



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Irvine Locality Partnership

Monday 4 December 2023, 6.00 p.m. at Fullarton Connexions.

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Cllr Macaulay	
2.	Action Note Review the action note and action log and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
DECISION REQUIRED					6.10 – 7.00 pm
3.	Community Investment Fund The Locality Partnership are asked to consider three Community Investment Fund Applications and three Expressions of Interest. Full Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BABCA Community Garden Fullarton Green Gym and Community Project Turning Point Pathways to Progress Expression of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crossing Together Local Priority Development Worker Micha Project 	Pg 9 Pg 20 Pg 29 Pg 40 Pg 48 Pg 51	Enclosed	Elaine Baxter	LP to consider three CIF Applications and three expressions of interest.
4.	Street Naming The Locality Partnership are asked to consider a Street Naming report from Planning.	Pg 55	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	LP to approve street names for new housing development.
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					7.00 – 7.55 pm
5.	Irvine Tennis Club The Locality Partnership will receive an update on the impact of CIF Funding.	-	Verbal	Chris McKenna	Receive update, discuss and consider partnership opportunities.
6.	Ayrshire College	-	Verbal	Fraser Lennox	Receive update and discuss how LP can

	The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Fraser Lennox				further support this work.
7.	Locality Action Plan Locality Partnership to consider Draft Locality Action Plan for 2023/24	Pg 58	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	Locality Partnership to consider Draft Locality Action Plan for 2023/24
8.	Youth and Education Overview The Locality Partnership will receive updates linking in with the Locality Priorities.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
9.	Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships The Locality Partnership will receive update on the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue in Irvine.	-	Verbal	David Cameron Paul Timmons	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
10.	KA Leisure The Locality Partnership will receive updates linking in with the Locality Priorities.	-	Verbal	John McMillan	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
11.	Irvine Community Council The Locality Partnership will receive an update from the Chair of Irvine Community Council on the work of the Community Council during the last quarter.	-	Verbal	David Dunlop	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
12.	Locality Officer Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update on the work of the Irvine Locality Team during the last quarter.	Pg 69	Enclosed	Elaine Baxter	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
AOCB					7.55 – 8.00 pm
13.	AOCB	-		Cllr Macaulay	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
REPORTS FOR INFORMATION					
14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly CLD Report 	Pg 74	Enclosed	Cllr Macaulay	Locality Partnership are asked to note the reports and share as appropriate.

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Irvine Locality Partnership Priorities

**Supporting
Skills and
Work
Opportunities**

**Enhancing our
Mental Health
and Wellbeing**

**Alleviating
Poverty**

**Championing
Green Health
and the Natural
Environment**



Meeting:	Irvine Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	4 September 2023 at Fullarton Connexions, Irvine at 6.00 p.m.
Present:	Councillor Shaun Macaulay (Chair) Councillor Marie Burns Councillor Chloé Robertson Councillor Christina Larsen – Agenda item 7 Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer Annie Small, Community Representative (Vice- Chair) Inspector David Cameron, Police Scotland Barbara Conner, TACT David Dunlop, Community Council Representative Marjory Dickie, Community Representative Donna Fitzpatrick, Community Representative Sally MacIntyre, Community Representative Irene McIlwain, Community Representative Ian Wallace, Community Representative Elaine Baxter, Locality Officer Karen Lee, NHS Public Health Colin Glencorse, KA Leisure Hayley Clancy, Committee Services Officer, NAC
In Attendance	Karen Good, BABCA (CIF Application) Janette Schill, BABCA (CIF Application)
Apologies:	Councillor Nairn McDonald Councillor Louise McPhater Heather Fraser, NHS Public Health Paul Timmons, Scottish Fire and Rescue Linzi Sloan, Head Teacher, Irvine Royal Academy.

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present to the Irvine Locality Partnership meeting and apologies for absence were recorded.</p> <p>Donna Fitzpatrick declared an interest in relation to the CIF Expression of Interest on Fullarton Outdoor Gym and agreed to leave the room when this was considered.</p> <p>Irene McIlwain declared an interest in relation to the CIF Expression of Interest on BABCA Garden Project and agreed to leave the room when this was considered.</p> <p>David Dunlop declared an interest in relation to the grant from Irvine Community Council and agreed to leave the room when this was considered.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note and Log</p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 5 June 2023 was approved as a correct record and the implementation of decisions confirmed.</p>	

3.	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p>The Partnership received a report from the Locality Officer with details of Community Investment Fund Applications and Expressions of Interest as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Housing Advocacy Project – CHAP – Full Application <p>CHAP applied for funding support in the amount of £91,534 for two Advice Workers to establish outreach venues throughout the Irvine locality. The Partnership noted that the two Advice Workers must be new members of staff.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that the proposal proceed to the North Ayrshire Council Cabinet for approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fullarton Outdoor Gym – Expression of Interest <p>An expression of interest by Fullarton Community Association for funding support, in the amount of £87,870 towards the creation of an outdoor gym.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that Fullarton Community Association should proceed to a full application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery College - Expression of Interest <p>An expression of interest by Turning Point Scotland for funding support, in the amount of £82,162 towards the creation of a college course for people in recovery from substance or alcohol abuse.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that Turning Point Scotland should proceed to a full application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Garden - Expression of Interest <p>An expression of interest by Broomlands and Boutreehill Community association (BABCA) for funding support, in the amount of £12,777 towards the creation of a community garden</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that BABCA should proceed to a full application.</p>	<p><i>Lesley Forsyth</i></p> <p><i>Elaine Baxter</i></p> <p><i>Elaine Baxter</i></p> <p><i>Elaine Baxter</i></p>
4.	<p>Grants</p> <p>Elderly Grants</p> <p>The Locality Partnership, following discussion in terms of the historic boundary area, agreed to approve the Elderly Grants budget for the</p>	<p><i>Lesley Forsyth</i></p>

	<p>Irvine Locality in the sum of £15,049, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to award the following:-</p> <table><tr><td>BABCA</td><td>£2,185</td></tr><tr><td>LBLB & Girdle Toll age Concern</td><td>£3,038</td></tr><tr><td>Dreghorn Old Peoples Welfare Committee</td><td>£1,710</td></tr><tr><td>Irvine Joint Wards Old Folks Committee</td><td>£7,426</td></tr></table> <p>Irvine Common Good Fund</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to award the following:-</p> <table><tr><td>Irvine Community Council</td><td>£6,641.68</td></tr></table> <p>The funding is agreed on the basis that attendance at the events is not restricted to those living within the KA12 postcode.</p>	BABCA	£2,185	LBLB & Girdle Toll age Concern	£3,038	Dreghorn Old Peoples Welfare Committee	£1,710	Irvine Joint Wards Old Folks Committee	£7,426	Irvine Community Council	£6,641.68	<p>Lesley Forsyth</p> <p>Lesley Forsyth</p>
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5.	<p>Chit Chat Poverty Action Plan</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Elaine Baxter on progress and highlights in respect of the Irvine Chit Chat Poverty Action Plan and including issues raised at chit chats on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redburn foodbank provision;• money debt advice;• transport in the Broomlands and Bourtreehill area;• the provision of community notice boards;• community lunches for over 50s; and• the requirement for digital support. <p>Elaine advised that most of the actions have been actioned and are green.</p> <p>Noted.</p>											
6.	<p>Youth and Education Overview</p> <p>The Locality Partnership were advised that no Youth and Education update would be provided at the meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Cllr Larsen joined the meeting.</p>											
7.	<p>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue – Wellbeing and Partnership</p> <p>The Partnership received updates from Police Scotland (PS) on the wellbeing and partnership work being carried out in the Locality area.</p>											

	<p>The PS update highlighted a number of matters including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proactive visits targeting under-age vape sales; • internet safety information on bullying and hate crime provided to Primary schools; • home security visits carried out in Vineburgh; • attendance at Trading Standards Scam events; • offensive weapon carrying is on the rise; • starting operation moonbeam; • attendance at Cunninghame Housing association conference; • campus Cops starting their new programmes – work experience; • wellbeing unit working with partner agencies; • attendance at the SPA event at Fullarton; • security for sheltered housing; and • the commencement of the 'Safer Shores' initiative. <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p>Irvine Community Council</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Chair of Irvine Community Council on the work of the Community Council during the last quarter, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yuletide event – a full rundown of the events will be available at the next meeting; • the Community Council currently has 11 members with 3 new potential members waiting for eligibility checks, taking them to 14 members; • new website coming in the next few weeks but will continue to use the Facebook page for community engagement; and • design a logo for the Community Council will be starting soon for local schools to take part. <p>Noted.</p>	
9.	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by the Community Development Worker on the work which had been undertaken in the locality since the last meeting.</p> <p>Elaine Baxter highlighted the Programme of Summer events that had taken place over the summer and the positive feedback received.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The Partnership noted the HMI Inspection to take place between 18 – 20 September 2023 and that the partnership were invited to attend Irvine tennis Club open Day on Monday 11 September.</p>	

	Noted.	
11.	Reports for Information North Ayrshire Youth Work Update The Partnership received report on the youth work across the area which linked into the North Ayrshire Locality priorities. Noted.	

The Meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.



Community Investment Fund Application Form: Irvine Locality

The CIF will support proposals and projects that:

- Connect with:
 - The North Ayrshire Fair for All Inequalities Strategy.
 - the Community Planning Partnership and Locality priorities; and
 - North Ayrshire Council's values, priorities, and business objectives.
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities.
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible.
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council.
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project.
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

When to apply and how?

- LPs should continue to engage with their communities and stimulate interest in the CIF. The Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links, and look at the funding 'in the round.'
- If the partnership supports a bid, then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form, which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.
- The finalised proposal will go to the next suitable Cabinet for final approval.

- Forms should be returned to your Locality Co-ordinator, by email if possible:

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Community Development Team
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Support and information will be available for groups who are not successful. For more information see the guidance form here: <http://www.northayrshire.community/wp-content/uploads/sites/60/2018/06/community-investment-fund-guidance-notes-17-12-17.pdf>



Community Investment Fund Checklist To be completed by Locality Officer at expression of interest stage				
Item	Yes	No	Not Applicable (give reason)	Comments
Expression of interest coproduced	x			Yes this project will bring many people of the community together and is supported by a number of community organisations. Farm basket, Mens shed, Childrens 1 st , Irvine locality team to name a few.
Link to Fair for All	x			Green Health is at the heart of the project and will also feature intergenerational projects where the young can learn from the older generation about how to look after a community garden. The vegetables and fruit grown will be distributed via our community food larder (The Farm Basket) which will be given away to our members to encourage them to make nutritious meals using fresh produce.
Link to Locality priorities	x			The project will address all 4 of the Irvine Locality Partnership Priorities:
Does not duplicate existing services		x		
Long term impact and sustainable	x			
Evidence of financial viability (bank acct, annual accounts)	x			BABCA are a registered charity SCO11731

Evidence of management arrangements (governance arrangements, officer bearers, organisational objectives, organisational status)	x			They are led by a Community Association
OSCR compliance	x			
GDPR compliance	x			
Child protection and vulnerable adults policies	x			
Measurable outcomes	x			
Any issues flagged in past 3 years		x		
Completed By: Elaine Baxter				
Date Completed: 21.11.23				

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Community Investment Fund

1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation: **Broomlands and Bourtreehill Community Association (BABCA)**

Postal Address for

Correspondence:

Name of Contact Person:

Position in Organisation: **Chairperson**

Contact Telephone Number :

E mail address

2. Brief description of your organisation

Please include -

[a] Legal status, e.g., voluntary organisation, public/private limited by shares or guarantee.

[b] How long has organisation been in existence?

[c] Aims & objectives.

[d] General activities or services provided.

Broomlands and Bourtreehill Community Association are long established committee, established in 1975. and have four office bearers and eight committee members who manage Towerlands Community Centre and develop the centre's weekly programme. We also have a long history of running various successful events throughout the years, ranging from gala. days, social events, community lunches, and more structured activities, and learning opportunities for people of all ages.

We also are a registered charity (Charity Number: SC011731).

We also manage the Farm basket Community Food Larder which is situated on the grounds. of the Community centre. Our management committee features many representatives from various community organisations and centre users that are part of our committee.

As an organisation we are also given ongoing support from our CLD Community Development Worker (Irvine Locality Team) and local Elected Officials.

Along with our centre users, other external partnering agencies and organisations from the area also attend our monthly committee meetings.

We are also members of NAFCO and tie in with many other wider community organisations. We are in the process of establishing a subcommittee of BABCA so the garden will have its own pool of volunteers, however BABCA will oversee the running of the project and apply for funding. Any financial purchases will be made with the approval of the committee.

Our committee meet monthly with local councillor's and our NAC community Development Worker. We follow proper governance as per our OSCR Charitable Status requirements.

We take pride in planning successful projects and events in advance, so we would be hoping once the garden is established that we could have an official opening day. Partnerships and initial consultation have already been formed with other organisations who wish to assist. with this community garden project.

3. Title and summary of proposal

Tell us a bit about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for. Please include where it will be held / delivered, who is your target audience, who will benefit from it and how and indicate any partners that are involved.

Please include -

[a] What outcomes your organisation wishes to achieve.

[b] Is this a new service / project?

[c] Does a new organisation need to be set up?

Broomlands and Bourtreehill Community Association (BABCA) would like to develop a community/memorial Garden to grow fruit and vegetables and a place to sit and remember the people we lost in our community through covid and illnesses over the years.

The garden will be situated on an old swing park that is no longer in use, which lies next to Towerlands Community Centre. NAC Connected Communities have agreed that we can convert this green space into a community garden to be enjoyed by everyone and get the community involved to make it a nicer area for people of all ages to enjoy.

Green Health is at the heart of the project and will also feature intergenerational projects where the young can learn from the older generation about how to look after a community garden. The vegetables and fruit grown will be distributed via our community food larder (The Farm Basket) which will be given away to our members to encourage them to make nutritious meals using fresh produce. The food larder operates three times a week, providing a much-needed service in relieving food poverty in the area.

The development of this community garden will involve centre users, and neighbouring partners including:

- St. John Ogilvie Primary School
- The Conservation Volunteers (Green Health Partnership)
- Children 1st
- Crossing Together
- Irvine Newtown Men's Shed
- Broomlands and Bourtreehill tenants and Residents Association
- Trindlemoss Day Centre
- Irvine Seniors- Forum
- Input
- Café Solace
- Irvine Locality Team (Community learning and Development)
- NAC Community Link Workers (Bourtreehill Medical Practice)
- North Ayrshire Ranger Service
- Brownies Guides and Rainbows
- So Lovely Group
- Greenwood Academy
- Elderbank primary school

We also intend to grow fresh produce to make affordable food for the café in the community centre, and also luncheon clubs for older people within our community. The Luncheon club encourages socialisation for our older members, as most of them have been shielding during the pandemic and are just starting to come back into their local communities. We also want to encourage older people to get involved and give them a safe environment to pass on their garden skills to younger people and encourage the younger people to take pride in where they live.

We are also talking to other organisations like Children 1st who work with families and are based in that area and who utilise our centre to hold bigger events. Children's 1st have a Community Engagement Worker who is part of our committee. The Children 1st organisation is happy to get involved and offer any assistance needed to get some of their families involved in volunteering within the garden.

QUESTION 3 CONTINUED

The young people have also been involved in our community chit chat meetings to improve the area of Broomlands and Bourtnehill, Girdletoll and Lawthorn. The area is under regeneration and we hope that if the younger generation got involved this might raise an awareness of the positive of green health activities. The young people have also been involved in the Bourtnehill Park consultation on the conservation in the local area.

We also have the men shed in the area who if we get enough funding they will build raised beds and erect a poly tunnel so we can grow vegetables all year round.

We want to make it an intergenerational project so the young learn from the older people how to grow and manage a community garden. Skills and tips can be passed on to learn them how we grow food from seed.

The Farm Basket is our Community larder we have people who need support and help in this area we have families, single people and couples who use our larder weekly as they cannot make ends meet or their benefits have been stopped or they need an emergency food parcel until they can sort out their benefits out and can get back on their feet. This is run by a group of volunteers.

Brownies, rainbows and Rangers need to work towards their badges for their organisations so they will enable them to have space to grow fruit and vegetables and work towards their badges and learn where their food comes from. They are also into recycling and saving the environment hence the bug-hotel, bird boxes and solar lighting in our costing.

Mothers and toddlers groups will be able to have the children grow vegetables and teach them about the importance of growing your own vegetables and we could also do some cooking classes for young mothers and introduce them to the canny cooker and learn them how to budget and make nutritious meals for their children.

4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?

Please include -

[a] How you will approach reducing inequality.

[b] How this proposal fits with Irvine's priorities of:

- 1. Supporting Skills and work opportunities*
- 2. Enhancing our mental health and wellbeing*
- 3. Alleviating poverty*
- 4. Championing Green Health and the Natural Environment*

The proposed community garden fits within all of Irvine Locality priorities. The garden will meet the priority of 'Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities' by providing learning and volunteer opportunities in which residents will be able to learn gardening and growing skills. The proposed project will provide opportunities for local groups ranging from older people to youth groups, recovery groups, and people with additional support requirements, and impact will be made on the need for 'Enhancing our Mental Health & Wellbeing.' Through the growing of fresh and sustainable produce for the café and the Farm basket this will assist in 'Alleviating Poverty.'

The green health activities and the organic approach in growing with all ages, will be an opportunity for 'Championing Green Health and the Natural Environment.'

As part of 'North Ayrshire That is Fair for All,' the community garden will be part of the priority of 'developing a wellbeing economy' by tackling food and health inequalities.

The facility of the garden encourages opportunity to encourage resilience within the community by developing a much needed sustainable 'grown your own' environment within Bourtnehill. Through the organic approaches in growing the produce, the garden space will ensure that it meets climate change targets.

