



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

## Kilwinning Locality Partnership

Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 7.00 p.m, Love Memorial Hall

### BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.</b>	-	-	Cllr Davidson	
2.	<b>Action Note</b> Review the action note and action log and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Graeme Gallie	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
<b>LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES</b>					<b>7.10 – 7.50pm</b>
3.	<b>Locality Officer Update</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Louise Riddex, Locality Officer.	Pg 9	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
4.	<b>Locality Priorities Survey</b> Receive report from Louise Riddex, Locality Officer.	Pg 16	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive report and discuss outcomes.
5.	<b>Partner Reports</b> Partners will provide the Locality Partnership with updates relating to their services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KA Leisure</li><li>• Education/Active Schools</li><li>• Police Scotland</li><li>• Scottish Fire and Rescue</li></ul>	-  Pg 22	Verbal/ Enclosed	Partners	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
<b>WORKSHOP DISCUSSION</b>					<b>7.50 – 8.50 pm</b>
8	<b>Improving Community Wellbeing</b>  Thematic workshop discussion on the LP priority of Improving Community Wellbeing	-	Verbal	Fiona Comrie/All	Partnership to discuss meeting topics for forthcoming meetings.
<b>AOCB</b>					<b>8.50 – 9.00 pm</b>
8.	<b>AOCB</b>  <b>Reports for information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• North Ayrshire Wide CLD Report</li></ul>	Pg 25		Cllr Davidson	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.

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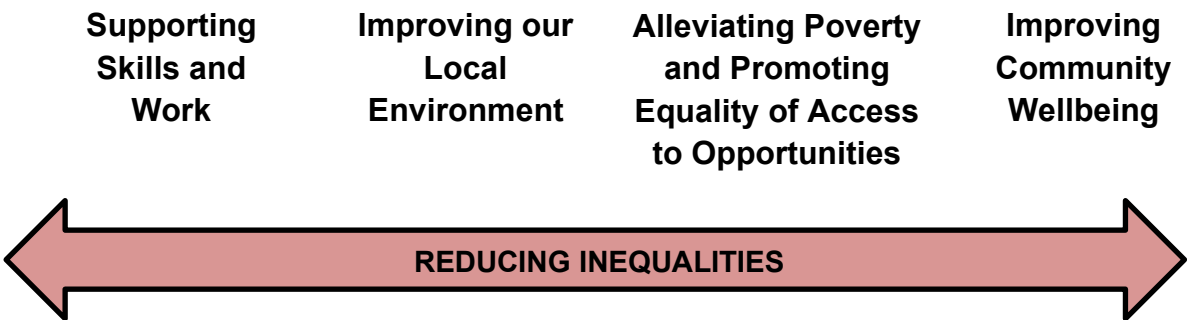
Distribution List

Elected Members	Community Representative
Councillor Scott Davidson <b>(Chair)</b>	Jim Watson, Kilwinning Community Council <b>(Vice Chair)</b>
Councillor Joe Cullinane	Wendy Crighton, Community Representative
Councillor Mary Hume	
Councillor Donald Reid	

**CPP/Council Representatives**

Graeme Gallie, Police Scotland (Senior Lead Officer)  
 Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer  
 Louise Riddex, Locality Officer  
 Ann Wilson, Third Sector Interface  
 Kenny McGuire, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Kilwinning Locality Partnership



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Kilwinning Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	24 September 2025 at 7.00pm – Woodwynd Community Centre
<b>Present:</b>	<p> Cllr Scott Davidson, Chair  Cllr Mary Hume, Elected Member  Graeme Gallie, Police Scotland, Senior Lead Officer  Rhonda Leith, Head of Service  Louise Riddex, Locality Officer  Colin Young, Community Rep  Wendy Crichton, Community Rep  Jim Watson, Kilwinning Community Council  Martyn Rae, Active Schools Co-ordinator  Michael Cowan, Police Scotland  Fiona Comrie, KA Leisure  Ann Wilson, TACT  Tim Swan, Head Teacher, Kilwinning Academy  Kenny McGuire, Scottish Fire and Rescue </p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b></p> <p> Carol Gillon, PRYDE  William Duffy, PRYDE  Jennifer McGee, Policy &amp; Community Planning Officer (Notes)  Sharon Fleming, North Ayrshire Council  Craig McLellan, Chair, Kilwinning Heritage (joined at item 8) </p>
<b>Apologies</b>	<p> Cllr Donald Reid  Cllr Joe Cullinane  Peter Marshall, Community Rep </p>

