

Grampian Opportunities Creative Short Breaks Project

Since the last newsletter the Short Breaks team have been working on various aspects of the project.

A new information pamphlet has been created by the volunteers. Allan Spence has spent many hours working on this. The pamphlet gives useful basic information about the Short Breaks Project.

The project team are now working on a larger A5 information booklet/ directory of information. This will include information about what types of funding may be available, useful contacts, interesting options for short breaks, travel and transport information. We plan to visit various travel hubs, bus station, taxi, train, ferry and airport to be able to give first hand information about accessibility and user friendliness.

The team are also reviewing the referral process for short breaks. We want to make sure we ask the most relevant questions to help us produce the most suitable options for an inspiring short break for carers and those they care for.

As part of our volunteer development plan, we now have agreed task lists. This will make planning the project easier and will also assist to both progress the project and add to the volunteer personal skills development. Volunteers have expressed an interest in developing skills and confidence in diverse areas such as office skills, computer literacy, report writing, presentations skills, team working & working as an individual to set goals. This should mean that the volunteers will see rewards from both team and individual achievements.

As the project takes shape more of the volunteers will attend meetings with other groups and voluntary organisations. The aim of this is to increase confidence in new situations, have experience in attending meetings and meeting new people.