QUESTION 4 CONTINUED

Community wealth Building is also at the heart of the project as it is developing a derelict site for a more productive use. We have already invested in a fence installation and tree removal that has been provided by a local business.

Green Health Strategies in North Ayrshire want to promote green spaces being utilised and used by local community groups they want volunteers to run green projects encouraging people to get active in their local community.

Oldhall Energy Recycling Facilities are new to North Ayrshire area and are keen to get involved in the local community and have offered to provide labourers to assist with the heavy digging and preparation of the ground in the old swing park.

The benefits of these projects encourage people to develop new skills. I have named a few benefits below:

- enjoy a weekly routine with goal orientated activities
- meet and socialise with others
- improve your general health and wellbeing
- gain self-confidence and self esteem
- learn about plants, natural history, and conservation
- improve your local community
- Produce nutritious food
- Help preserve green spaces

Also volunteers in green space projects have gone on to seek employment in this area of work. We hope that our project will provide all members of the community with learning opportunities related to gardening, growing food and cooking and provide the community and volunteers with the opportunity to gain experience new skills, tools and coping mechanisms and promote positive changes in health, diet, lifestyle, and fitness.

5. Please give an overview of the engagement that has taken place in relation to the project

Please include the number of people that have been engaged with/ consulted.

BABCA and Irvine Locality team have been involved in hosting Community Chit Chat Engagements about the local area and improvements. One of the reoccurring topics was to have a community garden in the area for growing initiatives and green health activities. In 2021 we held a community consultation in partnership with Irvine Seniors Forum and Broomlands and Bourtreehill tenants and Residents Association, following on from the closure of Age Concern, to identify projects and activities for older members of the community, and the need for a community garden was identified as a popular suggestion. The older members of the community also suggested the opportunity to do an intergenerational project, in which growing skills and tips/hints could be passed onto younger members of the community.

We have also completed a monkey survey with our neighbours who reside in the area around the old swing park to see if anyone objected to our proposal to turn the old swing park into a community/memorial garden. We also asked them if any of them were willing to volunteer and help in the garden. The survey brought back positive feedback and no one objected to our plans. Engagement/meetings has also been held with the various community partners as listed in question three of this form.

They have all expressed an interest in being involved and part of the garden/memorial project. The breakdown of people engaged through the consultation process is as follows:

- Community Chit Chats 2019 - 44 participants
- Older people's activities consultation 2021 – 237 participants
- Surrounding Residents Survey Monkey/consultation - 55 participants
- Community organisations/centre group engaged with – 25 groups.

6. Please tell us how the project will be managed

Please include -

[a] *How the finances will be managed.*

[b] *Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in Irvine?
Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities*

[c] *If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans.*

[d] *Is there evidence of partnership working in relation to the project within Irvine locality?*

The project will be managed by BABCA and the treasurer will oversee the finances collecting receipts for all purchases and money spent on the garden project.

We hope to have a pool of volunteers who commit weekly hours to work in the garden and help develop, the project we will have a small subcommittee headed by our vice chairperson who will give monthly feedback to the BABCA committee at their monthly meetings on the progress of the project and raise any concerns with the larger BABCA committee.

As previously mentioned, this project will be run by volunteers with the hope that some of the volunteers will go on to look for employment opportunities with the skills learned at the project.

At the moment we have eleven volunteers committed in starting the project and are very keen to support and assist new volunteers to come on board once we break ground. BABCA have a long history of collaboration and partnership working with other organisations which have been very successful.

7. Amount of funding being requested

Please supply details of the amount of funding being requested and any **other** funding you have had over the past 5 years, both financially and 'in kind'.

Amount of funding requested:	£12 777
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Breakdown of Costings:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
planters x10	£1600
raised bed protectors	£220
wooden perimeter fence and gate	£900
garden gloves x20 pairs	£90
1 ton of sub base for polytunnel	£80
slabs for polytunnel	£240
polytunnel	£600
weed control fabric	£800
water butts x 2 plus connectors	£200
fence paint	£185
materials for insect hotels	£66
watering cans x 10	£220
extra long hose	£85
hanging baskets/pots and lining	£500
park benches	£1300
garden netting	£100
budget for seeds,bulbs & feed	£650
bird box materials	£150
pooting tables x 2	£80
garden knee pads heavy duty	£140
pruners x 6 pairs	£140
Solar lights	£95
secateurs x 6 pairs	£140
thermometer	£20
propagator x10	£140
seed trays	£120
top soil 20 ton	£800
Plastic walk way	£2600
spades	£140
shovels	£140
garden forks	£60
garden rakes	£56
hand tool sets x 10	£120
Total:	<u>£12 777</u>

BABCA have a history of securing secured funding for different events over the last five years.

Older people funding for events for people over the age of fifty £2185 yearly for the last three years. This was used for to provide a free Christmas three course meals, luncheon club, free bingo, free entertainment to encourage older people to use the community centre after shielding from covid. A day fun trip down memory lane to the Falkirk wheel and kelpies and lunch out.

PB funding £1000 for the last five years for to run free family events providing free fun fairs and free food, run events at easter for families giving them free entertainment , free food, and free easter eggs for the children. Also, a free Santa and gift at Christmas for the children who attended our Christmas fayre.

We also had funding during covid for on-line events to stay connected with the community.

We have been successful in applying for the following grants:

- **Awards for All - £2,500.00 for equipment - The Farm Basket (2021)**
- **Corra - £3,000.00 - BABCA (2021)**
- **Arnold Clark - £2,500.00 - The Farm Basket (2021)**
- **Tesco - £1,250.00 - The Farm Basket (2021)**
- **James Wood Foundation - £650.00 - The Farm Basket (2022)**
- **Weir Charitable Foundation - £3,000.00 - The Farm Basket (2022)**
- **Scottish Government Recovery Fund - £7,000.00 – BABCA**
- **Citrus Energy - £2225 – The Farm Basket (2022)**

8. Monitoring and evaluation process

Please include detail on –

[a] *What monitoring and evaluation processes are planned/ in place.*

We will monitor and evaluate the project on a monthly basis as the garden subcommittee will feed into the larger committee at our monthly committee meeting which is the third Monday of every month.

BABCA would expect a representative from the garden subcommittee to attend monthly meetings monitor the garden progression and feedback will be written in the minutes of our meetings. BABCA treasurer will oversee the finances for the project so a full report will be available on the expenditure for the garden and will be minute at the monthly meeting. BABCA will also be doing a report for our yearly AGM about the progress of the garden/memorial project.

The groups that will also get involved will also feedback monthly as they have a representative that attend the BABCA meeting. For example, the brownie commissioner attends our meeting and she feeds back monthly on the brownie numbers this will mean the children will be able to achieve their garden badges and nature badges.

Community Investment Fund Application Form: Irvine Locality

The CIF will support proposals and projects that:

- Connect with:
 - The North Ayrshire Fair for All Inequalities Strategy;
 - the Community Planning Partnership and Locality priorities; and
 - North Ayrshire Council's values, priorities and business objectives.
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

When to apply and how?

- LPs should continue to engage with their communities, and stimulate interest in the CIF. The Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links and look at the funding 'in the round'.
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- The finalised proposal will go to the next suitable Cabinet for final approval.

- Forms should be returned to your Locality Co-ordinator, by email if possible:

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Support and information will be available for groups who are not successful. For more information see the guidance form here: <http://www.northayrshire.community/wp-content/uploads/sites/60/2018/06/community-investment-fund-guidance-notes-17-12-17.pdf>



Community Investment Fund Checklist To be completed by Locality Officer at expression of interest stage				
Item	Yes	No	Not Applicable (give reason)	Comments
Expression of interest coproduced	x			<p>The area in discussion for green gym was an idea that was identified at a locality chit chat in 2022. The association have an asset transfer on the land and conducted a community engagement as part of the activate programme delivered by Glasgow university.</p> <p>Fullarton CA have recently been awarded National lottery funding and this funding would be a match fund to the future services Fullarton hub offer in the community.</p>
Link to Fair for All	x			<p>Fullarton CA run a community larder in the area Choices Community Matters with over 500 members who access the service. They also access volunteering opportunities and access to financial support via sign posting to other</p>

				organisations like chap and money matters.
Link to Locality priorities	x			This project covers all 4 locality priorities.
Does not duplicate existing services		x		The services provided by Fullarton in the area are around support to residents of Irvine. They provide adult learning, youth work, playschemes, cooking classes, exercise classes, provide community events, summer meal and activities, employability support, mental health support, addiction support, counselling service, financial and benefit checks.
Long term impact and sustainable	x			
Evidence of financial viability (bank acct, annual accounts)	x			
Evidence of management arrangements (governance arrangements, officer bearers, organisational objectives, organisational status)	x			Fullarton Community Association are a company limited by guarantee with charitable status.
OSCR compliance	x			
GDPR compliance	x			
Child protection and vulnerable adults policies	x			
Measurable outcomes	x			
Any issues flagged in past 3 years		x		
Completed By: Elaine Baxter				
Date Completed:21.11.23				

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Community Investment Fund

1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation: Fullarton Community Association

Postal Address for

Correspondence:

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Name of Contact Person: Helen Marshall

Position in Organisation:

Contact Telephone Number :

E mail address

2. Brief description of your organisation

Please include -

[a] Legal status, e.g. voluntary organisation, public/private limited by shares or guarantee;

[b] How long has organisation been in existence?

[c] Aims & objectives;

[d] General activities or services provided;

Fullarton Community Association was formed in 1976, and moved into the Green Hut in 1979 when the group gained their charitable status. Fullarton Community Association is a company limited by guarantee with charitable status.

In 2013 we took ownership of the land from the North Ayrshire Council as part of a community asset transfer and revealed plans to raise funding to build a new community centre.

Fullarton Community Association with support from North Ayrshire Council secured funding from various sources including Big Lottery and Irvine Bay Regeneration Company.

The New Fullarton Community Hub opened in November 2017 and employs 7 members of staff. Fullarton Community Hub is in the heart of a small community in the Fullarton area of Irvine. The community Association is run by a volunteer management committee, that is driven by the need of the community.

Fullarton Community Hub runs a variety of groups and services on a week to week basis as well as being a host for many private functions. The community hub has a history of working effortlessly in tackling issues in relation to poverty, employability, mental health, and physical wellbeing, tackling loneliness and isolation, and the impact of addictions.

Fullarton Community Association works in partnership with a range of partners including:

NAC – Connected Communities Team, Health and Social Care Partnership, Community link workers, Loudon Montgomery Primary and Irvine Royal Academy. Along with partners such as Skills Development Scotland, ENABLE, Fair Start, Turning Point Scotland, Eglinton Medical Practice, CEIS Ayrshire, and NAC- Employability.

3. Title and summary of proposal

Tell us a bit about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for. Please include where it will be held / delivered, who is your target audience, who will benefit from it and how and indicate any partners that are involved.

Please include -

[a] What outcomes your organisation wishes to achieve;

[b] Is this a new service / project?

[c] Does a new organisation need to be set up?

We require CIF funding for 2 different projects and one is for match funding:

- Project 1 – Fullarton Green Gym - £42,870.

Due to the current cost of living crisis many residents cannot afford access to local gyms. The outdoor gym would allow for access for families that cannot afford access to mainstream gyms, in an outdoor environment which will improve both physical and mental health for its users.

Identified target audience for the gym will also include recovery groups, New Scots families and young people's fitness classes.

The outdoor gym will break the cycle and provide better outcomes, and improved physical and mental health alongside better community connections.

The outdoor gym will also be part of the encouragement of outdoor learning, along with the community garden and the MUGA.

The project will be community led, and will aim to foster civic pride in managing the project.

The proposed project will address this need by creating a dedicated outdoor gym area within the grounds of Fullarton Community Hub. This facility will provide a safe and inclusive environment for individuals in recovery to engage in physical activity as part of their rehabilitation journey. Additionally, it will encourage young people to adopt healthy habits, reduce sedentary behaviour and improve overall fitness levels

- Project 2 The National Lottery Community Fund. Fullarton were successful in receiving £204,000 for the next 3 years staffing and for projects however total cost of the project is £274,500 are looking to CIF for a match fund of £70,500.

Fullarton Community Association have undergone a review of locality needs and a review of positions within the organisation due to the number of funded posts that have come to an end. Positions within the organisation have been reviewed and a new internal structure has been created to ensure the association are employing specialist staffing in order to address our hubs priorities.

This project will help us to address the key priorities as recently identified by our community. These are to:

- ☐ Improve health & wellbeing
- ☐ Remove social isolation
- ☐ Provide family support
- ☐ Tackle the current cost of living crisis.
- ☐ Offer community led activities/support.

As part of our new support package, we aim to provide the Fullarton and Harbourside residents a safe place to access health and wellbeing services, food, warmth as well as opportunities to participate in inclusive community led and planned activities. We hope that if successful the money from this fund will help us to sustain specialist staffing positions. We aim to tackle to the current cost of living crisis to support individuals with inclusive activities, whilst at the same time allowing us to provide opportunities for inclusive activities in order to address the social isolation issues that many members of our community are currently experiencing.

Fullarton CA employs 7 full time members of staff and with funding secured almost two thirds of the funding from National Lottery Community Fund.

We are currently working with just enterprise who will help us develop our next 5 year business plan and we hope to have this complete by summer of 2024.

4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?

Please include -

[a] How you will approach reducing inequality

[b] How this proposal fits with Irvine's priorities of:

- 1. Supporting Skills and work opportunities*
- 2. Enhancing our mental health and wellbeing*
- 3. Alleviating poverty*
- 4. Championing Green Health and the Natural Environment*

Fullarton Outdoor Gym Project

The Fullarton Community Hub has long been a focal point for various community initiatives, employability projects, health and well-being, and social integration. We have identified a significant need for outdoor exercise opportunities, particularly for demographic groups in our community, individuals in recovery, various health and wellbeing challenges and young people who lead inactive lifestyles. Due to the current cost of living crisis many residents cannot afford access to gyms.

The proposed project will address this need by creating a dedicated outdoor gym area within the grounds of Fullarton Community Hub. This facility will provide a safe and inclusive environment for individuals in recovery to engage in physical activity as part of their rehabilitation journey. Additionally, it will encourage young people to adopt healthy habits, reduce sedentary behaviour and improve overall fitness levels.

National Youth Work Outcomes -The green gym hits the priorities for the National Youthwork Outcome 1- Young people build their health and wellbeing

Climate Change - An environmentally friendly gym is sustainable and environmentally friendly as it reduces its environmental impact. This includes using energy-efficient equipment, reducing water usage, recycling materials and using renewable energy sources. This fits in with the Councils Climate Change Strategy.

Outdoor Learning: research demonstrates that outdoor learning experiences can contribute positively to the learning journey of our children and young people. Well-structured outdoor learning:

Has direct health and wellbeing benefits, supports learning in all aspects of the school curriculum, including priorities such as numeracy and literacy and provides opportunities for young people to guide their own learning and develop critical thinking skills, raises young people's awareness of environmental and sustainability issues and offers a safe space for adventure, where young people can explore risk, test boundaries and build resilience.

Data tells us outdoor learning:

83% young people had a stronger appreciation of nature by taking part in outdoor learning.

95% young people developed their skills in being outdoors.

Fullarton Community Hub staff develop provision in the area that will address the key priorities as recently identified by our community. These are to

- ☐ Improve health & wellbeing
- ☐ Remove social isolation
- ☐ Provide family support
- ☐ Tackle the current cost of living crisis.
- ☐ Offer community led activities/support.

5. Please give an overview of the engagement that has taken place in relation to the project

Please include the number of people that have been engaged with/ consulted

Fullarton hub residents all attended local community chit chat events organised by Irvine Locality team to look at what was happening locally to address locality priorities and to engage with communities to see what their views were and to help us identify any gaps to provision or identifying a need locally.

That is where the idea of developing the area at the Riverwalk way discussions started. We worked alongside Streetscene and other partners to install benches along the side of the river. Fullarton CA took a local survey out locally to residents doors as there was also the idea of developing the area next to the community garden and MUGA. Fullarton CA have an area of land that they took on as a community asset transfer and wanted to find out from local residents what they wanted to see the land develop into. This work was carried out by Glasgow University students who were taking part in the activate programme and over 80% of the residents wanted to see the land develop into a green gym for the whole community to enjoy.

Fullarton Hub is a lifeline for many residents within its local community and without the investment from CIF to match the National Lottery fund many of its vital services, programmes and interventions would need to stop at the end of March 2024.

Our weekly programme of activities include:

*Volunteering Opportunities
Employability Support
Cooking Classes
Sewing Classes
Keep fit classes
Community Bingo
Community Matters Working Group
Dementia Café
Fullarton Friends
Afterschool Activities
Evening youth work activities
Adult learning literacy classes
Community Mental Health Support Groups
1-2-1 Counselling
Positive Steps support group
Mental Health Walking Groups
Mens all mental health support group.*

Our organisation has a volunteer policy and take our volunteers through our inhouse policies and procedures as part of their volunteer induction.

Please see attached weekly programme of activities that are delivered within the centre these supports range from:

1-2-1 counselling, 1-2-1 individual learning plans, individual goal setting as part of our community employability support and we encourage our learners to give something back to their community by volunteering to help others. We currently have 47 volunteers within our organisation. This could range from helping out with stock taking in our choices community larger shop or answering the telephone when the centre is busy. We work in partnership with NAC employability and skills team, CEIS, Skills Development Scotland and NAC Connected communities. Each of the mentioned services all have a role to play in supporting our community and our support to individuals creates pathways to opportunities. This could be in the form of adult learning provision, a referral to other service provision or work opportunities locally.

We want to do more in a way of accreditation and are making links with our community development team to work more closely with Ayrshire College for accredited community courses as a first step into further education.