### Action Note ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</b>	
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies of absence for noted.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Action Note</b>	
	The Action Note arising from the meeting held on 18 June 2025 was approved and updates on actions were provided.	<b>Noted</b>
	G Gallie highlighted that he has met with Officers from the Banking Hub, and that Kilwinning will be one of the Ayrshire pilot areas. He also advised that information on the former Kilwinning Police Station will be available in due course.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Community Investment Fund</b>	
	The Chair advised the Partnership that Turning Point Scotland had retracted their application made to CIF as they are looking at other avenues to sustain the course on a North Ayrshire wide opportunity.	

	<p>The Locality Partnership considered a Full Application made to the Community Investment Fund from PRYDE.</p> <p>The applicants are seeking £90,830 (£30,290 x 3 Years) for match funding for a Community Development Manager, two part time engagement staff and a contribution to the increased running costs of the centre. The group is seeking match funding and expects to receive a decision from the Lottery Fund by the end of the week regarding the outcome of their application.</p> <p>C Gillon advised that one member of the PRYDE board now joined with at Cranberry Moss to bring the community together.</p> <p>C Gillon highlighted that there is a shadow youth board supported by the community connectors, as there is a strong need to develop more collaborative and partnership-based relationships across the community.</p> <p>The Chair thanked C Gillon and W Duffy for attending.</p> <p>The applicants left the room at this point.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the group are focusing on the main issues within the locality, recognising the significant efforts in fundraising to sustain the service.</li> <li>• Noting that they it was good to see that young people are being engaged, especially around mental health and wellbeing, noting that early intervention could play a key role in future solutions</li> <li>• It would be helpful if they could create a baseline at the start to track progress and identify changes over time, as this could also support future funding opportunities for the organisation</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed to award the Group the £90,830 subject to confirmation of match funding from the National Lottery. It was further agreed that funding for subsequent years will be released following completion of the mandatory monitoring form and the Group's annual attendance at the Locality Partnership to provide updates on baseline information showing progress.</p> <p>Finally, it was agreed that if the Group does not secure match funding from the National Lottery, L Riddex and the Team will work with them on developing a new CIF proposal.</p>	<p><b><i>R Leith/ L Riddex</i></b></p> <p><b><i>L Riddex</i></b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>The Partnership considered applications made to the Elderly Grant Fund:</p> <p><b>Landward Old Folks Welfare Committee</b></p>	

	<p>Application for £3,477 to support with two over 65's Christmas Dinner and entertainment at Blacklands Bowling Club.</p> <p>S Fleming advised the Partnership that only part of last year's evaluation has been received and that she has contacted the Group on several occasions requesting the full evaluation. L Riddex also advised that she had requested, through S Fleming, a breakdown of costs from the Group but has not yet received a response.</p> <p>It was agreed that contact would be made with the group to have a face-to-face meeting to go over their evaluation before any award is made.</p> <p><b>Kilwinning Burgh Old People's Welfare Committee</b></p> <p>S Fleming advised that while the Group has completed the Microsoft Forms evaluation for last years funding, they have not submitted a funding application as yet. S Fleming highlighted that there are other contacts within the Group who could be approached and asked if the Locality Partnership would be content for her to make contact.</p> <p>R Leith suggested proceeding on this basis, with the application then circulated by email for a decision ahead of the December meeting and if no response is received, the matter will be added to the December agenda to discuss where and who the funding should be dispersed.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed with this approach.</p>	<p><b>L Riddex/S Fleming</b></p> <p><b>S Fleming/J McGee</b></p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Locality Officer Update</b></p> <p>L Riddex advised the Partnership that a full report was included in the agenda pack and provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two summer programme events were held in Kilwinning with 344 people attending.</li> <li>• Two arts groups taking place at Cranberry Moss are at full capacity with 12 participants each.</li> <li>• 14 people are participating in the Discovery Award, with one participant achieving Bronze and the remainder of the participants working towards Silver and Gold. The team are now running two groups.</li> <li>• The Community Shed continues to grow with new members joining regularly, and they have submitted a CAT application for Blacklands Hall alongside another group, with applications currently being assessed and a decision expected by December.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked L Riddex for her update.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Partner Updates</b></p> <p><b>Education</b></p> <p>Tim Swan provided the Partnership with an update:</p>	

