

supporting, developing and representing community groups,
voluntary organisations, social enterprises and volunteering



Fife Employability Forum

Improving employment outcomes for the people of Fife

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Fife Voluntary Action

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Volunteering and benefits

- Historical mixed messages both to and from claimants
- The confusion around unpaid work, mandatory provision and volunteering
- Type of benefit and the implications – JSA, ESA etc.
- Guidance leaflet – close to completion!

Feedback from Know Your Network

- Challenges
 - Pre-conceptions about volunteering
 - Risk of sanctions
 - Fear of the unknown
- What next?
 - Guide to volunteering
 - Improved work with referrers
 - Myth-busting
 - Ongoing work with DWP partners