6. Please tell us how the project will be managed

Please include -

[a] *How the finances will be managed*

[b] *Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in Irvine?*

Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities

[c] *If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans*

[d] *Is there evidence of partnership working in relation to the project within Irvine locality?*

(a) How are the finances managed?

Fullarton Community Association is a company limited by guarantee with charitable status and has a board of trustees who meet up to make informed decisions. The trustees go over the accounts monthly to see how we can manage our funding wisely and get the best value for our money when organising local activities and events. Constantly engaging with local community and evolving to help communities overcome their individual and communities needs. We as an organisation adhere to governance of our charity and send in our annual accounts to OSCR and hold AGM every year appoint a new board of trustees to help run our organisation.

(b) *Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employability opportunities in Irvine?*

We rely on our volunteers to help us deliver on our community activities. Some of our volunteer opportunities include:

Volunteer Shop Assistant – Choices Community Larder

Volunteer Youth Worker

Volunteer Mentor

Volunteer drive

Volunteer Community Sports Coach

Volunteer Kitchen staff

Volunteer Venue Assistant

Volunteer Receptionist

Volunteer Community Garden assistant

Volunteer Walking Leader

Volunteer Bingo Caller

We also have secured funding for part of our employability coordinator who works with individuals on a 1-2-1 or in a group setting. Our employability coordinator runs our employability hub and is on 3 times per week. Engaging with opportunities locally to support learners on their employability journey.

(C) *If there are any staff developments please highlight these:*

Our organisation undergone a review in summer of 2023 to bring all our staff in line with NAC living wage and in line with NAC pay structure. This was highlighted to us as an area of need when we were working alongside National Lottery as our hourly rates had not been reviewed since we opened our new centre 6 years ago and have a new structure in place to deal with the increased demands of improving mental health and supporting skills for work programmes.

(c) *Is there evidence of partnership working in North Ayrshire?*

We have a service level agreement with NAC Connected Communities and NAC HSCP for support to Mental Health provision

7. Amount of funding being requested

Please supply details of the amount of funding being requested and any **other** funding you have had over the past 5 years, both financially and 'in kind'.

Amount of funding requested:	£100,000
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Please include detail on -

[a] *Breakdown of costs if available;*

[b] *Recent quotations where appropriate*

Please see latest up to date accounts for the year.

Please see attached quotes for Fullarton Green Gym and the National Lottery Award letter detailing the match fund required to enable the centre to run their weekly activities please also see attached.

8. Monitoring and evaluation process

Please include detail on –

[a] *What monitoring and evaluation processes are planned/ in place*

Fullarton Outdoor Gym

We will manage the build of this project and meet with the contractors on a weekly basis to ensure the project will go to plan. Once complete we plan to invite the community along to our opening to showcase the aspirations of the local residents and get the gym used by local people, schools and groups in local area.

We monitor and evaluate our programmes of intervention and write reports that our funders request as part of any funding we receive. Our full and part time staff complete monthly reports and are currently working up new action plans now that they have completed our new structure to be more in line with addressing our priorities.

We are always thinking up new ways of recording our progress and we play an active part in keeping our social media channels up to date with opportunities for residents of Irvine to participate in and we get a lot of referrals from a range of services, organisations, schools and community groups who all refer on clients that need support.

The CIF will support proposals and projects that:

- Connect with:
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 - North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) values, priorities and business [objectives](#).
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
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- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

When to apply and how?

- LPs should continue to engage with their communities and stimulate interest in the CIF. The Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links and look at the funding 'in the round'.
- Initial interest in a CIF application should be via an expression of interest form. This will be discussed by the LP or an associated working group.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form (attached), which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.
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- Forms should be returned to your Locality Officer, by email if possible:

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Item	Yes	No	Not Applicable (give reason)	Comments
Expression of interest coproduced	x			This project is led by Turning Point Scotland in partnership with North Ayrshire ADP, Ayrshire College, Connected Communities, the DWP, and MINDs of Recovery.
Link to Fair for All	x			
Link to Locality priorities	x			
Does not duplicate existing services		x		This model is based on a similar project delivered in South Ayrshire which has helped to produce excellent outcomes for people in recovery. This would help address a gap in provision North Ayrshire around employability support for people in recovery, and for those who have been involved in the Justice system who experience many barriers to employment and accessing mainstream college courses
Long term impact and sustainable	x			This programme would support people to obtain an accredited qualification which could lead to further educational opportunities within the college and the

				community and increase participants readiness for entering the job market.
Evidence of financial viability (bank acct, annual accounts)	x			
Evidence of management arrangements (governance arrangements, officer bearers, organisational objectives, organisational status)	x			Turning Point Scotland is a third sector non-for profit registered charity SCO28827
OSCR compliance	x			
GDPR compliance	x			
Child protection and vulnerable adults policies	x			
Measurable outcomes	x			
Any issues flagged in past 3 years		x		
Completed By: Elaine Baxter				
Date Completed: 21.11.23				



1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation
Turning Point Scotland (P.E.A.R Service)

Postal Address for Correspondence

Name of Contact Person Gary Douglas

Position in Organisation

Telephone Number

Email Address

2. Brief description of your organisation

Please include its legal status, aims and objectives, activities or services provided and how long it has been in existence.

Turning Point Scotland is a national provider of social care services and a registered charity (Scottish Charity number SC028827). We take pride in developing quality services to meet changing needs whilst ensuring that our values remain at the core of what we do.

We specialise in supporting people facing the most complex and challenging situations by placing them at the heart of everything we do. We work to overcome barriers to stigma and work in collaboration with partners to meet the needs of individuals. We invest in skilled and passionate staff, and affect change through high quality services, leadership, and innovation. We believe that we are investors in people because people matter.

Turning Point Scotland came into existence as an independent charity at the time of devolution in April 1999 – it has previously been part of the UK organisation Turning Point, previously known as Helping Hands which was founded in 1964.

3. Title and summary of proposal

Tell us about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for.

Please include:

- where it will be held / delivered
- who is your target audience
- who will benefit from it and how
- any partners that are involved.

North Ayrshire - Pathways 2 Progress

This project is led by Turning Point Scotland in partnership with North Ayrshire ADP, Ayrshire College, Connected Communities, the DWP, and MINDs of Recovery.

The aim of the project is to develop a college course, delivered by Ayrshire College, for people in recovery from substance or alcohol use. The course would enable people to develop their personal and employability skills in a supportive environment to work towards the job market. If successful in gaining funding this will largely be invested in a Peer Lead Practitioner. The core focus of this role will be to provide support to people on the course and to the lecturers from Ayrshire College. Additionally, as part of their role they will be expected to help identify appropriate volunteering opportunities for people in the community and provide support to enable people to sustain both their attendances at college and volunteering placements.

This model is based on a similar project delivered in South Ayrshire which has helped to produce excellent outcomes for people in recovery. This would help address a gap in provision North Ayrshire around employability support for people in recovery, and for those who have been involved in the Justice system who experience many barriers to employment and accessing mainstream college courses.

This programme would support people to obtain an accredited qualification which could lead to further educational opportunities within the college and the community and increase participants readiness for entering the job market.

Additionally, the programme would enable people in recovery to provide peer support to one another, develop their skills and knowledge around mental health, wellbeing and resilience, and tackle issues around poverty and access to meaningful opportunities.



If successful, the project will be delivered within the Irvine locality in a community setting and from Ayrshire College at the Kilwinning Campus.

It will be made available to people who live in other localities in North Ayrshire, but people from Irvine will be prioritised.

4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?

Please include:

- The outcomes you aim to achieve
- How you will approach reducing inequality
- How this proposal fits with the Locality Partnership [priorities](#)

The 'Pathways 2 Progress' programme will be facilitated by Ayrshire College between Fullarton Community Hub and Ayrshire College Campus in Kilwinning for 2 days per week.

The benefit of having the course delivered in Fullarton hub is not only having access to fantastic facilities but there are also already recovery groups operating from the centre that people can be linked in with. The benefits of delivering the course on campus at Ayrshire College for one day gives the participants access to facilities in any way other students would have access. By introducing people to the college environment this could potentially inspire participants to think about further progression in higher education.

The aim of the course is to provide an opportunity to people in recovery from alcohol and drug use to enhance their employability skills and move closer to the job market. The course will give 15 individuals the opportunity to develop their skills enabling them to be more prepared for entering the world of work. The content of the course will cover a range of topics such as:

Phase 1 – Pathways

Unit Code	Unit Name
F3GC09	ICT
F78610	Preparing for Employment
F78710	Building Own Employability Skills
F78810	Responsibilities of Employment
G9CY44	Group Award
H18L44	Exploring Wellbeing
H18M44	Improving Wellbeing
GF2N 44	Group Award
D51909	Using a Keyboard

HEB	Healthy Eating on a Budget
BAS	Basic Sociology and Life Planning
PRESSKILL	Presentation Skills
BASFAID	Basic First Aid
BBV	BBV, Naloxone and Other

Phase 2 – Progress

F3GB10	Communications
J1CY44	Understanding Mental Health Issues
J1D1 44	Influences on Mental Health and Wellbeing
J1CW 44	Coping Strategies and Building Resilience
GP2T 44	Mental Health Group Award – Level 4
FR2610	Prepare to Volunteer
RF2710	Volunteering Experience
FR2810	Volunteering investigative Project
GD1P44	Award in Volunteering
SIGNSUPP	Signposting and The Support Network
LEGISLATION	Legislation
CODESOC SAR	Codes of Conduct in Social Care
RA	Risk Assessment
PREP	SVQ Prep
BASCOUN	Basic Counselling
DRUGAWARE	Drug Awareness and Workshop facilitation
LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+ awareness
SOCNETEMPLOY	Social Networking and Advanced Employability
ADVOCACY	Advocacy

A large majority of those completing both courses will be given the opportunity to go on to complete an SVQ in Health and Social Care, which will open many paid work opportunities for successful students.

By opening the College to students, they also have the opportunity to attend full time college courses as the barrier to attending college has been broken as people feel more confident in their learning abilities.

By participating in the course, it will have a positive impact on their mental health and wellbeing. In addition, the course will help to develop the participants skills, increasing their chances of employment, further minimising the risk of living in poverty.

5. What engagement has taken place in relation to the project?

Please include the number of people who have been engaged with or consulted as well as the range of people.

The ADP supported the facilitation of a development day in April 2023. A wide range of people from across North Ayrshire came together to discuss possible areas for development for people in recovery. A strong theme which emerged was people in recovery being given the opportunity to develop their skills that could potentially lead to employment in the future. Since, the development day the ADP have supported the development of a Lived Experience Panel and members of this group have reinforced the importance of people being given opportunities to further develop their skills which better prepares them for employment in roles such as Recovery Development Workers.

This type of course being available in North Ayrshire demonstrates that the community is willing to make an investment in people with lived experience to support them in sustaining their recovery, but also give people a chance to contribute positively to their community through volunteering.

Moreover, engagement with people with lived experience and colleagues within addictions services has highlighted that people with lived experience can use their own experience and influence to try to connect with people in active addiction and encourage them into recovery. The contribution of those with lived experience in support service and across recovery communities was noted as being extremely valuable, this course would help to harness and build upon that value.

6. How will the project be managed?

Please include:

- How the finances will be managed
- Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in Irvine? Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities
- If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans

The projects finances will be managed by Turning Point Scotland. If successful, the investment will contribute to funding a post to help support the participants on the course. The person involved will be hugely valuable in helping people to sustain and complete the course, source volunteering opportunities, and help people plan for their next steps.

7. Amount of funding being requested.

Please supply details of funding being requested and any other funding you have had over the past 5 years, both financially and “in kind”.

Amount of funding requested (£) **96,112**

Please give a breakdown of cost and recent quotations where appropriate.

	Year 1	Year 2	Total
Payroll	30,197	31,707	61,094
Training	906	951	1,857
Laptop / Phone	570	599	1,169
Room Hire	8,640	9,072	17,712
Catering	3,300	3,465	6,765
National Support Costs	3,271	3,435	6,706
Total	46,884	49,228	96,112

8. Monitoring and evaluation process

Please include detail on the monitoring and evaluation processes planned or in place.

We will agree a minimum dataset to be collected with the funders however we anticipate that the key information to be recorded and analysed will include:

- Demographic information about all participants, including information on protected characteristics
-
- Referral sources
-
- Levels of engagement of participants
-
- Units successfully completed
-
- Personal outcomes
-
- Progression in to volunteering, education, employment or training

Community Investment Fund - Expression of Interest

Organisation name	Crossing Together (Irvine Parish Church: Charity Number SC008725)
Brief details of organisation	<p>Crossing Together is a project based in Bourtreehill, established by the Church of Scotland, covering the Irvine area. The aims of Crossing Together are to establish a new intergenerational church in the south Irvine area, and to develop practical support services that respond to the social needs in the local community, promoting wellbeing in the local community and role modelling values of caring for each other. Crossing Together has one part-time employee and a small group of volunteers. We offer a range of weekly activities and seasonal events that are free for all to ensure accessibility is maximised to people from Irvine and surrounding areas. The weekly activities include a Monday Hub serving breakfast which sees between 25 and 35 people attend weekly to the warm free hub, building friendships and social connections of natural support, decreasing isolation, and encouraging increased self-worth and positive mental wellbeing along with access to the 'New to Me' clothing project. We also offer a safe space at Wellbeing Wednesdays where weekly 18-20 participants come together for a free hot lunch followed by developing skills through arts, recovery workshops and engaging in community action. The seasonal events have included a community BBQ, Easter 'Eggtravaganza' and Christmas events along with our monthly community meal and praise event. We are just weeks away from holding our third annual Christmas Candlelight Parade and community meal. The seasonal events bring over 100 people from across Irvine together to access the activities as well as hospitality promoting action against food poverty.</p>
Locality	Irvine
Amount Requested	£98,000
Timescale	Two years
Brief Overview of Proposal	<p><u>Project Details</u></p> <p>Over the past two years Crossing Together has developed a Monday Hub, open every week providing free hospitality, which offers a sense of community and increases individual well-being. The Hub operates as a pickup point for the library, which is no longer open in the area.</p>

	<p>Within the Hub we also have a New to Me Clothing Project that people can access free preloved clothing/accessories. This gives people a sense of self-worth and allows them to budget in the current financial climate for other essential bills. It also encourages us to look after the environment. We developed the clothing project after speaking to the local community who came up with the idea. It is promoting community action to tackle local poverty and improving people's mental health and wellbeing. Local people, charities and services are accessing the project. We recently supported a 24-year-old mum of two children aged 3 years and 7 months, with clothing for the family as they had fled domestic violence and were placed in temporary housing as they had to leave their belongings behind. Another example of support is a local 87-year-old man who is struggling financially who we again supported to provide clothing as he has lost weight due to health needs and due to financial pressures of the cost-of-living crisis he was not able to purchase new items. We also supported the man to arrange an appointment with Christian's Against Poverty (CAP) to offer support and advice with money matters, debt and budgeting.</p> <p>We have recently started to expand on work with a 6-week block taster 2-hour session 'Art for the Soul' group followed by a 6-week CHIME course in partnership with The Recovery College. These are tutor led art/craft and self-esteem building sessions, with lunch provided, exploring nature, friendship/connectedness and mindfulness/self-growth. The groups have been attended well with two individuals coming along who had been signposted to us from the Job Center to enhance their skills and wellbeing for employability.</p> <p>Crossing Together currently works out of Relief Mission Centre. As a former church building it can be off-putting for people to come into, and this can reduce accessibility for all. The Church of Scotland is also currently reviewing all its properties in Irvine, and so longer-term future of the building is uncertain. We are therefore looking to rent other premises that are accessible to all and are in the heart of the community.</p> <p>Crossing Together works closely with the local Health and Social Care Partnership, charities like Children 1st, Age Concern, and CAP (Christians Against Poverty), The Recovery College, as well as homeless, alcohol and drug recovery and mental health services. The service that we offer is unique in the area and we are in regular conversation with other local groups to ensure that what we offer will enhance and complement the services available to people living in the area.</p> <p>We have a diverse group of people of all ages and with varying needs coming together and learning to support each other. It is a blessing to see relationships form and often the varying ages and needs would not fit together but through role modelling a community family has been formed. As we recovered from the pandemic people shared there was a local need for community and connection. Many people who now attend were</p>
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	<p>isolated during the pandemic and are finding a sense of belonging and a purpose in the community again. A 72-year-old lady was shielding during the pandemic and had not left her home for over 2 years due to fear and anxiety, but she now attends twice a week and reports she feels as those she has developed new skills and made strong friendships who check in on her during the week.</p> <p><u>Proposal</u></p> <p>We want to consolidate all these areas and build on this over the next two years by:</p> <p>Recruiting two part time workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities co-ordinator to organise and run the Monday Hub, organise the Wellbeing Wednesday Groups, and other community building activities as they are identified. • Resources co-ordinator to oversee volunteers, project publicity, and liaise with external organisations including funders, and manage project budget. <p>Funding for sessional workers and volunteer expenses to run short courses, materials and catering.</p> <p>Venue – either all new venue or hiring rooms to hold activities in more accessible venues for people across locality. We have linked in with North Ayrshire Council to discuss local availability of lets in and around the Bourtreehill/Broomlands area in particular the shops in the Vennel, Bourtreehill and the Oasis Café at Broomlands Gate which would be ideal locations to continue to serve in the area we have built good relationships in and remain accessible Irvine wide.</p> <p><u>Costings</u></p> <p>Projected annual cost is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing Two part time workers equating to 1 full time equivalent £36,000 yearly – Total £72,000 for 2 years • Sessional / Volunteer Expenses £1,000 yearly – Total £2,000 for 2 years • To facilitate short courses & activities £4,000 yearly – Total £8,000 for 2 years • Activity Expenditure To cover materials and catering £2,000 yearly – Total £4,000 for 2 years • Venue Hire £6,000 yearly – Total £12,000 for 2 years <p>Total Annual Expenditure £49,000 – Total Expenditure for 2 years £98,000</p>
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	<p><u>Match Funding</u> We intend to apply for further funding from Awards for All, Seeds for Growth and The Big Give to support any funding awarded. We are a Church Project that is self-sustainable in the Irvine area who had a startup budget from Church of Scotland of £4,000 and the commitment to fund our Mission Pioneer post of 22.5 hours per week for 4 years. Which has 2 years left of the salary funding before it will be reviewed.</p> <p><u>Key Aim</u> The North Ayrshire Partnership Plan identifies Wellbeing as a priority. One of the outcomes identified is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have strong relationships within our communities to reduce social isolation and loneliness. <p>The work of Crossing Together directly addresses social isolation and loneliness and contributes to building community wellbeing, and so will contribute to the outcomes of the plan.</p> <p><u>Additional information is attached:</u> Mission Pioneer Report Costings For Posts</p>
Contact Details	<p>Mobile: Email:</p>

- **Notes for application**
- The CIF will support proposals that
- Connect with
 - The NA Fair for All Inequalities Strategy
 - The CPP and Local Priorities
 - NAC's values, priorities, and business objectives;
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
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- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.
- **When and how to apply**

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Community Investment Fund Checklist To be completed by Locality Officer at expression of interest stage				
Item	Yes	No	Not Applicable (give reason)	Comments
Expression of interest coproduced	x			
Link to Fair for All	x			
Link to Locality priorities	x			
Does not duplicate existing services		x		
Long term impact and sustainable	x			
Evidence of financial viability (bank acct, annual accounts)		x		
Evidence of management arrangements (governance arrangements, officer bearers, organisational objectives, organisational status)	x			
OSCR compliance	x			
GDPR compliance	x			
Child protection and vulnerable adults policies	x			
Measurable outcomes	x			
Any issues flagged in past 3 years				
Completed By: Elaine Baxter				
Date Completed: 21.11.23				

Mission Pioneer Report for Kirk Session, September 2023.