- Supporting skills development and delivering a My World of Work platform This allows parents and young people to have access to employment information, with priority groups encouraged to engage and understand how to use the platform.
- Work is ongoing with Education Scotland on developing profiles.
- Metaskills are being linked across all subjects to professions, the key challenge is ensuring young people understand their long-term importance.
- A recent careers fayre with 30 employers attended and was very successful and well received by senior pupils.
- Concerns were raised about litter in McGavin Park. Young people have been involved in litter picking, but it was noted the issue should not rest solely with them and requires wider collaboration.
- New and nearly-new uniforms are available from the school, with families invited into the school to access these, T Swan noted that it can be difficult to encourage full uptake.

### **Active Schools**

M Rae provided the Partnership with an update:

- Recruitment for the Leadership Programme has been completed, with four programmes running across North Ayrshire.
- The first group, North Ayrshire Sports Academy, is now in week 4 of 6, with 15 young people from Kilwinning involved. After the October holidays, participants will begin delivering extra-curricular clubs in primary schools.
- Team Inspire, made up of young people who go above and beyond, currently has 20 members, including four from Kilwinning. They mentor new Sports Academy students and recently took part in a residential focused on planning and team building. They are keen to take on greater responsibility and ownership of activities.
- A new Active Girls Committee has been established, with two representatives per year group from S3–S6. There are currently six members from Kilwinning.
- There are 16 Young Ambassadors at Kilwinning Academy.
- The whole Kilwinning cluster has been awarded the Gold Award for the next two years.

### **Police Scotland**

- The LALO is working on the Chamber Choices programme and Police Scotland work experience.
- The team continues to collaborate with ADP teams.
- Safer Shores involved significant work with youth engagement teams over the summer, with a strong visible presence that was highlighted as a positive addition.
- The Campus Officer has been active in supporting litter-picking initiatives.
- Electric pedal bikes have recently been delivered in the area.

	<p>M Cowan highlighted that he would take forward the matter regarding school uniforms and explore opportunities for Police to work more closely with the school.</p> <p>F Comrie noted that KA Leisure also has sports kit available.</p> <p><b>Scottish Fire and Rescue</b></p> <p>K McGuire advised the Partnership that a full report was included in the agenda pack. He advised the Partnership that with bonfire season approaching, the Community Action Team is delivering safety talks within schools. He also noted that it is encouraging to see many local groups making good use of the community room in Kilwinning.</p> <p><b>KA Leisure</b></p> <p>F Comrie provided the Partnership with an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blacklands Primary School has been used as a hub venue for activities involving young people and parents, including a Family Fun afternoon welcoming new families, weekly active play sessions with Primary 1 pupils and parents, and use of a portable pitch for PE and play sessions.</li> <li>• Various summer activities with free places offered at Inspire camps to pupils from Blacklands Primary School and families supported by North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership. 30 places were booked, with 16 young people attending and six families participating through referrals.</li> <li>• The KA Community Sports Team delivered a 4-week block of racquet sports to children and young people at Blacklands Primary School.</li> <li>• The "Me to You" employability course was completed by eight individuals, supported by partners including NAC Employability and Ayrshire College.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their updates.</p>	<p><b>M Cowan</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Meeting Forward Planning</b></p> <p>R Leith suggested looking at theming each of the meetings around one of the LP priorities. R Leith also noted that the team is working on locality profiles and will review existing information related to each theme, identifying any gaps and partner updates could also be themed accordingly.</p> <p>The Partnership welcomed this approach.</p> <p>L Riddex highlighted that she is working on re-establishing the Locality Networks also.</p> <p>It was agreed that the <b>Improving Community Wellbeing</b> priority would be the focus of the December meeting.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p>L Riddex/J McGee</p>



