkcudbright. His work contributed significantly to delivering a gallery of national renown for Kirkcudbright.

The Local Government Scotland Act (1973) allows Councils to admit as honorary freemen 'persons of distinction' and 'any persons who have rendered eminent service' to a region.

In 2006, Lord Macfarlane was granted Honorary Freeman status in Dumfries and Galloway 'in recognition of his highly significant and selfless contribution to the promotion and enjoyment of the visual arts' in Kirkcudbright.

Quiz of the Week

“I’ve missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I’ve been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed. Michael Jordan”



1. Which film director released The Last Duel and House of Gucci in 2021?
2. What position did Queen of the South legend Allan Ball play?
3. In which 3 US states is Yellowstone Park?
4. Which author wrote the 6-part horror anthology series Books of Blood?
5. To the nearest 10m, how many worldwide subscribers does Netflix have?
6. How old is Prince Charles?
7. What is the capital city of Romania?
8. In which year was the film version of The Who's Tommy released?
9. Which Australian band recorded their live album If You Want Blood... at the Glasgow Apollo in 1978?
10. Jair Bolsonaro is President of which South American country?
11. In what year was the last major outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the UK?
12. Boris Johnson was a member of which infamous all-male dining club at Oxford University known for its wealthy members, grand banquets, and bad behaviour?
13. What nationality was painter Hieronymus Bosch?
14. Which ground does Yorkshire Cricket Club play at?
15. How many times has golfer Tiger Woods won The Open?
16. How long did the 100 Years' War last?
17. What is the capital of Guernsey?
18. What is the diameter of the recently discovered Black Hole Sagittarius A*, which was found to be at the centre of our galaxy?
19. Ben & Jerry named a flavour of ice cream after which Grateful Dead guitarist?
20. A cask of Macallan whisky was sold for auction recently for a world record price. How much did it sell for?

RBCFT Film of the Week



House of Gucci

Directed by veteran English director Ridley Scott (and released just months after his superb historical drama The Last Duel), House of Gucci is a drama based on the true story of the famous Italian fashion house.

Lady Gaga stars as Patrizia Reggiani, an outsider from humble beginnings, who joins the Gucci family when she marries Maurizio (Adam Driver). Jeremy Irons plays the patriarch Rodolfo, distrustful of Patrizia, and Al Pacino plays his brother Aldo.

Scott based his film on the best-selling book House of Gucci: A Sensational Story of Murder, Madness, Glamour, and Greed by Sara Gay Forden, although he was criticized for not sticking to all the facts.

There's tax evasion, gorgeous settings, duplicitous business dealings, gangsters, and fabulous sweaters. And there's murder too!

One role that came under scrutiny was Jared Leto's Maurizio, the feckless and slightly dim brother Paolo. Friends said he was eccentric more than anything. However, his role is entirely in keeping with the tone of the film: over the top, occasionally messy, sometimes silly, and not to be taken too seriously. At times it's all so gloriously camp you can't help but be entertained.

Lady Gaga was nominated for Best Actress at the BAFTAs. She didn't win. Jared Leto was nominated as Best Supporting Actor at the Razzie Awards. He won.

House of Gucci is a romp. The cast is a dream and there's loads of fun to be had with it. RBCFT customers loved it.

House of Gucci is coming to Amazon Prime on 17 June.

Spring Exhibitions

It's a busy month with lots to see from new and upcoming artists and established professional creatives.

To Sat 21 May

Dumfries and Galloway College Art and Design

10 students curate and present their work for their end of year exhibition.

To Sat 25 June

Modern Makers

Young artists from the past 6 years of the Upland project showcasing their work with their mentors, in printmaking, jewellery, glass, ceramic and painting.

Sat 28 May to Sat 2 July

SPRING FLING 20

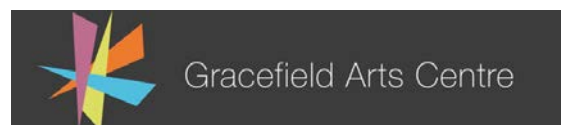
A celebration of Scotland's premier Open Studios event featuring over 40 artists and makers from past and present with a specially commissioned short film by Colin Tenant.

2 to 5 June

Spring Fling Open Studios Weekend

Gracefield is hosting studio 67 and 68 (for Spring Fling) with Ruth Elizabeth Jones and Emma Varley presenting Earthlight, a collaborative temporal installation combining ceramics with projected digital drawings in room 2 and a collection of individual prints and ceramics in room 3.

Pick up a brochure for more details of all the open studios in this year's anniversary event or visit spring-fling.co.uk



Gracefield Arts Centre
Edinburgh Road,
Dumfries, DG1 1JQ

Key Contacts

National Covid-19 Helpline 0800 111 4000

For people who don't have family or existing community support and can't get online and who are over 70, disabled, require the support of mental health services, are pregnant or receive a flu jab for health reasons, will be directed to our dedicated local team who can offer essential assistance.

NHS24 111

www.nhsinform.scot

Emergency 999

Doctor Out of Hours 111

Dumfries and Galloway Council 030 33 33 3000

www.dumgal.gov.uk

Employability Support Helpline 01387 260 060
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Business Support Helpline 01387 260 280
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub 030 33 33 3001

Social Work Out of Hours 01387 273 660

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway 0300 303 8558

Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service 0300 303 4321
www.dagcas.org

Samaritans 116 123

SHOUT Text SHOUT to 85258 for free

Scotland's Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 027 1234

Age Scotland 0800 12 44 222
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Shelter Scotland 0808 800 444
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

LGBT Helpline Scotland 0300 123 2523

Childline 0800 1111

If you would like help understanding this or need it in another format telephone 030 33 33 3000

Quiz of the Week Answers

1. Ridley Scott
2. Goalkeeper
3. Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho
4. Clive Barker
5. 220m

6. 73
7. Bucharest
8. 1975
9. AC/DC
10. Brazil
11. 2001

12. The Bullingdon Club
13. Dutch
14. Headingly
15. 3
16. 116 years (1337-1453)
17. St Peter Port

18. 40 million miles (60 million km) wide
19. Jerry Garcia (Cherry Garcia)
20. £1m (\$1.3m)