Crossing Together has grown and evolved over the two years since it has been launched.

Monday Hub

Tea and Toast/Lunch Soup now referred to as the Monday Hub, is a gathering place where people from the local community and throughout Ayrshire come along to on a Monday morning. We have built strong relationships looking out for one another and role modelling Christian values the way Jesus has taught us. We share weekly prayers and follow the mark of mission to respond to human need by loving service. The actions of providing breakfast, offering preloved clothing/accessories at the New to Me Clothing Project which offers support of others and also looks after creation have found us strong roots in the community.

The number of people involved in total (best estimate) -

62 unchurched

4 church people

3 volunteers on monthly rota involved.

From the numbers approx. 37 are visiting weekly.

Age groups of those involved (best estimate of percentage or number).

Aged under 16 - 13

Aged between 16 and 24 - 8

Aged between 25 and 44 - 16

Aged between 45 and 64 - 15

Aged between 65 and 84 - 11

Aged over 85 - 7

The Monday Hub extended since the new year to include a soup/toastie lunch and was open from 9.15 to 13.30. But with the introduction of other activities, we have returned to the original hours serving just breakfast till 11.30am but offering lunch on other days at the new activities offered. Everyone attending is accessing the New to Me Clothing Project. We have also supported health visitors, community link workers, school campus police, school youth workers, education staff, food larders, hospital volunteers, social services, foster carers, housing services and library services with clothing for service users and delivered clothing across Ayrshire. Approx 67 in the last year accessing the project via outreach instead of them attending our location. Tesco Irvine donated 500 carrier bags in April for the clothing project which ran out last week. We are encouraging people to reuse carrier bags until we can access more.

Walk and Talk

Number of people involved in total (best estimate) -

12 participants with 2 unchurched

2 volunteers

approx 5 visiting weekly.

Age groups of those involved (best estimate).

Aged under 16 - 1

Aged between 16 and 24 - 0

Aged between 25 and 44 - 2

Aged between 45 and 64 - 7

Aged between 65 and 84 - 2

Aged over 85 - 0

The Walking Group has joined forces with Girdle Toll now to free time to focus on developing our monthly worship at Crossing Together. During the pandemic and in our early stages it was a good way to start to build relationships and become familiar in the community but to proceed and reach our core aim of planting a fresh expression of church we are diversifying to other activities to engage the community and reach more unchurched people.

Art for the Soul

The art sessions along with a toastie lunch have been introduced at Crossing Together for a 6-week period using North Ayrshire Council Grant for adult learning with the sessions led by the Recovery College. The sessions are focusing on adults along with their family members learning and growing a new skill in crafting each week. In partnership with the course leader, Crossing Together are bringing themes of faith in the chosen crafting to allow discussion to develop in the coming weeks. We have completed a week with the theme 'Guiding Lights' and 'Angels'. The sessions have brought 37 adults and children together during the school holidays. And since the schools returned, we have had 12 adults attend each session with 3 babies/toddlers. From the art sessions we have had 3 churching adults attend and the remainder are unchurched.

Monthly Worship with Community Meal

We started our monthly worship earlier in the year holding the fresh expression service on the last Sunday of the month between 4pm and 6pm which includes a community meal together. The numbers at the worship have fluctuated with the lowest numbers attending being 11 and the highest numbers attending being 42. We are still developing the plan of worship, but we focus on 4 learning styles; word, action, emotion and arts. In July we had our first baptism and although the mum who brought her son to be baptised had a faith prior to attending Crossing Together she feels the layout and styles at Crossing Together fit well for her and her 3 children.

Seasonal Event

During the year we have had seasonal events some gathered more people than others. These included Christmas Candle Lit Parade, summer All Age Fun Days and an Easter Eggstavanza. These events gathered community families with age range from birth to 85+ years. We reached over 500 people with 30% age 0 to 5, 25% age 6 to 16, 25% age 17 to 50, 10% age 51 to 65, 5% 66 to 84, 5% 85+ years old. Approx. At our events we have worked in partnership with St John Ogilvie Church, BABCA, Children's First and NAC Park Ranger Services.

Partnership Working

We have also supported North Ayrshire Council during school holidays within their lunch club in Towerlands Community Centre supporting interactive sessions with the Park Ranger Service. Engaging more local families. Also, once a week during the summer holidays we worked in partnership with Children's First again with craft sessions and access to the New to Me Clothing for families from across Ayrshire.

Submitted 25th August 2023,

Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

Please see notes on reverse before completing this form.

Organisation name	Irvine Locality Partnership
Brief details of organisation	<p>The locality partnership will provide support for the communities of Irvine to help them do what is needed to tackle the issues that they have identified as priorities for their local area.</p> <p>The local priorities have been decided by each locality partnership and were based on information gathered about the local area. This includes national data, local statistics and the views of local people through the people's panel survey and by using local place stand tool to identify need.</p> <p>The Irvine Locality Priorities will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supporting skills and work opportunities 2. Enhancing our Mental Health and Wellbeing 3. Alleviating Poverty 4. Championing Green Health and the Natural Environment. <p>To widen participation further and engage locally to engage people views further the locality CLD team delivered locality chit chats in 6 neighbourhoods bringing together services, organisations, community groups and members of the public to engaging with people locally and for them to identify any issues or developments they seen appropriate for their area under each of the locality priorities. This information will form the basis of the locality action plan and has already identified a number of long term projects:</p> <p>Bourtreehill park development Dreghorn Training Academy</p>

	Fullarton Walk Way Motocross development Dickson Drive – MUGA and park development and Drybridge – Accessible pathway
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Locality	Irvine
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Amount Requested	Year 1 costs = £48,609 Year 2 costs = £51,039 Total for 2 year contract = £99,648.00
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Timescale	2 years
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Brief Overview of Proposal	<p>Project Community Development Worker will support the Irvine Locality Partnership and locality officer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tackle and address actions within the locality action plan. • To identify and support social/community assets • To identify and assist partners/community groups to develop additional CIF proposals in line with locality priorities. • To identify and lever in with support, additional funding to support CIF and other local projects. • To build on existing and develop new networks of opportunities, to encourage participation by experience, engaging on a one-to-one basis with community members to build individual and community confidence. • Liaise with other partners, including wider NAC, to ensure their goals are met and delivered within agreed timeframes. <p>The post holder will be responsible to Irvine Locality Partnership and their work will be directed to meet the partnership needs by the Locality Officer. The Locality Officer will carry out all HR and management responsibilities.</p>
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Timescale	2 years
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Contact Details	Elaine Baxter, Irvine Locality Officer
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Organisation name	<i>The Micah Project</i>
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Brief details of organisation	Our project aims to address two crucial aspects of child development—material need and mental wellbeing. We understand that children's early years are critical for their overall growth and development. Unfortunately, a significant number of families face financial difficulties that impede their ability to provide basic necessities for their children, including adequate clothing and resources that support the development of their mental health.
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Locality	Irvine
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Amount Requested	£50,000
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Timescale	Over 2 years
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Brief Overview of Proposal	<p>MICAH PROJECT – VAC PACK & N2U Irvine FUNDING</p> <p>Project Overview: Our project aims to address two crucial aspects of child development—material need and mental wellbeing. We understand that children's early years are critical for their overall growth and development. Unfortunately, a significant number of families face financial difficulties that impede their ability to provide basic necessities for their children, including adequate clothing and resources that support the development of their mental health.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alleviating Poverty: By distributing preloved clothes to families during vaccination appointments, we aim to alleviate the financial burden that many low-income families face. By doing so, we can contribute to improving their quality of life and helping them redirect limited
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resources towards other essential needs, such as nutrition and education.

2. **Enhancing Mental Wellbeing:** We believe that mental wellbeing is as vital as physical health. Our wellbeing package will include age-appropriate toys, books, and resources that promote early childhood development. By providing these resources, we aim to enhance the emotional and cognitive development of children, while also supporting parents in creating a positive home environment.
3. **Promoting Sustainability:** By extending the lifespan of clothing and toys, we minimise waste and the energy required to produce new items. Thrift stores, consignment shops, and online platforms make it easy to buy second hand. Additionally, organizing clothing swaps or donating gently used items to those in need fosters a culture of sharing and resourcefulness. Reusing clothes and toys not only conserves resources but also encourages mindful consumption and an eco-friendlier lifestyle, ultimately contributing to a healthier planet for future generations.

Benefits to Families and Children:

1. **Poverty Alleviation:** Families struggling to make ends meet will experience a reduction in financial stress by receiving preloved clothes and wellbeing packs. This assistance will contribute to building their self-esteem and allowing them to allocate funds for other essential needs, ultimately fostering a sense of security and stability.
2. **Early Childhood Development:** The wellbeing package, carefully curated for each age group, will aid children's cognitive and emotional growth. Early exposure to educational materials and toys can lead to improved language skills, creativity, and overall school readiness.
3. **Parental Engagement:** By providing resources that encourage parent-child interaction, our initiative will strengthen the bond between caregivers and children. This engagement plays a vital role in the children's mental and emotional development, as well as the overall family dynamic.

Budget: We are seeking £50,000 in funding to implement this project effectively. The funds will cover the cost of employing a part time staff member who will co-ordinate the project, initially within the GP surgeries of Irvine and hopefully roll out across North Ayrshire. The staff member will co-ordinate volunteers gathering preloved clothes, assembling wellbeing packages,

	<p>outreach and communication efforts, and overseeing the distribution process.</p> <p>Conclusion: The Micah project is committed to creating a positive impact on the lives of children and families in need. We firmly believe that through this initiative, we can contribute to poverty alleviation and enhance mental wellbeing, setting the stage for a brighter future for the youngest members of our community.</p> <p>We kindly request your support in making this vision a reality. Your generous funding will not only make a tangible difference but also serve as an investment in the wellbeing and development of our community's most vulnerable members.</p>
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Timescale	Over 2 years
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Contact Details	Helen Hogg
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Locality Partnership: *Irvine Locality Partnership*

Date: *4th December 2023*

Subject: *Residential Development Perceton, Irvine*

Purpose: *Decide street name for the new development.*

Background

The developer of the above site has contacted this department requesting a street name for a small housing development of four houses.

The Council has a statutory obligation under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to give a name to each new street built within the Council area, and this name, along with street numbers, becomes the postal addresses.

An outline plan of the development is available as an appendix.

The development requires 1 new street name.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

A numbering layout plan is available as appendices along with proposed name suggestions.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

Choose 1 new street name for the development.

For more information please contact: *Lisa Dempster or Kirsty Gee, Planning Technicians, 01294 324319, snn@north-ayrshire.gov.uk*

Completed by: *Lisa Dempster and Kirsty Gee*

Date: *23rd November 2023*

Street Name Suggestions	Background
Redwood Gardens	The name has been suggested by the site developers since there is a redwood tree which is a feature within the street.
Nursery Woods	This is an alternative name based on the historic use of the site as the plant nursery which was operated by Irvine Development Corporation for around 30 years.

Irvine Locality Partnership



Locality Action Plan 2023/24

About Our Locality

Irvine is located on the West Coast of Scotland, 26 miles south of Glasgow and has a population of around 38,963.

Irvine Locality Partnership covers the main town of Irvine and incorporates the villages of Springside, Dreghorn and Drybridge.

Despite being classed as a New Town, Irvine was made a Royal Burgh in 1372 by King Robert II and has an extensive, rich history including strong links with Robert Burns. Local heritage is celebrated each year during the annual Marymass Festival, a key event for the town, bringing families and local communities together in celebration.

Irvine's industrial past is reflected in the picturesque harbour area, also the location of the National Maritime Museum. Its stunning beach is enjoyed throughout the year by locals and tourists alike, all using the natural amenity to help stay healthy and active.

Irvine, the surrounding villages and its individual localities have strong, vibrant, active communities who work together to ensure that local people are involved, included and cared for.



39,693



The estimated population of Irvine - This equates to **29%** of the total population of North Ayrshire.

20.7%



of the Irvine population are over the age of 65.

29 %



of the Irvine population are under the age of 25.

82.3 years

Female Life Expectancy



This is 2.2 years **higher** than the North Ayrshire average (80.1 years).

77.5 years

Male Life Expectancy



This is 2.2 years **higher** than the North Ayrshire average (75.3 years).

As of 2022, the unemployment count in Irvine was **4.5%**

North Ayrshire average **4.6%**.



In 2021/22 there was **44,668** unscheduled mental health specialty bed days per 100,000, compared to **18,365** in Scotland.

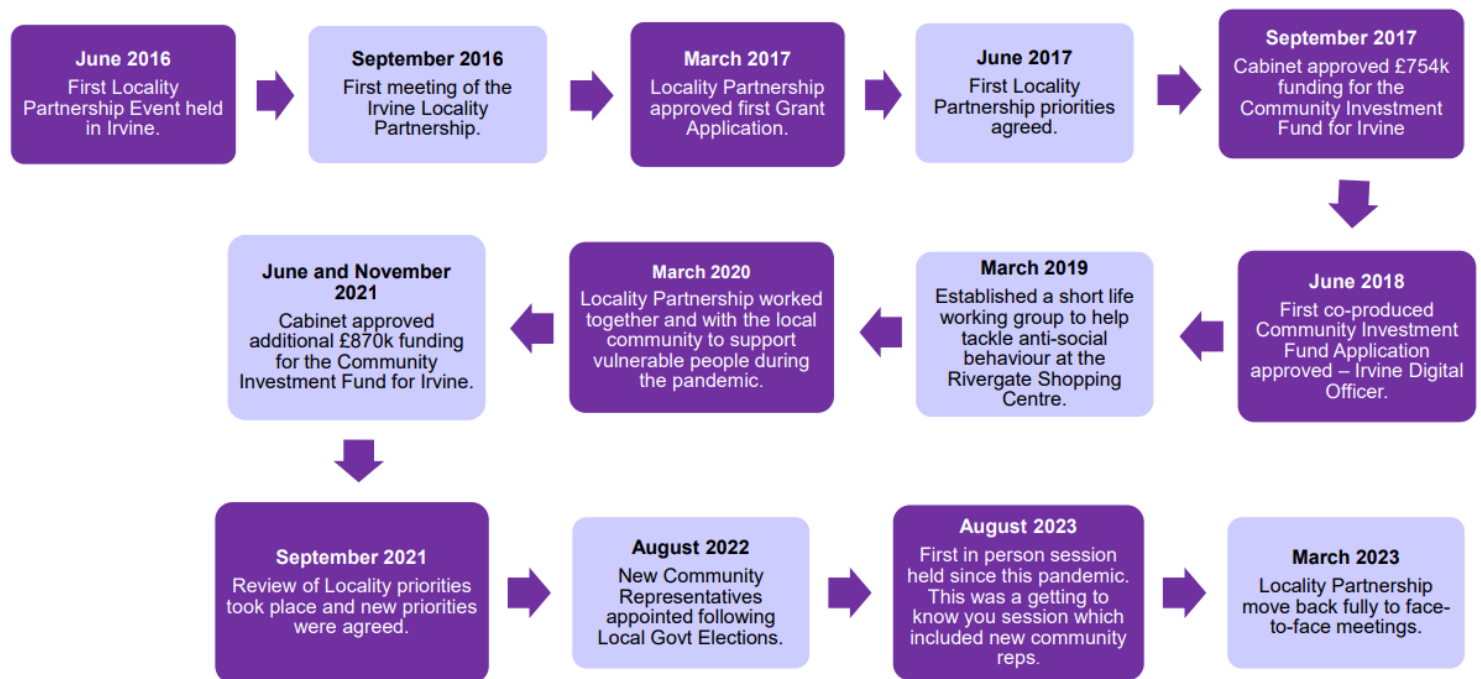


20 of North Ayrshire's 52 SIMD data zones in 15% most deprived areas are in Irvine



Irvine Locality Partnership - The Journey

The following information provides a high level summary of the Journey of the Locality Partnership:



Why do we have this plan?