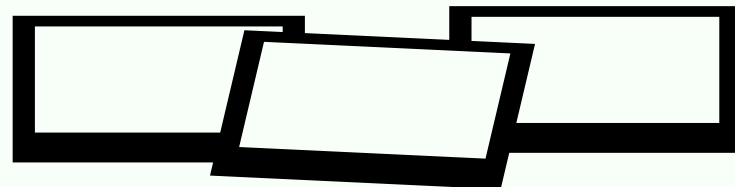




# Locality Partnership Progress Update

## Poverty/Financial Inclusion

- Kilwinning Vintage Voices in partnership with Kilwinning Library hosted a Savvy Seniors Advice Roadshow Event on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The event featured various partners providing advice on pension credit, welfare rights, avoiding scams, and energy advice.
- Kilwinning Vintage Voices will be hosting a Christmas Gathering for over 50's in Kilwinning Library on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The event will feature a free Christmas afternoon tea, various games, quizzes and a festive sing along.
- Corsehill Community Centre Association will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> and Sun 14<sup>th</sup> December in Love Hall. The event features breakfast with Santa, and every child in attendance receives a present from Santa.

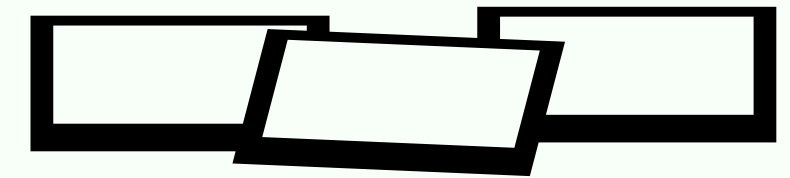


## Health and Wellbeing

- Kilwinning Stroll With It walking Group are continuing to meet every Tuesday at 1pm from Kilwinning Library. During July to September, 17 learners took part in the walks.
- Kilwinning Community Shed have submitted a Participatory Budgeting application, for the purposes of funding a Buddy Bench pilot project in partnership with Blacklands Primary School. The bench will be created for the playground. The organisation are intending to create further Buddy Benches for all of the primary schools within Kilwinning.
- Corsehill Community Centre Association are hosting the Love Hall Christmas Fayre on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 12pm-3pm. The event will feature an array of stalls with various crafts and gifts on sale. Food and drinks will also be available, along with Santa.

## Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride

- **Kilwinning Community Shed** are working in partnership with Choose Kilwinning to make 2 wooden Alternative Christmas for both ends of the main street, which will be lit during the festive period. The shed have also been creating an array of decorations for the trees and town centre that are being crocheted with wool. An array of Christmas decorations/items have also been created that will be available for purchase through a donation towards the organisation.

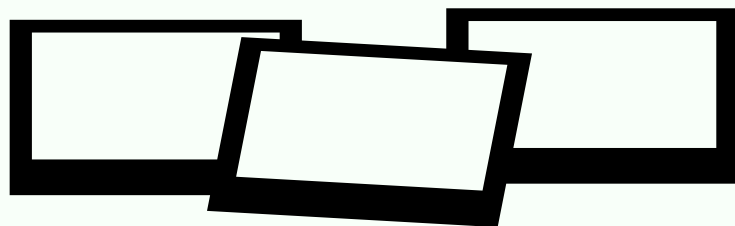




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- Take time families- Group were successful with funding will be attending the local pantomime as a group free of charge.
- CLD staff have given support to individuals for white goods utilising community support from random acts of kindness



