



Sanday Development Trust has secured a grant from the Royal Bank of Scotland to bring a 12 month programme of adult education, training and leisure courses to Sanday. I am the project Learning Coordinator and am very excited to get things underway!

Sue Mellors

## Courses and Workshops for December

**Saturday Morning Kitchen- Saturday 12th December 11am -1pm - Heilsa Fjold**

**Mince pies and decorating a festive yule log with Lisa**

There will be a monthly cooking morning on a Saturday - a fun chance to improve your cooking skills! Please email [learning@sandaydevelopmenttrust.org.uk](mailto:learning@sandaydevelopmenttrust.org.uk) or 600359 by Weds 9th Dec to book your place. Cost is £3.00 to cover refreshments & a yule log to take home. S3's and above welcome if accompanied by a participating adult!



**Binoculars for Beginners - Tuesday 15th December 7pm - 9pm - Heilsa Fjold**

**An informal and informative workshop with the Sanday Ranger Emma (see Ranger Newsletter)**

This one off workshop will be an ideal starting point for the monthly Beginners Birdwatching starting in January 2016. Please contact the Sanday Ranger to book a place [ranger@sandaydevelopmenttrust.org.uk](mailto:ranger@sandaydevelopmenttrust.org.uk) or 600272. Cost is £2.50 to cover materials and refreshments. All ages welcome!



## Coming in the New Year

**Beginners Birdwatching - Tuesday 19th January 7pm - 9pm - Heilsa Fjold (see Ranger Newsletter)**

**Understanding Accounts - Introduction to the balance sheet & profit & loss account - Tues 26th Jan 2016**

**Contemporary Drawing Workshop - details to follow**

**First Aid (ILA approved and funded course - apply for your ILA account now)!**

**Getting our project started.....** At the moment I am identifying training requirements and matching these to courses and instructors. Where possible these will be delivered by Sanday Residents. Please take the time to fill in and return the slip on the back of this newsletter if you haven't already done so.

Thanks to all of the groups who have welcomed me to their meetings to talk about the project. Thanks also for all of your enthusiastic feedback. I am very happy to come and talk to you whether you are a group, an employer with staff training requirements or an individual - please just ask!

If you have any ideas or would like to run a course, support a learning session or offer up your culinary skills for a Saturday Morning Kitchen session, please get in touch. I would also love to hear from anyone who would be willing to provide cake or biscuits for training event coffee breaks.

The courses being offered will be those requested by Sanday Residents and will be available to all adults over the age of 16 on the Island. (Some courses will be open to younger age groups where possible).

**Tel: 01857 600359 or text: 07803 854572 or email: [learning@sandaydevelopmenttrust.org.uk](mailto:learning@sandaydevelopmenttrust.org.uk)**

**You can contact me by email: [learning@sandaydevelopmenttrust.org.uk](mailto:learning@sandaydevelopmenttrust.org.uk), leave me a note or message at Heilsa Fjold tel: 600359 or text: 07803 854572. I work part time but will get back to you. I will be in Heilsa Fjold every Tuesday between 12.30 and 2.30 pm (apart from 21st Dec - 6th Jan over the Christmas period).**

*I look forward to hearing from you soon, Sue*

### **It's up to you!**

The courses will be identified and organised on a demand basis - so its up to you to decide what you would like to see being offered.

Is there something that you have always wanted to learn such as Spanish, photography, joinery, wood-work or creative writing?

Is there a skill that would increase your job or career options, such as a short course in construction, adult literacy or numeracy?

Are you an employer who would like your staff to be trained in a new skill?

Please let me know.

### **Claim your £200 now!**

Did you know that Skills Development Scotland will give you up to £200 through an Individual Learning Account (ILA) towards the cost of employability focused learning or training? ILAs are a great way to improve your skills and the sooner you apply the more you benefit.

ILAs are for people who are 16 or over and living in Scotland. You can apply for an ILA if you do not have a degree and are not undertaking further education.

Individuals must have an income of £22,000 a year or less.

To find out more and apply for your ILA call the Freephone helpline on 0800 917 8000. I am happy to help you.

ILA approved courses will be run on Sanday such as Food Hygiene, First Aid and Construction courses.

If you are not eligible for an ILA , but wish to attend a local ILA approved course, S4S will fund 75% of your course fees up to an annual value of £200.

If you have a degree there are other options for you.

**Skills for Sanday is coming to the Christmas Fayre on Sunday 6th December with advice and information. Call by and get some help with your ILA and sign up for your 2016 courses!**



**Please get in touch by completing & returning this slip to Heilsa Fjold**

**Name:** .....

**Contact email:** ..... **Tel:** .....

**What training or learning opportunities would you like to see provided on the Island?**

**Do you have any skills that you would be able to offer to the project on either a paid or voluntary basis? eg baking, IT skills, dry-stone walling, poly tunnel gardening, yoga, swimming or any other expertise which might be useful to run as a course on Sanday?**