Locality planning was introduced in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, under Part 2: Community Planning.

It is one of the ways local communities work together with public and third sector organisations to improve residents' lives and neighbourhoods.

Locality Planning represents a way to bridge the gap between strategic work of the Community Planning Board and the many groups which are working in their communities and to ensure priorities can be identified and actioned, and decisions made, at a manageable and more local level.

Locality planning was first introduced in North Ayrshire in 2016, with each Locality Partnership's priorities being reviewed in 2021.

In September 2022, updated Terms of Reference and Standing Orders were agreed by Council.

Each Locality Partnership needs to develop a Locality Plan to show how they are going to work together to improve outcomes on their agreed priorities.

Who is involved?

- Elected Members
- Community Council Representatives
- Community Representatives
- Community Planning Partnership Representatives (North Ayrshire Council, HSCP, Police, Fire, Public Health, KA Leisure, Third Sector)



How did we decide our priorities?

Each Locality Partnership has their own local priorities that relate to inequalities and highlight where we feel we can add value. The priorities also link to our North Ayrshire Community Partnership plan – [The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.](#)

Each Locality Partnership agreed their original priorities in 2017 based on data analysis and local engagement. Following the Covid-19 pandemic, a review of the previous priorities was carried out to ensure that they were still relevant to local needs.

In February 2021, a North Ayrshire mainland (and Cumbrae) public engagement was launched, and members of the public were asked to provide their comments around what our priorities should be and what we can do locally to tackle them.

We used different methods to consult with the community such as:

- Online feedback via CONSUL
- Telephone
- Email feedback
- Twitter polls
- Facebook polls
- SurveyMonkey polls
- Virtual working groups
- Online meetings

Our Priorities

Relevant national and local data were presented to the Locality Partnership along with findings from the public engagement and feedback already given through other engagement such as the Peoples Panel and Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan in Autumn 2021 and refreshed priorities were agreed.



Supporting Skill and Work Opportunities



Enhancing our Mental Health and Wellbeing



Alleviating Poverty



Championing Green Health and the Natural Environment.

We are more than a Plan...

The Locality Partnership Plan and meetings are only a small part of the work which is carried out in each locality to support locality planning and delivery and ensure the voices of local people are heard in an equitable and fair way.

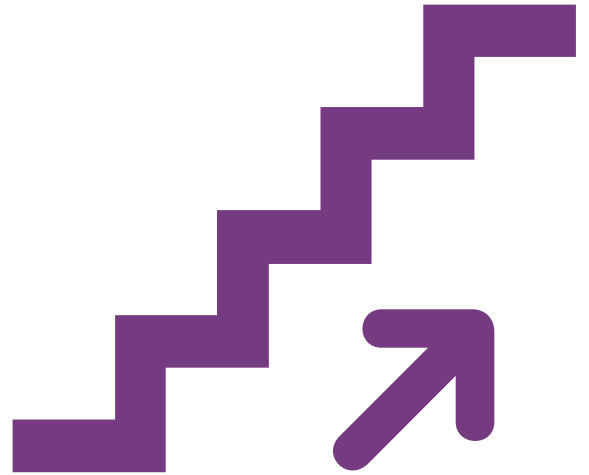
The meetings are a place to agree actions and to make decisions around funding and the ask of partners; they are the tip of a considerable iceberg which includes community chit chat meetings, locality networks and ongoing dialogues with community groups and members regarding their priorities and how they can be supported to work towards these.



Useful Links

- [Our Locality Partnership page](#) on the Community Planning website
- The [Locality Partnership – Terms of Reference](#) explains how these we work.
- The [Locality Partnership Standing Orders](#) explain the governance arrangements for the Locality Partnerships.

Next Steps



1

Action

The Locality Partnership will work together and with the local community and partners to take forward the actions in this plan.

2

Update

The action plan will be updated on an annual basis.

3

Review

The Locality Action Plan is a living document and will be regularly reviewed to ensure it is relevant and fit for purpose.

Funding Support

The Locality Partnership has considered funding decisions to grant applications to the following funds:

- Common Good Funds
- Town Charitable Trust Funds
- Elderly Grants
- Nurturing Excellence in Communities



The Locality Partnership also consider how they might best address local priorities using the Community Investment Fund.

Since the conception of the Locality Partnerships in North Ayrshire in 2016/17 over **£1.1m** has been awarded to Community Groups in Irvine

Since 2016/17 the Locality Partnership has awarded over **£450,000** of Grant payments community groups in Irvine.

Since 2018 the Locality Partnership has awarded over **£640,000** of Community Investment Funding to community groups in Irvine.

Irvine Locality Partnership Action Plan 2023/24

Action	Where	Lead	When?	Locality Priority
Working in partnership to help reduce antisocial behaviour	Locality Wide	Irvine Locality Team Police Scotland Third Sector	Summer 2024	Enhancing Mental Health and Wellbeing
Improve access to emergency food provision. Explore options to have a local larder in Castlepark and possibilities around transport to Choices.	Castlepark and Redburn Fullerton	Fairer Food Development Worker, NAC	Summer 2024	Alleviating Poverty
Increase access to information in relation to money advice, energy support etc	Castlepark and Redburn Bourtreehill and Girdle Toll Fullerton	Irvine Locality Team North Ayrshire CPP TACT CHAP	Spring 2024	Alleviating Poverty Enhancing Mental Health and Wellbeing Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities
Enhance access to information regarding what is on in the local community. Including engaging with the relevant community associations around community notice boards.	Castlepark and Redburn Bourtreehill and Girdle Toll Fullerton	Irvine Locality Team Community Facilities Team Local Community Associations Community Planning Team TACT	Spring 2024	Alleviating Poverty Enhancing Mental Health and Wellbeing
Improve local transport links, particularly in the evenings	Bourtreehill and Girdle Toll	Irvine Locality Team Place	Summer 2024	Alleviating Poverty Enhancing Mental Health and Wellbeing Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities
Increase access to opportunities to improve digital skills (in the evenings) and awareness of on line supports e.g benefit advice etc	Bourtreehill and Girdle Toll Fullerton	Irvine Locality Team	Spring 2024	Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities
Map out green spaces and identify areas where access / use could be improved in particular for green health and growing	Springside, Dreghorn and Drybridge	Irvine Locality Team Countryside Rangers Planning / Streetscene	Summer 2024	Championing Green Health and the Natural Environment. Enhancing Mental Health and Wellbeing

Increase access to groups for older people	Springside, Dreghorn and Drybridge	Irvine Locality Team	Summer 2024	Enhancing Mental Health and Wellbeing
Develop volunteer drive throughout the locality and raise awareness of the support for community volunteers through the Leadership collective.	Locality wide	Irvine Locality Team The Ayrshire Community Trust	Summer 2024	Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities Enhancing Mental Health and Wellbeing



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Supporting skills and learning

CIF – Pathways 2 Progress Full Application

Support provided to stakeholder group with regards to funding for their pathways 2 progress cocktail of funding to deliver an identified project to help people in recovery to gain qualifications out in the community and attend Ayrshire College. The project focuses on their journeys and provides opportunities in volunteering and accreditation.

Introduction to Computing Skills started on Tuesday 12th of September 10.30-12.30pm in Redburn Community Centre, with 11 learners attending regularly. The course is running for 10 sessions teaching learners the basics of computing (including Email, Internet Safety, Social media, and Microsoft packages).

Discussions were held with Fraser Lennox (Ayrshire College) to deliver accredited computing course **NPA Digital Literacies (formerly PC Passport)**. The course commenced on Monday 4th September, however numbers have been low. Met with Fraser Lennox (Ayrshire College) on 21/11/23 and Keith Mason (CEIS) as we are aiming to work together on running **PC Passport** starting on Monday 5th February 2023

Literacies & numeracy

Jennifer Haining is Continuing to provide **adult literacy/numeracy /employability support** to clients of CEIS North Ayrshire and Pipeline/other community partners. As of the 9th November, 13 learners are engaging.

Input

Continuing to liaise with the organisation and provide support as and when requested. Currently liaising with Stuart Gemmell to develop ideas for delivery for the new Digital Job Coach post which has been created through CIF funding. Looking to run some cybersecurity and safe email usage in January/February, as part of the leadership Collective programme.

Leadership Collective

Aiming to deliver Basic Committee Skills training for community organisations on Thursday 7th December and Thursday 18th January 2024. Places can be booked through the link below: <https://forms.office.com/e/gNGNtjt5Mh>

Townend Skills Hub Project

The Mount Project was launched on Wednesday 8th November with the senior leadership team from Greenwood Academy, partners from Education Scotland and Connected Communities. There have been some qualifications delivered by teachers at the centre to pupils who otherwise may not have achieved any accredited qualifications this year.

Springside Community Association

AGM held on Monday 30th October. All positions were filled and an appointment was made for a NAFCO representative. Previously, this position was vacant and had been for some years. The Committee were advised that a NAFCO representative would be a very positive step and would give them access to advice and guidance from fellow Community Associations.

The Association were supported in applying for PB funding to host a Christmas event for children in the village. Their application has made it to the voting stage and await the result.

Friends Of Redburn

The volunteers from the FOR group continue to work at the Monday Lunch Club and help out at events such as their upcoming St Andrews Day lunch and Xmas Fair and



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have expressed an interest in helping out with a new Dementia Café. Working with TACT for accreditation in Adult Learning Awards and Saltire for all their volunteering. The volunteers have also taken on supporting a volunteers who are young people from IRA, supporting them and allowing them to develop new skills and have a real work experience helping with their cooking skills, hospitality and developing their literacy & numeracy skills



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Mental Health and Wellbeing

Youth Forums

The 2 new Senior Youth Forums have just recently started and advertising for new members continues.

Both groups will go through what a Youth Forum is and what they can expect.

Greenwood pupils are keen to be constituted and take on Board training and roles within the group and go forward for Saltire Award, PDC and possibly Dynamic Youth Awards. They have chosen their first project which will be to campaign and raise awareness of speeding on the road outside the school and look to campaign for traffic calming measures to be put in place.

Irvine Royal's group has yet to become established with potential members being identified.

Both Forums will come together regularly to form the bigger Irvine Youth Forum and look at similarities as well as differences in the issues affecting young people in the different communities.

Irvine Discovery Award Group

The Irvine Discovery group currently has 14 registered group members, all continuing to work towards their bronze award. The group have recently gone on several further outings in the local/wider community including the Scottish Maritime Museum and The Burns Heritage Museum. The group volunteer in their local community and staff support seeking out volunteering opportunities relevant to their interest.

The over 50's Activity Group commenced in the community room of Irvine Library on the 12th of September 2023 and continues to meet on a weekly basis on Tuesday afternoons.

Library staff provide group participants with free refreshments and engage them in wider library services.

At the beginning of November 2023 participant numbers currently sit at 10 within the Over 50's Activity Group. All 10 participants attend on a regular basis.

Over the past few months, the group has been involved in a wide variety of activities including:

- Tai Chi Taster.
- Police and Trading Standards Talk and Information sharing.
- Board games afternoon
- Group members sharing hobbies and interests.
- Halloween quiz and activities.
- Murder Mystery afternoon.
- Computer class with Input
- Calligraphy taster session



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Poverty

Irvine Family Yuletide Event

Supported the Irvine Community Council to develop a safety plan and task list for each of their events. They have also been supported to attain funding from the Common Good Fund and National Lottery.

Challenge Poverty Week

The Friends Of Redburn group successfully hosted a lunch for council officials on Friday 6th October during Challenge Poverty Week by experiencing a community lunch and pay it forward with a donation of pantry goods the lunch club can use for future lunches. It was also a great way to network and to raise awareness of what the community lunches are like at Redburn

CIF - MICHA Project

Support to MICHA project with their funding application for CIF. Their project focuses on their new to me project and VAC packs for distribution for new to me clothing that is done discretely.



Green Health

LLOC

Marie and LLOC continue to be supported in finding relevant funding and applications which will enable her to continue to work supporting local Projects and schools in North Ayrshire. There is currently a joint application with IRA parent council to the shared prosperity fund to work on the school garden, a social isolation funding application looking to rejuvenate community gardens in Fullarton and Castlepark and initiate and facilitate projects which can eventually become self-sustainable for all ages. A consultation is currently being undertaken which will help this and other applications. Mental Health applications for both young people and adults and one to the Big Lottery are also being worked on at present.

Drybridge Management Hall

Currently supporting committee in the creation of a report following on from the community consultation that was held during the summer regarding the lack of pathway on Shewalton Road in the village. Aiming to complete report by the end of November and submitted to the Active Travel Hub.

Bourtrees Hill Park

NAC ranger services are working in partnership with Irvine locality team, GH partnership and TCV to identify a stakeholders group to move forward with developing a group to take forward actions for the development of the park and activities. Meeting with stakeholders took place on Monday 18th September at 6pm in Towerlands Community Centre and elected members from all parties took actions away to arrange a meeting with various heads of service and a Multi Agency Visual Audit has been arranged for Tuesday 5th December at 9am.



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CIF Full Application

Fullarton Outdoor Green Gym and Match NL community funding.

Support provided to Fullarton to apply for CIF. The outdoor green gym idea initially came from a local chit chat. This was further explored by FCA by engaging with local residents.

CIF BABCA Community Garden Project

BABCA have identified a need in their local area for a community garden to tie in with their local community larder – The Farm basket. This is a project and many community groups and volunteers on board. They have secured a community benefit from a local supplier in North Ayrshire who are going to assist with the groundwork and provide materials. BABCA looking for CIF support to enable them to create their community garden.

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NORTH AYRSHIRE YOUTH WORK, ADULT
LEARNING AND COMMUNITY CAPACITY

QUARTERLY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2023 - DONNA ANDERSON, ANNE-MARIE HUNTER & DENISE FRASER



An Introduction to the CLD Strategic Themes

This quarterly report focusses on the CLD strategic priorities outlined in our North Ayrshire CLD Strategic Plan that ties into North Ayrshire locality priorities.

The full plan can be viewed here: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Documents/CorporateServices/ChiefExecutive/CommunityPlanning/community-learning-development-plan.pdf>

YOUTH WORK

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Youth Work is an educational practice contributing to young people's learning and development. Youth work engages with young people within their communities; it acknowledges the wider networks of peers, community and culture; it supports the young person to realise their potential and to address life's challenges critically and creatively and it takes account of all strands of diversity.

ADULT LEARNING

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Community based adult learning covers a wide variety of learning opportunities which target learners who have multiple barriers to opportunity, focusing on disadvantaged individuals and communities. Using a Social Practice Model, learning is built around the experience and needs of the learners and is underpinned by the three core principles of the Adult Learning Statement of Ambition - Learning is Lifelong, Life-wide and Learner-centred.

CAPACITY BUILDING

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Community Capacity Building is the support that community groups access to help them address issues which are important to them. 'Capacity' describes the range of resources that people have – knowledge about their area or common interest, skills and ideas, shared experiences, and material resources like funding and community spaces.

Joint Cabinet

During National Youth Work week the latest Youth Cabinet meeting at Saltcoats Town Hall was a hero highlight. With a bustling atmosphere, the youth participation event provided an opportunity for young people to share their thoughts and concerns with the Council Executive and other local policy makers. Representing all of North Ayrshire's secondary schools with over 100 young people attended.



During the round-table discussions, the format included a combination of listening to the experience of young people directly and encouraging the young people to also share feedback using a QR code via the Council's Youth Participation digital platform where all of the information gathered from the day will be collated and reviewed.

The discussions centred around, Youth Peoples Voice and Democracy, Crime and Personal Safety, Financial Literacies and Education, Mental Health and Wellbeing and secondary school life in North Ayrshire.

Theme 1 – Young Peoples Voice – Democracy Matters

North Ayrshire Council is in phase two of a national consultation called Democracy Matters, there has been a variety of workshops, events and engagements to speak to communities about this. To ensure we are engaging with young people we have engaged with our Joint Youth Forum and asked young people at Joint Cabinet some key questions which will form the feedback we give back as a council as a whole.

The engagement is building on the first phase of conversations where communities said they want more control over decisions that impact them the most. This phase is asking communities to get together to consider a series of open questions to help us understand what this control could look like in practice.

Theme 2 – Youth Crime and Personal Safety

As a key theme that young people came back and wanted to discuss during our pre-engagement consultation we are working in partnership with Police Scotland. These are areas which both young people and our partners have raised as areas of concern. Feedback from this will create actions when working with Police Scotland to make young people feel safer in their communities.

Theme 3 – Your School (NIF)

We are working in partnership with Education Scotland as one of two local authorities in Scotland to engage with young people on the Education National Improvement Framework.



Essentially the aim is to find out if the National Discussion responses remain valid under the three questions, or perhaps young people are noting different challenges or certain challenges are more pressing at this time than when the National Discussion was undertaken in 2022. We want to capture any difference / shifts in the young peoples views and experiences.

We were interested to hear their current views on their education and if they reflect the findings of National Discussion findings or perhaps highlight new or different concerns and challenges.

Theme 4 – Financial Literacies and Education

Another key area that young people wanted to discuss was around financial education. We are gathering the views of young people to help us shape workshops and information, this will help shape our work around cyber information for young people and directing them to trusted sources to learn more about financial education.

