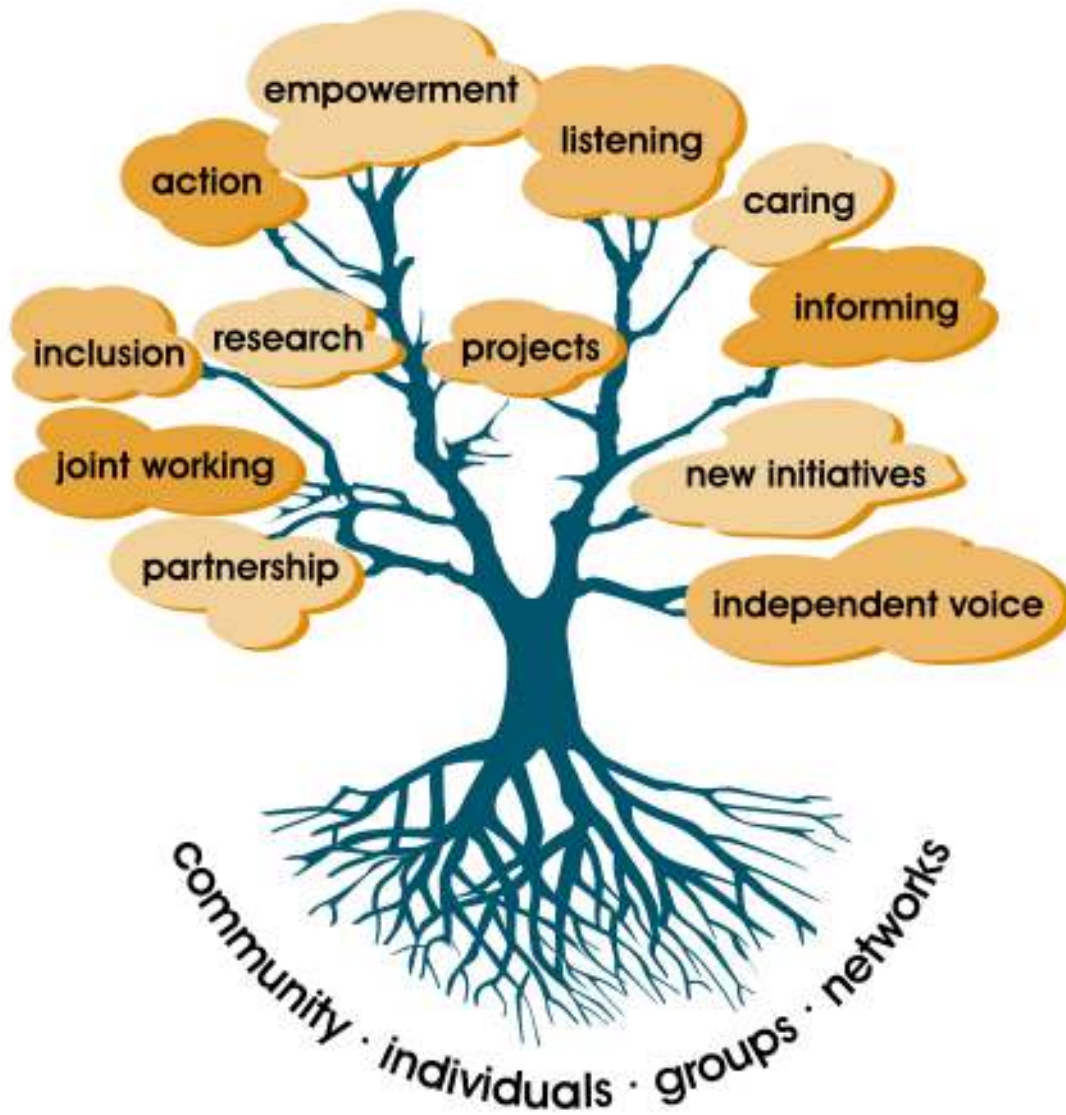


# The Scottish Community Care Forum

## ANNUAL REPORT

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## **Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2007**

The Management Committee continued to implement the Business Plan agreed the previous year. The long-term aim is to restore SCCF as a staffed network which supports local community care forums and promotes their work. The Plan proposes a gradualist approach, allowing flexibility in response to external circumstances and funding results.

This year, although applications for more substantial funding were unsuccessful, a grant from the Lottery Awards for All enabled SCCF to make real and sustainable progress as a self-help network - of independent local organisations which enable users of health and social care services to improve these services and their own quality of life.

The grant was made at a time when many local forums and SCCF were discouraged by stagnation and changes in public service planning arrangements and by withdrawal of funding from independent organisations. This year's revival of the SCCF network has helped to renew confidence in the value and relevance of local community care forums' role and to encourage realistic adaptation to changing circumstances.

It is proposed to continue with this year's gradualist and self-help approach and build on further co-operative projects linking local forums, as structures for community care service development become more clearly implemented.

### **Roots & Branches Networking Day & follow-up publications**

The Awards for All grant was used to organise a large networking event in October 2006, followed up by a report and 2 newsletters, which were widely disseminated at national and local level, to politicians, civil servants and health and social care staff in public and voluntary organisations.

The Networking Day and the subsequent publications were called Roots & Branches, to highlight community care forum characteristics of being deeply rooted in their communities and their consequent development of varied services and supports for their members.

Local community care forums used these opportunities to