

PAS LAUNCHES NEW MENTORING SCHEME FOR COMMUNITY POWER

Planning Aid for Scotland (PAS) has launched a new mentoring scheme to help community groups take advantage of their local resources in areas such as renewable energy, community centres and allotments.

The launch of the scheme demonstrates the growth and development of Planning Aid for Scotland and the increasing demand for impartial planning advice, information and support.

Robert Patrick, the new PAS Mentoring Co-ordinator, said:

“Understanding the planning system is vital for community groups who want to develop their local resources for the benefit of local people, in areas such as renewable energy, allotments and community centres.

“The new Planning Mentoring Scheme links PAS with voluntary sector CVS organisations and will provide planning advice and guidance to community projects across rural Scotland.

“Key to the scheme is the PAS role in helping to empower people in an independent and impartial way. This new initiative will guide and provide technical expertise to projects at different stages of their development.

“The unique PAS network of volunteers, all planning professionals, will provide guidance and advice, demonstrating the positive side of planning that allows people to shape their own neighbourhoods.”

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Notes to Editors:

1. For more information on the Planning Mentoring Scheme please email Robert Patrick, our Mentoring Co-ordinator on rob@planningaidscotland.org.uk or call him on 0131 220 9739. The PAS Mentoring scheme is funded by the Big Lottery Fund in Scotland, through the Supporting Voluntary Action Programme, being administered by SCVO (Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations).