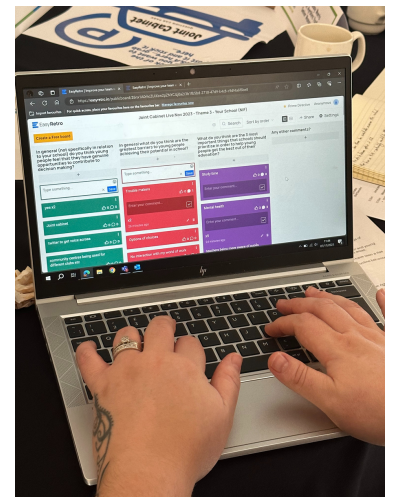
Theme 5 – Health and Wellbeing

Working in partnership with Education, NHS and Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs partnership we are gathering information on health concerns relating to alcohol and drug education and mental health and wellbeing. This data will help shape support for young people across our communities and schools.

Priority Auction - Cost Of Living

The last bit of the session allowed for a bit of friendly school competition. The Modern Apprentices led on an interactive activity about the Impact of Youth Work and what is important to young people. With it being National Youth Work week, we wanted to know what young people want, what is important to them to help us shape our programmes and activities around their needs and wants. Young people were given 10 themes around this to rank in order from most to least important.

Full report to follow in next quarterly update.



Members of Scottish Youth Parliament

From August up until now the team have been working with eight candidates that are standing to become North Ayrshire next Members of Scottish Youth Parliament for a 2 year term.

National Youth Work seen the launch of the voting phase across Scotland and across our schools and communities using the Young Scot Voting platform. Unfortunately, it had come to light that votes cast using mobile phones had not been recorded by the voting.young.scot website, while votes cast using a desktop computer or a laptop were unaffected.

To ensure fairness and integrity in the voting process, with guidance from Scottish Youth Parliament and Young Scot, North Ayrshire Council, along with other local authorities and National Voluntary Organisations across Scotland has taken the decision to pause the voting and restart the process with fresh ballots. This is to ensure that every young person's democratic vote counts.

The eight candidates will form a newly appointed North Ayrshire Executive Committee and will join other youth voice groups as a group in their own right. This group will be supported by the Election Coordinator and go through a variety of training, support and group work to prepare them for elections and to input into the youth participation and citizenship structures that are already in place, for those not elected in they can continue in this role after the elections if they wish.

Elections will restart from afresh in January 2024 with a full paper ballot across North Ayrshire with MSYPs being officially elected in on Monday 29th January 2024.

The infographic is set against a blue background. At the top left, the text 'CUNNINGHAME NORTH' is written in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below this, four circular portraits of candidates are shown: Logan Gilmour, Rhyan Gorrie, Emma Henderson, and Adam Johnson. Each name is written in white text on a white oval background below their respective portrait. To the right of these portraits is the logo for the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP), which features the letters 'SYP' in a stylized font with 'SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT' written below it. At the bottom left, there is a graphic that says 'YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE' in bold, white, uppercase letters. To the right of this, the text 'CUNNINGHAME SOUTH' is written in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below this, four circular portraits of candidates are shown: Emma Burns, Lee Fitzpatrick, Freya Fitzsimmons, and Brooke Ramsay. Each name is written in white text on a white oval background below their respective portrait. At the bottom center, the text 'Irvine LP Pg 78' is written in white.

CUNNINGHAME NORTH

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YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE

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To read our candidates profiles you can visit here:

Cunningham North:

<https://elections.syp.org.uk/elections/19/constituency/18/>

- **Logan Gilmour**, who plans to concentrate on equalities, health and well-being and poverty and inequality.
- **Rhyan Gorrie** will focus on poverty and inequality, health and well-being and transport.
- **Emma Henderson** is targeting the issues of poverty and inequality, health and well-being and transport.
- **Adam Johnson** says equalities, health and well-being and democracy are his main issues.

#YWW23
#ThisIsYouthWork

YouthLink Scotland

"Youth Joint Cabinet and our recent Youth Conference are brilliant examples of how young people are placed at the forefront of the Council's decision making on all policies and strategies affecting them."

"SYP takes this further to both a local and national level - this is why it is SO important to **scan the QR code and VOTE NOW** for your preferred Scottish Youth Parliament candidate to ensure your voice and point of view is listened to, taken seriously and actioned upon."

SYP
SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Mais Al Diri,
MSYP for Cunningham North

VOTE

North Ayrshire Council
Cunningham North & South

Cunningham South:

<https://elections.syp.org.uk/elections/19/constituency/1/>

- **Emma Burns**. Her main issues are economy, environment and health and well-being.
- **Lee Fitzpatrick**, who is focusing on health and well-being, democracy and culture and media.
- **Freya Fitzsimmons**, who has young people's rights, the environment and democracy in her sights.
- **Brooke Ramsay**, who will target equalities, the environment and health and well-being.

Elected candidates will be announced via our social media channels and full update provided in the next quarterly report.



Youth Participatory Budgeting

This year we have a dedicated budget for Youth PB of £50,000 – this included a £10k contribution from the Health and Social Care Partnership. North Ayrshire continues to be very successful and a key to this, as is the young people's involvement throughout the process.

Groups applied for money to deliver against themes, that were decided by young people, as part of their Youth Participation and Citizenship Strategy – 2021-2025.

Well over 100 groups applied this year via our digital platform which provided more scope for young people to be creative with their applications including the ability to submit video applications. All the applications were then reviewed by young people and those that met the criteria were voted on by young people aged **8-25 years**.



Voting had to be suspended last minute due to an issue relating to the Young Scot Voting Platform. However, **all eligible** Youth PB bids in Arran, North Coast, Irvine, Kilwinning and Garnock Valley will be awarded funds this year. Therefore, no further voting needs to take place in these localities.

In the Three towns locality voting will require to go ahead and to ensure these votes are recorded accurately and are fully transparent, the voting process will restart completely and be done by taking paper voting ballots into all schools and communities across the Three Towns.

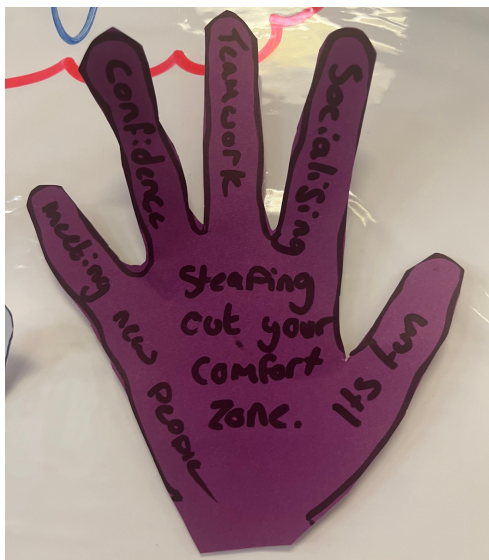
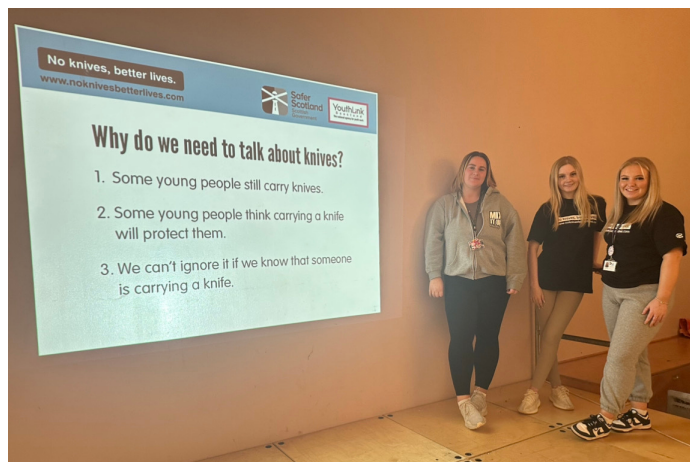
Results will be announced on Monday 11th December and all successful applicants will be informed shortly after.

"Although a little scary and disorientating, for some of the more introverted students on the day, it was inspiring to see how the youth workers encouraged everyone to come out of their comfort zone to overcome their fears, gain confidence and try it out."

"Very proud of everyone, thank you to Youth Services for brilliant end to Youth Work Week 2023! We will now take the learning and report back to our Pupils Parliament and Youth Council to further embed and increase awareness on the important issues discussed that are most pertinent for young people."

Youth Work Week has now come to an end, but this won't stop Youth Services continue to share exciting updates via social media as youth work has something for everyone and has the power to really change lives.

Email: youthservices@north-ayrshire.gov.uk if you want to get involved in a youth club or #youthparticipation or send a DM to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nayouthservices> and Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NAYouthServices>



Primary Seven Youth Council

Taking place in September at Ardeer Community Centre, primary 7 pupils from Skelmorlie, St Palladius, Glebe Primary, Springside Primary, St Mark's Primary and Lawthorn Primary took the chance to meet with their peers and take part in a series of interactive workshops. 140 pupils were in attendance to learn new skills and find out more about #youthparticipation in North Ayrshire.



The young people shared their views through a series of interactive workshops with the themes of:

A Young Persons Edit of the Council Plan - The Council plan has been published but we want to work with the young people to create a plan on a page that brings the plan to life in a youth friendly way.

Peer Pressure and Positive Thinking - An interactive workshop that focusses on peer pressure and how to handle these situations.

Know your Rights (Pupil voice) - Focussing on young peoples rights and how much young people know and what they mean. Discussing the role of duty bearers and how they can help uphold these rights if a young person is not able to do this.

A Spotlight on Climate Change - Pupils discussed their role within the Climate Change emergency and how small steps can make impactful change in their local community.

The interactive workshops were a good opportunity for the young people to meet with peers from other schools and have the chance to share what they liked about school life and the local facilities near them. It also focused on their lived experience of the areas of improvement required and the obstacles they and their families face amidst the Cost-of-Living crisis. This information will now be reported back the Council's leadership team so that the knowledge gained can contribute towards, and shape, specific policies and strategies related to children and young people, so that any necessary actions can be progressed.

Awareness is currently being raised among North Ayrshire Council staff to ensure that everyone understands their ongoing responsibility to protect the rights of our children and young people. The Council follows and respects The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) to ensure that all children's rights are respected and that they are free to learn, play and develop. North Ayrshire's long-standing key mechanisms for listening to the voices of our young people, the Primary Youth Council was formed last year to amplify the voice of primary school aged pupils.



National Youth Work Week



North Ayrshire celebrated the power of youth work this November – an annual awareness campaign supported by YouthLink Scotland.

From the 6th November with a focus on #InvestInYouthWork and #YouthWorkMatters, the CLD Team created a week of locality based events, case study spotlights for social media and North Ayrshire wide events showcasing work focussing on the seven priorities within the CLD Plan.

MSYP for Cunninghame North, Mais Al Diri, whose two-year term is now nearing its end, reflected: *“With clubs, events and the usual weekly running of youth clubs happening across our six localities, Youth Work Week ended with on a high with the impactful energy of the North Ayrshire Youth Conference.”*

Councillor Alan Hill, Cabinet Member for Islands and Communities added: *“From youth sports clubs and dance groups, to youth-focused projects with a focus on mental health and local climate action projects, there’s a host of incredible youth initiatives on our doorsteps and investing in the power of youth work continues to be a key focus for us a child-centred and youth-led local authority.*

“Investing community funding into local youth projects is crucial, especially as we approach another winter where so many people are still struggling due to the Cost-of-Living crisis.

“Stay tuned in the coming weeks when our Youth Participatory Budgeting and Scottish Youth Parliament voting will resume and eight-to-25 year old’s will be encouraged to have their say on who should represent them and where community youth funding should be best spent.”

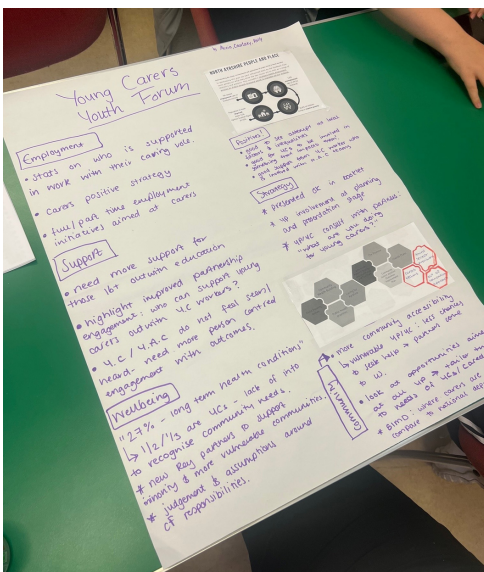
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Joint Youth Forum

Our Joint Youth Forum, the meeting took place at Redburn Community Centre, giving young people aged between 12-25 the opportunity to raise issues that were important to them and share improvements that could be made to services for young people.

Supported by Community Learning and Development workers representing each locality in North Ayrshire, North Ayrshire's network of youth forums are a great way for those aged 12-25 to get involved in #youthparticipation.



Councillor Chloe Robertson, said: *"It was fantastic to have such a great turn-out with over 50 young people attending our first Joint Youth Forum meeting of 2023."*

"Lots of important matters were discussed including Democracy Matters, the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and a young persons version of the Council Plan."

"The forum was also a fantastic opportunity to reflect upon all the fantastic work happening in Youth Services to build a North Ayrshire that is fair and equal for all young people and their families, where no one is left behind."

Put simply, a youth forum is a place where young people have the chance to make their voices heard, where opinions will be taken on board and then used to inform local decision-making.

North Ayrshire Council has six youth forums operating weekly across each of our localities. The forums are the sounding board to the Council's Administration and Chief Executive on issues that matter most to young people.

The members also to help run local activities such as breakfast clubs, youth film night's and discos.



North Ayrshire's 60 youth forum members involved were also recently incremental in the latest round of Youth Participatory Budgeting as they rolled-up their sleeves to review the all PB applications ahead of the live vote.

Logan Gilmour, MSYP, was a panel member at the event. He said: *"Youth Forums are fantastic way for young people to meet new people, gain confidence and learn new skills such as problem-solving, minute-taking, networking and organising events."*

"This weekend's meeting was a vital opportunity for the young people involved to express their views and get answers to questions they wanted to ask."

"The young people also presented their plans for the year ahead and spoke with passion and determination about the many ideas they have to improve the health and wellbeing of young people throughout the region, combat climate change and make their communities better for all."

Young people also shared updates on exciting new initiatives and events happening in their localities including litter campaigns, breakfast clubs, swap shops and more.

Councillor Alan Hill, Cabinet Member for Islands and Communities added: *"Thank you to everyone who came along to the first Joint Youth Forum of 2023."*

"Providing support and a platform for the important work of the youth forum is just one of the many ways the Council is committed to ensuring that young people can step up and speak out to make a difference in North Ayrshire."

"I am proud to live in a North Ayrshire with so many passionate young people, who are proud to represent their peers and amplify their point of view. We care deeply about what matters to young people and those in attendance discussed a whole variety of issues which will now be reported back to our Leadership team as we work on updating our Youth Strategy action plan for the months ahead."

Do you want to get involved in youth participation?

If you're a young person in North Ayrshire, there are lots of ways you can have a say on decisions that affect you! Visit the Youth Services webpage: [Youth groups and organisations \(north-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://north-ayrshire.gov.uk/youth-groups-and-organisations) to find out more about Youth Forums, North Ayrshire's Executive Youth Council, our local MSYP's and the Young People's Champion then contact youthwork@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



Climate Change Ambassadors

Our group of ambassadors now have an additional 4 members that have joined, the 16 young people continue to work on a range of activities, opportunities, signposting and events around climate change and sustainability.

Passionate about climate change, the team have been working in schools and collaborating with community groups as well as volunteering with local environmental groups to raise awareness of biodiversity, carbon emissions and other climate issues where young people can do their own part to make a difference.

And over the last two years, they have been at the forefront of helping the Council to deliver a series of biodiversity awareness sessions to schools and other young people – an important part of the job, contributing not only to the Council's Youth Participation Strategy but also supporting the Council's ambitious target of having net-free carbon emissions by 2030.

The group continue to work to create a Climate Change Time Capsule, along with tree planting. The aim is to include items to look back on in 20 years on to see how much change young people have been able to achieve in relation to green initiatives, climate change and sustainability in North Ayrshire.



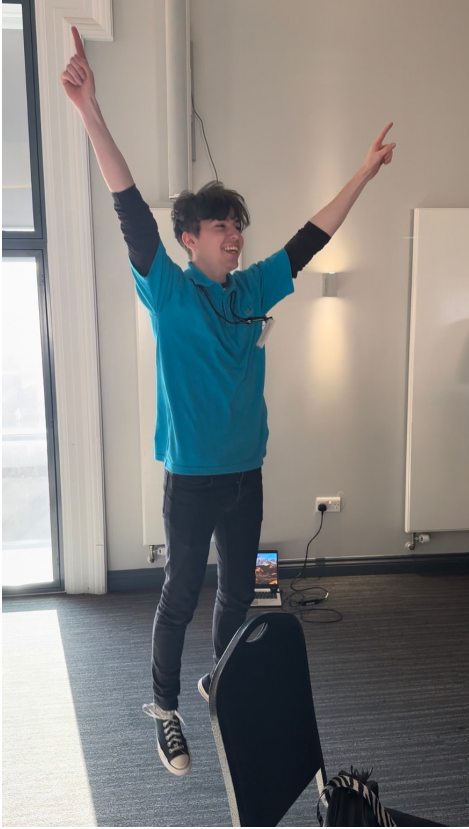
With funding they received from Scottish Government they are working in partnership with the Mental Health Ambassadors and Kilwinning Community Gardens and have funded 20 trees and protectors to be planted within the community garden with a time capsule which is reflective of young peoples wellbeing and their hopes and aspirations for the future. This even will take place on December of this year.

All ambassadors took part in the Joint Cabinet where they input their views on the various topics.

The group continues to meet fortnightly.



Youth Work Modern Apprenticeship Programme



At the beginning of September, we received notification of an upcoming HMle visit taking place for our Modern Apprentices in September. The visit with the inspector and a range of apprentices from both our senior and new candidates, allowed them to see their growth and development over the course of their qualification.

