

Staff News: Take 5

Thursday 22 October 2020

Welcome to this week's Take 5, our all new weekly staff update, designed to bring you our latest news summary in a five minute read.

Your weekly coronavirus update

The Scottish Government has announced that current restrictions on the hospitality industry are set to continue until 2 November when a new strategic 'tiered approach' to tackling the virus will be introduced.

The enhanced measures in place across central Scotland including Renfrewshire, will also continue for now. This means all restaurants and pubs will stay closed along with snooker, pool, bowling and bingo halls.

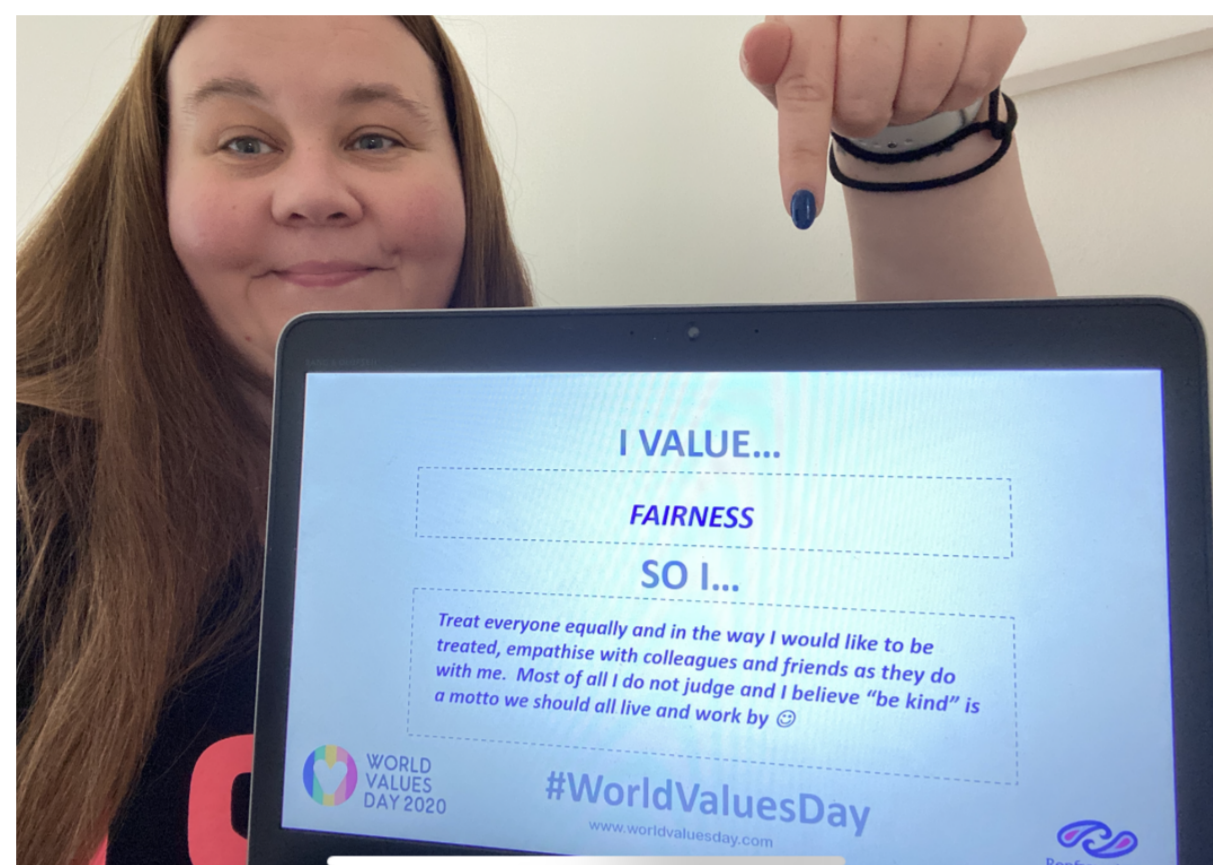
Hotels are permitted to serve food to resident guests and cafes can operate without alcohol until 6pm.

Details on the new tiered approach will be released in the coming days and the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, has stated the government cannot rule out tougher restrictions. However, these will be continuously assessed and balanced by the wider impacts they are likely to have on the economy and people's wellbeing.

Visit the Scottish Government website for the latest information at www.gov.scot and always remember to stick to the FACTS:

- Face coverings
- Avoid crowded spaces
- Clean hands and surfaces regularly
- Two metre physical distancing
- Self-isolate and book a test if you develop symptoms

World Values Day 2020



Thanks to everyone for taking part in 'World Values Day' on Thursday 15 October.

With a focus on 'Values in Action' it was a day to think about the values that are important to you and how you can act on them.

We had insightful interviews with four of our senior leaders and asked you share your values pledges.

What a brilliant effort and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces.

In case you missed it, go to www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/ourvalues and follow the link to Senior Leader Stories

Also, check out some of the photos and pledges we received on our YouTube channel here <https://youtu.be/cGpP98jGrOM>

Employee Services and Payroll – how we can help you is changing



We want to make it as easy as possible for you to contact us. So, we have launched two new contact numbers to help you get in touch with the Employee Services and Payroll teams.

The new numbers provide you with another option for contacting the teams during normal office hours.

Existing mailboxes and email addresses remain in use and these should always be used where documentation or other information needs to be provided in writing.

Please also remember to continue using existing self-serve facilities as much as possible including Business World, MyJobScotland and Imperago (Flexi).

For Payroll you can call **0300 300 1461**.

For Employee Services you can call **0300 300 1460** then select option 1 for Recruitment team, 2 for Transactional team, 3 for Time & Attendance team or 4 for Schools team.

Pre-retirement course 2020



Are you planning on retiring soon? If so, why not book a place on our next virtual pre-retirement course designed to help you understand and make the right choices for a financially healthy retirement?

The course will be delivered by our partners Affinity Connect via Microsoft Teams on 7 December 2020, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and can be accessed via any council or personal device with access to the internet.

Details on what the course has to offer are available on our intranet site under People Development.

Places will be limited so we encourage you to get in early and book your space. Contact Affinity Connect directly at bookings@affinityconnect.org to make your booking.

If you have any questions or would like further information you can email ian.whyte@renfrewshire.gov.uk or call **0141 6184505**.

Celebrating Renfrewshire – voting now open!

The polls are now open for young people to vote for their favourite local project to receive a share of this year's Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund.

If you are aged 25 or under, make sure you don't miss this opportunity to have your say on what will improve the lives of young people in Renfrewshire right now. Anyone between the ages of 12 to 25 can vote.

Young people at school have been emailed instructions to their Glow account, so make sure you spread the word to those you know at home and through work.

Community groups can request voting packs to help members cast their votes and individuals should email youth@renfrewshire.gov.uk to be issued with a voting number which will grant them access to the Young Scot voting platform.

All those who take part are also in with a chance to win a £20 Just Eat Voucher, so don't miss out!

Voting closes on Friday 30 October and for more information, including links to shortlisted projects you can go to <https://young.scot/campaigns/renfrewshire/celebrating-renfrewshire>



Our Health, Safety and Wellbeing at Work webpage is there to provide you with information and contacts to help you keep well during this time.

Visit: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/health-safety-wellbeing



Don't forget, we'd love to hear from you!

If you have a story to tell or something interesting to share, get in touch with us at: internal.communications@renfrewshire.gov.uk