Discussions took place with the MA's before the visit to ensure they were able to recognise the effect they have on service delivery, support received and opportunities provided discussed with candidates regarding the support they receive in relation to their qualification and leadership opportunities provided to them throughout the apprenticeship.

It was evident our more experienced MA's had an excellent understanding of what they do and why they do it. It was clear that our MA's are provided leadership opportunities when left in charge of planning and delivering large events such as our Joint Cabinets, youth council and youth conferences. The MA's were fantastic when responding to all questions offering lots of information and real life examples of their experience.

Soon after the visit took place some feedback was provided by the inspectors, overall, the feedback was positive however the Modern Apprenticeship programme was identified as 'practice worth sharing more widely' which we were delighted to receive. The full report was provided a couple of weeks later containing the following comments:

"The MA programme run by North Ayrshire CLD service has a significant impact on the young people who participate, the learners and communities they support as apprentices, and on the CLD service. Apprentices contribute to and run a wide range of CLD programmes across the local authority. They are key to the development of young people's empowerment and involvement in influencing decisions. They are instrumental in running the Joint Cabinets between young people and elected members. Young people on the programme gain a wide range of skills and gain confidence. Whilst the staff provide clear leadership and support to the apprentices, the apprentices themselves also influence the CLD service. The input from MAs is helping the service be innovative and remain responsive to learners' changing needs, especially for children and young people."

A case study has now being created for HMle to share this with other organisations and services. We will be recruiting our new intake of MAs in April 2024.



Kindness Mural Consultation

Working with the Bee You Ambassadors group, we had many discussions around what issues young people in their local communities and how they could use their training to benefit these young people. Through these discussions it was recognised that some work around suicide prevention had to be prioritised. Throughout North Ayrshire the statistics for youth suicides were particularly high throughout North Ayrshire. They felt a project highlighting this could give young people local signposting/ support services, would address the matter head on in a proactive way. The Kindness Mural Consultation has been collaboratively developed with Project Delivery Officer developed the project alongside the Bee You Ambassadors, Community Partners and Locality Staff.

From March 2023 to August 2023 the consultation was live and pushed via various channels of engagement methods as earlier mentioned. 521 people had completed the survey wither that be as an individual as a group with the findings/ priorities being:

Kilwinning Locality

The first kindness project is taking place in Kilwinning linking in the time capsule and tree planting project at Kilwinning Community Gardens. Working in partnership with Eglington Rangers Service, Kilwinning Community Gardens, Climate Change Ambassadors and Bee You Ambassadors.

Irvine Locality

Irvine Youth Forum in partnership with Greenwood Academy participated in the kindness mural project. Within this session young people looked at how environments can shape individuals and co designed a kindness mural for the Irvine Locality.

Garnock Valley Locality

Working in partnership with Garnock Valley Locality Team and Garnock Valley Youth Forum with the creation of a graffiti style mural with direct links to community mapping for mental health and wellbeing. Garnock Valley locality have carried out session around the creation if the Mural in the Garnock Valley as well as collaborating with the graffiti artist and Dalry Community Gardens. This will be showcased on the 1st of December. Below you can see their initial design:



Mental Health Toolkit Refresh



The Mental Health Toolkit was launched in North Ayrshire in 2017 created by NAC Youth Services, local MSYP Courtney Gemmell and national mental health organisations to support teachers, youth workers and young people to become more informed on mental health. generally. Project Delivery Officer hopes that by refreshing this resource it would challenge the stigma surrounding mental health within schools and the wider community. The original toolkit was split into three key areas: information, signposting and support. Interactive workshops Distraction tools. Project Delivery Officer lead on a consultation phase, planning and reshaping of new mental health toolkit which will be used within the local community.

Throughout the process Project delivery officer consulted and engaged with sample groups of young people in events and groups like the Joint Youth Forum, Youth Council , Primary 7's, Young Adult Carers, Equalities Forum, Garnock Valley Youth Forum, Bee You Ambassadors and Modern Apprentices as well as online consultation. This was done to gather views in the hope to refresh such a resource, updating the workshops, information, and signposting.

These focus groups identified that the toolkit is now outdated and as such needs to be refreshed. Through consultation with young people, we will create this through a youth led approach. Working collectively with the steering group information will be relevant and engaging to both partners using this toolkit to work with young people.

Next steps, is for an person meeting/ developmental day to look at a partnership approach with young people and professionals to identify and create content in December 2023. Professionals will be identified to work on specific content creation in relation to themes that will be covered.



Mini Ambassadors Programme – Bounce Back Peer Support Programme – St Lukes Primary



The Mini Ambassador programme focusses on mental health and wellbeing delivered by North Ayrshire Bee You Mental Health Ambassadors, delivering to primary 6/7 young people and becoming mini bee you ambassadors for their primary school. It ensures clear, current reliable information is integrated into hour long workshops that is easily delivered and understood with 'the by young people, for young people' with our secondary Bee You Ambassadors young people to confidently able to deliver the programme.

The 6 part programme focusses on these young people becoming Bee You Ambassadors for their primary school, we help support the young people moving forward in their new roles. The topics covered in these sessions include What is Mental Health, Resilience, Social Networks, Friendships, Making Decisions and Self Care.

This This programme has most recently been delivered to St Lukes Primary School in Kilwinning to a class of Primary 7 pupils. The programme allows the Bee You Ambassadors, who are all aged between 16 and 21, the chance to share the valuable information they have learned throughout their journey with these young people. The programme supported all 27 of the St Lukes pupils involved in learning these workshops with their own resilience through topics that they are currently experiencing within primary school. The Ambassadors all have completed Mental Health First Aid and/or the Mental Health UKs Your Resilience programme, in delivering what they have learned only reaffirms the learning that these young people have already had further increasing their resilience and confidence.

"This programme has opened up conversations we liked the play-doh lesson because it taught us resilience. When they came along and squished our play-doh we could have given up and stop trying but they taught us to try again." Age 11

"The Bounce Back Programme was delivered very effectively within St Luke's Primary School by Vicki and her team. The staff were friendly, considerate and quickly built relationships with all children. These relationships and the atmosphere they created within the classroom were core to the success of the programme. This allowed pupils to take charge of the learning experiences. Each week they covered an extremely important and essential area of mental, social and emotional health. The lessons were well structured to include a variety of activities and were also very well resourced. All children looked forward to the Bounce Back Programme each week and are keen to now permeate the knowledge and skills they have developed throughout the school as trained Well-being Ambassadors." Miss Ness



Your Resilience – Irvine Royal Academy



Your Resilience supports young people's mental health resilience. The education programme is focused on building resilience through life's transitions in 14–20-year-olds, equipping them with the tools and resources to manage their mental health now and in the future.

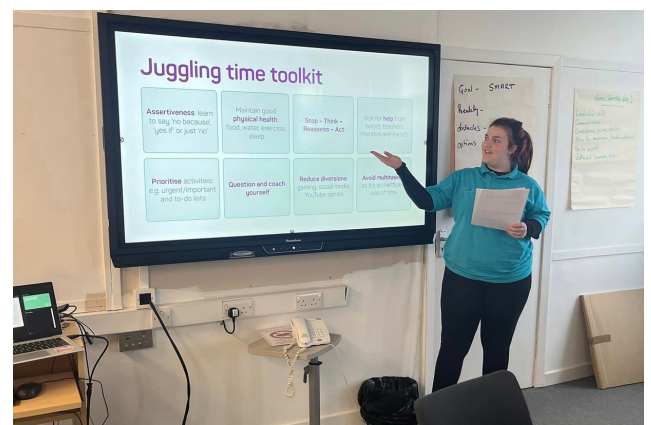
The programme is run weekly in Irvine Royal Academy with current 6th year pupils of a already established school mental health ambassador status. Sessions are 1–2-hours covering Resilience, Exam Pressure, Friendships/Decision Making, Social Pressures, Managing Studies and Juggling Time. Along with open conversation work through the appropriate workbook for groups age ensuring the group understand the tasks and the tool kits provided to help them manage their own life scenarios and support their Mental Health and Wellbeing.

At the end of the completed sessions and workbooks the young people have a opportunity to give feedback, they will then receive their certificate.

On completion the group have asked for a session to further brainstorm and information on how we can support their ideas moving forward as not only ambassadors for their school but ambassadors for their community. This session will be happening in the coming weeks with the hope of creating a lasting support and partnership for these senior pupils to further support the younger pupils of the school.

In learning and delivering this programme with the hope to reach as many young people as possible between the ages of 14–20 within North Ayrshire helping them increase their knowledge and tools to build resilience whilst promote the culture of open conversation about Mental Health.

"Thank you Vicki Andrew and her team for the work they are doing with some of our Irvine Royal Mental Health Ambassadors, the group are really enjoying the sessions and working with the Team" Mrs Marwick



Gaelic

Community Base Adult Learning Gaelic Provision

Thirteen weekly ongoing Gaelic language classes at various levels continue to be delivered face to face and virtually in North Ayrshire:

Level 3/4 - Irvine

Level 4 - Three Towns

Level 3/4 - Three Towns

Level 3/4 - Three Towns

Level 4/5 - Three Towns

2 x level 1/2 - Online

Level 2 - Online

3 x level 1 - Online

Level 3 - Online

Level 4 - Online

once a moth conversation (all levels) - Arran



As part of Adult Learners Week an Introduction to NAC Gaelic classes event was held in Arran Library on Sat 02 September with information for those interested in taking part in Gaelic classes across North Ayrshire. This resulted in increased numbers of learners wanting access to classes and new online classes having to be formed to meet demand.

Arran Geopark Landscape Walks

In partnership with Arran Access Trust two NAC Gaelic language students had recently qualified as Mountain Leaders and wanted to use their new skills to take people out on guided walks. They wanted to add to this by using the Gaelic they had to chat about place names. With degrees in geology they were already involved with Arran Geopark, and felt that a Gaelic landscape walk would be in keeping with Geopark themes around promoting and educating people about natural and cultural heritage. The walks cover various areas and terrains on Arran from a Gaelic perspective, looking at local history, geography, industry, place names and landscape.



Gaelic

Support to Gaelic Community groups/organisations

Suas Leis a' Ghàidhlig held their AGM in November and have adopted an updated constitution that will allow them to continue their Gaelic journey with trips and events over the coming months being planned.

Largs Gaelic choir continue on their Gaelic journey where they competed in the national Mod in Paisley in October.

Fèis Arainn was one of this year's recipients of the Coop Community Fund, events delivered included fiddlers and other musicians performing both at the Coop and around the island shops as part of the Shop Arran weekend with associated press coverage, also the Trad band will be taking part in a Christmas concert on 21/12/23.

The Fèis Arainn Junior shinty club continues to grow and the club is now attracting good numbers of around 15 in weekly sessions with mainland tutor. In addition an inter-primary schools tournament was held in September and attracted 55 participants. And the club has also held a parent and carer taster session in October.

Fèis Arainn was approached by a new resident on the island, who participates regularly in the Mòd as a member of the Govan Gaelic choir, who is eager to establish an Arran Gaelic choir.

Fèis Arainn and North Ayrshire Community Learning and Development have supported this request which has resulted in a good deal of interest. A meeting was held on 3rd November to discuss future steps involved in forming a choir. First rehearsals began on 14/11/23 with a view to performing in a Christmas event.

Isle of Arran Music School continues with weekly provision for school aged children in clàrsach, pipes and drums.

The band participated in several national events and competitions as well as a local concert on Arran on 28/10/23. Two of the drummers took part in the World Solo Drumming Championships in Glasgow and two pipers in the Caledonian Festival of Junior Piping.

One clàrsach player won a silver medal in the recent Mòd in Paisley.



New Scots

The film making club

This is a peer led project for ages 15+ that benefited from funding from TACT. They met once a week in Ardrossan youth hut to write and create a film, they have filmed on location and are now editing their film at the Media Hub in West Kilbride. Young Ukrainians, Scots and Syrians have all been involved in acting and learning skills in filming, sound production and editing.

The film will be shown at the Harbour Arts Centre in January 2024.



Ocean Youth Trust

In October 6 young New Scots from North Ayrshire, Ukrainian and Syrian, had the opportunity to join with other New Scots from Argyll and Bute Council to undertake a voyage with the Ocean Youth Trust. They were also given a team building activity residential in Ardentinnny. The team received a qualification for completing their voyage and can now volunteer with the OYT who will take them through their sailing levels.



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New Scots

Judo club for New Scots with Loretta Doyle Judo Foundation

Judo lessons have progressed and are now offering weekly lessons in partnership with the foundation and Irvine Judo Club. Interest has been keen, with 34 children and 4 adults signing up.

All have been learning to speak Japanese within lessons(in the context of Judo). Learning the fundamental principles of judo : respect, courtesy, honesty, modesty, self-control, courage and honour.

All lessons, gradings, kit, insurances are provided free by the charity which enables attendance given families are low income and/or benefit based. Use of the local facility is developing more Community Presence within Irvine town.

There are plans a celebratory event after the grading in February.



YOUR NEXT MOVE
Working North Ayrshire

CEIS
Employability

Syrian Young Adult Programme

Are you Male, 16–30 years?
Want a brighter future for work?
Come to our information event:
Where: Kilbirnie Library
9th November
2.30–4pm

Our strength grows when we work together.

The New Scots Team, in partnership with Employability and CEIS developed an Information session for a Young Male Syrian Adult Programme in the Garnock Valley.

The aim is to increase engagement and long term futures. The information event has taken place, attracting 6 young men who are embarking on a programme to enhance their training and skills with a view to further learning and employment in the future.



New Scots

New Scots Children's Sports club

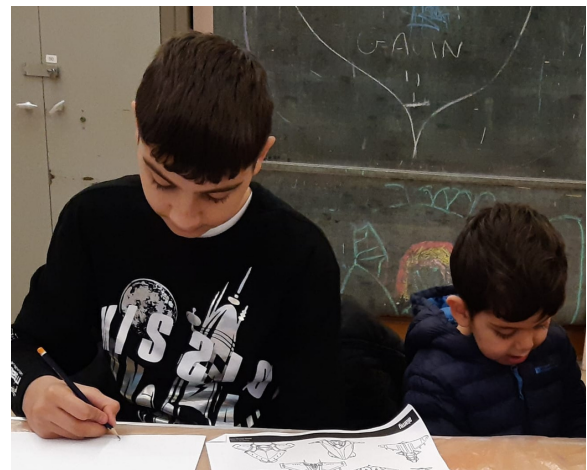
This is supported by Active schools and Young Sports leaders and runs once per week at Garnock Community Campus.

Most weeks, an average of 6-12 (from a group of 17) children attend. They continue to be introduced to a variety of sports and skills, which included: Archery, football, netball, team games, parachute games, boules and races. This offers the children varied physical activity and development of motor skills, promoting health and well-being. It is based locally to enhance accessibility, regular attendance and community presence. Children learn about team work, collaborative play and taking turns.

New Scots Art Club Garnock Valley

A local artist is running a 7 week art class in Bridgend Community Centre. This has developed from the Summer Art class to include a wider age range from 7 years plus, Mums can attend too!

A variety of mediums/styles are being used including pen and line drawing, colour mixing/shading, working with acrylics and watercolours, making jewellery, bags and pencil cases. Expression through these arts is enhancing mental well-being and improving skills. Developing friendships and confidence, continuing to increase English speaking skills.



New Scots

Nova Scotias boys group

Members of the Nova Scotias boys group have returned to their weekly football at the Circuit after a summer break. 23 boys representing 7 nationalities have attended football since September. Meetings have been held with Street Soccer Scotland with plans to secure a sustainable future for the team.

Nova Scotias activities have also included 2 Boxing training sessions in Ardrossan in September to introduce boys to the mainstream provision there.

6 Nova Scotias Youth Club members enjoyed a trip to Largs Viking Festival to learn about the history of the area. Regular fortnightly youth club meetings at Irvine Legacy Youth Hub resume on a new time and day, fortnightly on Saturdays from November, where they take part in Youth Achievement awards and will soon complete their Bronze. Youth Club members will also volunteer at events for younger children with the aim to begin their Silver awards.

Gardening Construction group

This group meets weekly at the Three Towns Growers in Ardrossan. The group have built decking and are now completing the construction of a nature hide for the pond area of the community garden.

This group has been beneficial to our new Scots supporting them with resettlement and their conversational English.



Dress making group

This women's group meet twice a week in the Argyle centre in Saltcoats. Their aim is to make occasion dresses for their daughters. They learn how to use pattern, measure, cut and sew using a variety of materials. The group was organised with the help of volunteer Layan Yousef and is tutored by volunteer Mariam Aranoush, a Ukrainain New Scot of Nigerian nationality. It is attended by Ukrainain, Syrian and Afghan ladies.



New Scots

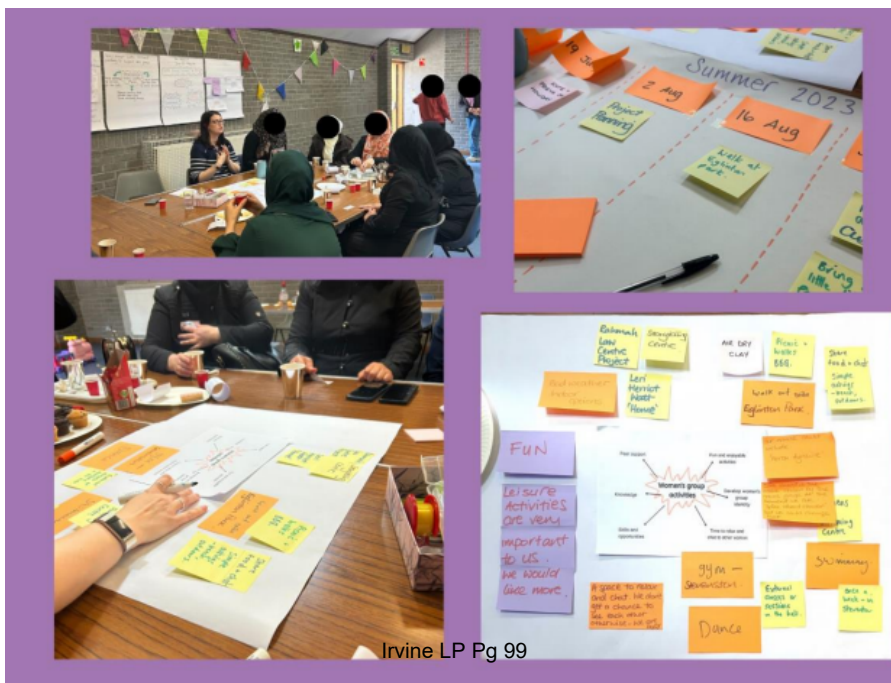
Spike Wheat Scots

Spike Wheat Scots recently hosted two community barbecues in Eglinton park park, one for men and one for women. Guests enjoyed Syrian food and the gatherings provided a warm and inviting space for individuals from diverse backgrounds, including Ukrainian and Scots, fostering a sense of community and connection



In collaboration with the North Ayrshire Carer's Centre, the group's drop-in sessions were attended by dedicated support workers, resulting in significant support for 11 families with caregiving responsibilities. Notably, these families were successful in securing much-needed funding

Their project with Outside the Box continues to develop with the group facilitating a session with KA Leisure to address the specific needs of BAME women focusing on supporting their participation in sports and community activities. The group also hosted New Scots from Clydebank at a session in Whitehurstpark community centre.



New Scots

Ukrainian Community in North Ayrshire Group

The Ukrainian group has initiated a Scottish culture and history club, cultivating cross-cultural understanding and appreciation. One notable experience was a captivating walking tour of Dalry, led by author John Hodgart, where the group delved into the intriguing history of Bessie Dunlop and Scotland's complex narrative surrounding "witches." This immersive exploration provided a unique lens into the rich cultural tapestry of Scotland. Additionally, the group further enriched their cultural journey with a tour of Kilwinning Abbey, conducted in collaboration with Kilwinning Heritage Centre. These diverse experiences not only contribute to language learning but also foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Scottish heritage within the Ukrainian community, showcasing the positive impact of cultural initiatives.



Furthermore, in collaboration with John's Garnock Valley Traditional Music group, the group hosted a lively Scottish music night in Saltcoats. The event not only showcased the vibrant musical traditions but also marked the beginning of a promising partnership. Future plans include organising an event where members of the Ukrainian community will actively participate and play alongside the Garnock Valley Traditional Music group, further strengthening the cultural exchange and camaraderie between the two communities.



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New Scots

Bourtree Belles

The new weekly Bourtree Belles women's group based at Towerlands Community Centre has started very well. In total 14 women have attended including 9 New Scots. To date the group has decorated pots and planted herbs and has agreed a schedule of activities including sewing, candle making, tissue box decorating and other relaxing social activities. The group also gives women a welcome chance to chat about their lives and any issues facing them. The group has also agreed forthcoming trips to charity shops for sewing materials, to Kilwinning College Hair and Beauty for hair cuts, and Dalgarnen Mill.

In October half term the women elected to have a family activity and a drum and music workshop by Gruvi Beatz attracted 7 New Scots families with 22 children.

Unity Community Group

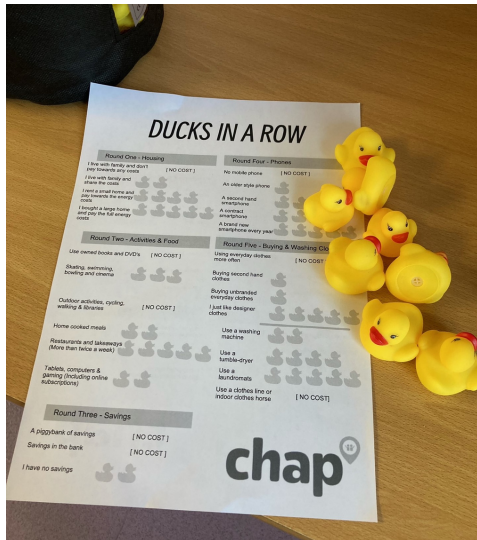
In September the new Unity Community group started in partnership with Kilwinning Locality Team at Nethermain Centre, and over 5 pilot weeks attracted 12 people including Scots and New Scots from Ukraine, Syria and Afghanistan. The group aims to facilitate community sharing and understanding of different cultures and focused each week on cultural topics agreed by the group, with participants encouraged to bring items and information to discuss.



The Multiply Project

The Multiply team have been promoting and our project across various partnership events including the No-one Left Behind Conference in Irvine.

Our staff attend the weekly Take Time Families group at Kilwinning Library to offer support to parents/carers - the group runs from 3:30-4:45 every Wednesday afternoon.



They have been working with CHAP to support delivery to primary 7 parents' which introduces young people to the world of everyday finance and budgeting. The 'Ducks in a Row' exercise gives young people a fun insight into the cost of adult life - running a home, paying bills etc. This game aims to make young people more aware of the issues surrounding finances. This promotes family learning as well as breaking down potential barriers to parents/carers accessing our numeracy/literacy supports.

In October and November the Multiply team have been working with our colleagues in Connected Communities on the recruitment and training of volunteers for our adult learning projects. We have hosted a recruitment event in Saltcoats Town Hall and in Irvine Bridgegate and currently planning another similar event at Ayrshire College at the start of 2024.



Our weekly numeracy group at Trindlemoss Day Centre is attended by between 6-8 adult learners with Additional Support Needs. During our sessions we develop skills in numeracy, cash handling, general confidence with numbers.

Through playing games like darts and cards we are able to introduce numbers and numeracy in a fun and engaging style. As the learners progress we hope to offer SQA approved units in order to give the learners certification and tangible outcomes for their learning.



The Multiply team were tasked with creating, planning, and facilitating a training day for the full Community Learning and Development service on October 27th. The emphasis was on fun, inclusivity, and enjoyment but also to present and demonstrate the innovative numeracy resources and sessions that could be delivered to any group.

Multiply most recently attended The Mount launch event in Townend, Dregthorn to offer adult learners numeracy support and meet with partners across the service and beyond.

we can offer support for numeracy in groups or 1:1 support - which offer help with:

- everyday maths,
- homework,
- qualifications,
- finances
- budgeting

If you would like to refer anyone our referral process is quick and simple and can be accessed by emailing:
multiplyinfo@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



Participatory Budgeting

Current PB updates:

- In this round of PB, the funding is split into three different categories – Youth PB, Locality PB and funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, with a sum of £198,377 overall
- Locality & UKSPF results will be announced on Monday 20th November.

Participatory Budgeting



Participatory Budgeting 23/24

Community empowerment is key to PB and through engagement with local groups and residents we will continue to improve the PB process.

Some key points:

Following the end of the 2022/23 PB process, a review was undertaken, which included collating the feedback gathered from a range of stakeholders while the round was live, and hosting an online Community Engagement Event for previous steering group members to help shape the 2023 round.

- Three topics were taken to the engagement session for discussion:
 - Criteria
 - Themes
 - Launch events

There were some great suggestions from the participants about the potential to use the events to do more than just 'PB'. Some ideas included promoting the event as a networking opportunity; opening the event to local businesses; bringing in local services who could provide wraparound support to the kinds of groups attending; and creating space for promotion of existing groups and projects and the opportunities to get involved.

- Co-production of the event with our stakeholders meant, we were able to produce an event that people actually wanted
- Pre launch events were held across 6 localities during August and September - each event allowed us to have 1:1 discussions with attendees and digital support for our online platform, this was also an opportunity for prospective applicants to ask questions about their projects and get advice and guidance from staff, as well as network with other local organisations who might be potential UK Shared Prosperity Fund partners.
- Our digital platform hosting PB has allowed us to keep the process centralised and has been an interactive space where applicants could upload written or video applications and promote their projects with those viewing/voting able to comment and support what is going on in their localities. From a total of 238 applications, only 3 were submitted using the paper form option.
- PB continues to be a hybrid process and we have had great support from our library team to enable people to apply and vote in person and in addition PB champions across the localities have been a continued support to the groups they work with.

Results are in!

We are excited to announce that 101 community groups and local organisations have been successful in their bids for the most recent round of PB. The allocated funding will be shared between projects throughout all of the six North Ayrshire localities and these broadly cover the themes of: improving local life and wellbeing, helping residents during the Cost-of-Living crisis, connecting people in local communities, promoting positive mental health and wellbeing, tackling climate change and promoting healthy and active communities. These projects are set to make a real difference for everyone involved!



ParticipatoryBudgeting@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



Participatory Budgeting: Launch Events



Let's hear from one of our successful PB applicants...



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Community Asset Transfer

We will support our community groups in their ambitions to own and lease assets via our Community Asset Transfer Policy.

The Community Asset team continues to work alongside TACT's Community Asset Transfer Development Worker, who provides assistance and support to community groups exploring or looking for advice on taking on an asset within their communities. Some of the support provided includes governance; pros and cons of asset transfer; liaising with DTAS on particular issues such as what it means for a group who are interested in an asset within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) amongst many other

The Community Asset Team have been ensuring that all paperwork that is uploaded to the website is accessible for all and we continue to work on improving the asset transfer process.

Current CATs over 6 localities at different stages from initial enquiry to final stage:

Arran

Brodick Bowling Club

Three Towns

Three Towns Mens Shed - Ardeer Park changing rooms (cabinet approval and final stage) - Whitlees Community Centre

Kilwinning

Blacklands Hall

Irvine

Maress Road - Maress Playing fields - Initial expression of interest for - Oasis Youth and Community Centre, Broomlands Gate and Irvine Slipway

Garnock Valley

Dalry Public Park Sports Pavilion, brick built and dis-used Pavilion (old pavilion adjacent to swing park and old tennis courts) - Knox Institute - The Shed, Ladysmith Road - Meadowside (Beith Astro) Football park

North Coast

Douglas Park tennis courts - Douglas Park Nursery - Cairnies Quay - Bowencraigs Playing fields (final stages) - Brisbane Centre - Simson/ Craufurd Avenue Swing Park.



Community Leadership

Our innovative Leadership Collective, will deliver capacity and learning opportunities built on the expressed needs of our communities. We will support our environmental capacity projects such as tree planting, coastal care and our growers programmes.

Our community development team along with our partners from TACT, Green Health Partnership, HSCP and Ayrshire College, have supported over 200 adults to develop their knowledge and skills through opportunities offered via our 'Leadership Collective'. This includes; Naloxone training, committee skills training, REHIS, First aid, Mental Health first aid, trauma awareness training, bike maintenance skills, Canny cooker training, funding fares and funding workshops



Food Insecurities

The Fairer Food Network

Currently 14 food larders across North Ayrshire supporting over 3000 households with a dignified food provision.

The fourth quarterly payment has been made to all larders under the revised funding model. Weekly footfall will be monitored and reported on quarterly, and that figure will dictate the payment for the next quarter. Larders with up to 30 households per week will receive £1000 per quarter. There after, it will be a cost per head calculation of the remaining funding pot. This model will be reviewed at the December meeting after 2 payments have been received.

The quarterly NAFF meeting was held on 11 September in Fullarton Hub and was chaired by Donna Fitzpatrick. The group heard from The 1st Alliance Credit Union and NHS Dietetics. EW has recipe sheets from dietetics to copy and distribute to the larders.

There has been ongoing support and visits to the larders and a members survey is currently underway.



- The Tap End Larder, Stevenston was supported to arrange for quotes for wifi and digital support and an application was submitted to the Digital Access Fund which has been approved and is subject to two committee members attending cyber security training. Dawn Hogg, the Anti Poverty Development Manager has taken up post with the association. She has negotiated a longer working week with a shorter contract to make it financially viable. Due to the lack of wifi in the building, arrangements have been made for her to be based within St Johns some of the time.
- Cranberry Moss is currently in a challenging financial situation at present and suggestions were offered to reduce the basket value and decrease the gap between funding and basket value in the larder.
- Ardrossan South has been having a challenging time with a particular member who has since been barred. The larder does not feel it can support members who choose to spend the "savings" on drugs, alcohol or foreign holidays. This will be added to the November agenda of the network meeting.
- The 'Side Larder, Springside, has received a community benefit donation from McConnechie's of approx £270 of food.



Food Insecurities

Events

Beith Preparing for Winter Event in the Community Centre on 29 September. Engagement with approx 50 people. The stall distributed approx. 70 packs of tomatoes to local residents along with information on food ladders, money matters and energy support.

3 Towns Over 50's information event in Ardeer Community Centre on 19 October. Engagement with approx. 20 people. Recipe cards for celery soup were distributed along with packs of celery. A love it or hate it item.

Information on food ladders, money matters and energy support was also provided.



Sustainable Food Places

Ongoing participation in Sustainable Food Places discussions between North Ayrshire, Ecosavvy and Nourish to identify a route forward for a project in North Ayrshire and the impact of the Good Food Nation Act coming into play this year.

North Ayrshire Food Forum

The North Ayrshire Food Forum had its second meeting on 9 October. The members heard from Arran on the very successful Food and Drink Festival. The Teams Channel is now established and work is underway to develop a terms of reference for the group.

Training

The current offer is for Mental Health Awareness – A Practical Approach and an in person session is scheduled for Nov.

The outstanding Naloxone Kits have now been received and will be distributed the individuals who attended the training back in April 23.

Other news...

Friends of Redburn Community Group received £2500 support from the Fairer Food Fund. This fund will be used to purchase equipment for the kitchen to allow for development of the lunch clubs, and food for the St Andrews Day Event in November 23.

Challenge Poverty Week focussed on food on 9 October and the Friends of Redburn invited over 70 of the elected members, chief officers and other officials. On the day, 20 people attended and as well as getting lunch, they heard about the work that is ongoing across the authority to support people with food. The event was supported by young people from two secondary schools who provided first class waiter service. The group received food from the “customers” as well as £188 in cash donations.



The Older Peoples Voice & Engagement Hubs

Older People's Voice Network

Your Voice. Your Agenda. You Decide!



The Older Peoples Voice Conference

Consultations regarding current platforms and issues facing older people completed in NC, 3towns, Irvine, and GV (5 consultations) and findings broken down and summarised.

Mapping completed of current provision; findings submitted to locality teams for feedback.

Steps forward are taking place in relation to older people's voices being heard through a participation and engagement structure by holding an older peoples conference on November 22nd at Saltcoats Townhall where older people will have the opportunity to feedback on the structure presented.

Transport will be in place with the aim to get as many people from each locality in attendance as possible.

The conference will also provide education around scams, intergenerational work, older peoples stories of trying to get their voices heard, lunch, and a raffle and marketing stalls where older people can talk directly to services which are there for their support.



The Older Peoples Voice & Engagement Hubs



Engagement Hubs

The engagement hubs aim to provide a needs-based programme of activities which were set out by initial consultations with residents and community members.

The provision is aimed at decreasing social isolation as well as improve physical and mental health.

At present there are 28 activities running across 4 hubs weekly featuring:

Chair exercise classes, chair dance classes, bingo, quizzes, tai chi, MS support groups, seniors forums, mental wellness support groups, Community Councils, entertainment committees, digital support groups, lunch clubs, live entertainment, trips, ESOL groups, over 50s discovery award groups, coffee mornings, football reminiscence groups, tea and a blether sessions and sewing groups.





Engagement Hub Committees

Four of the Hubs committees in Dalry, Irvine, Three Towns and Garnock Valley have received support to apply for PB funding and one committee to apply for further funding from the Robertson Trust's Wee Grants Scheme. Further support has been provided to bridge the digital gap in terms of voting.

Yes Your Entire Self

Wellness Wednesday is run weekly at Cumbrae Gardens Community Engagement Hub in Largs. The day started off slow but has steadily built numbers. The group has developed to the point they now have a waiting list seeing as much as 30 people taking part each week.



The group continues to receive positive engagement and has been arranging trips which as a result have saw many socially isolated people getting out of their homes and making new friends.



Networking and Funding

LPP Grant Awards

A total of **£76,885** was awarded by the Locality Planning Partnerships from August to October 2023.

External Funding Levered In

A total of **£522,114** external funding has been levered in by third sector organisations from August to October 2023.



Funding Support and Advice to Community Groups & Colleagues

- **2** funding workshops and drop-in sessions were delivered from August to October 2023.
- **8** funding updates circulated to community organisations and colleagues from August to October 2023.
- **712** members have now joined North Ayrshire Virtual Funding Centre
- **257** log-ins to Grantfinder and **668** searches carried out for the period August to October 2023,

Community Benefits Wish List

9 wishes have been delivered this quarter, bringing the total in 2023 to 37 wishes delivered since January this year. A total of 79 wishes have been delivered through the Community Benefits Wish List since it launched in October 2021.

Wishes delivered this quarter:

- MP Clean Energy Services Ltd - Donation of £500 to Eglinton allotments - Sept
- Sanctus Ltd - Donation of £1000 to pay for carpetting and a further donation of £500 to offset cost of energy bills in Millport Town Hall - Oct
- Redpath Construction - Financial donation of £800 to Kilwinning under 10 girls football team - Sept
- Carruthers - Financial donation of £100 to Hayocks ESR Base - Nov
- Emtec Group - Survey of roof damage for Corsehill Community Association - Nov
- Emtec Group has made a financial donation to the Tandem cycling club - Nov
- Stannah Lift Services Ltd - Donation of selection boxes to Friends of Redburn - Oct
- W Munro (Rehab) Ltd - Financial donation to Largs Colts football team - Oct

More information is provided in the bumper Christmas edition of the community benefits newsletter which will be available soon.