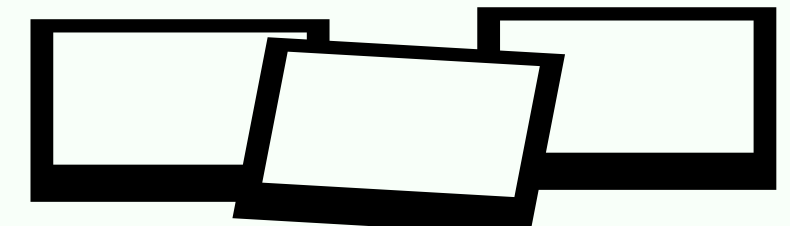
## Health and Wellbeing

- Both art groups are running at capacity 12 participants in each, enjoying the therapeutic benefits of painting most have been continuing painting at home as it allows them to switch off from the world.
- Discovery award group 2 with 12 participants all enjoying the program and helping with issues such as social isolation, relieving poor mental health, giving participants purpose.
- Youth group – 16-20 young people attending each week and thoroughly enjoying coming to group being allowed to plan activities and have their voices heard.
- Kilwinning Joint Youth Group - During NYWW (National Youth Work Week) the group had Ross from DofE join where the young people participated in fire lighting, following this the CLD staff arranged a 'let it go bonfire' where young people shared a negative experience and 'let it go' by burning in the fire. This was then followed by a positive affirmation.



## Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride

- Three members of Discovery Award 2 group have volunteered with NAC core skills team and have started assisting delivery of Numeracy and Literacy classes.
- Seven members have taken on volunteering posts with Cunningham Housing Associations Toy Appeal for this Christmas working from the Sweeny centre in Ardrossan.
- Love Hall youth group took part in Safe places activity – this activity allowed young people to identify areas in their community that they feel are safe and areas that they feel need improvement. This involved the young people in a consultation process with a view to supporting the group to take forward an initiative to support young people in feeling safe.



## Poverty/Financial Inclusion

## Health and Wellbeing

## Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride

- Discovery award group 1 – 14 people over the age of 50 have completed Silver and Bronze awards. This group continues to give adults an outlet to learn new skills, socialise and travel to new places improving wellbeing outcomes.
- KA Leisure has delivered a number of activities and initiatives that promote positive community wellbeing: The Activator mobile health unit continued to visit Kilwinning as part of the programme of community visits providing health checks as part of a programme of early intervention: Kilwinning Main Street



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## Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

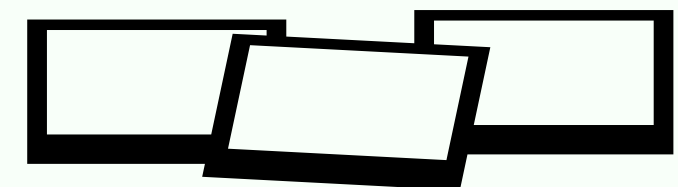
- Kilwinning Vintage Voices, hosted a **Brew and Blether** event on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to encourage new members and have engagement with older people in the community regarding positives and negatives affecting older people. At the event the older people were treated to tea/coffee and cake/biscuits. Musical entertainment was also provided. Two attendees from Kilwinning Vintage Voices attend the **Executive Older Peoples Council Meeting** on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at Cumbrae Gardens in Largs. The key discussion included: Communication, Transport, Community Safety, Access To healthcare, and Public Realm.
- Corra are currently supporting the groups they are working with to take forward their community vision/ Plan on a page as Corra Foundation look to change the way they are working in communities and step back from on the ground working by March 2026

## Work and Skills

- **Writing For Self Expression** (4 week course) has been running in partnership with the Royal Literacy Fund who has provided a professional writer to facilitate the course. The course started on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October in Kilwinning Library, and is running for 4 weeks. 6 learners have been attending the course.
- CLD staff facilitated **Cyber Awareness Training** session for Choose Kilwinning committee members on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November In Kilwinning Library. The training covers appropriate usage of shared emails, email etiquette, social media protocols, whatsapp and group chats, and GDPR Awareness.
- After recently nominating them, **Kilwinning Community Shed** have been selected as a finalist to attend the Adult Learners' Week Award ceremony on Thursday 29th January 2026 at the Scottish Parliament.

## Climate Action and Local Environment

- **Eglinton Growers Community Allotment** held their AGM in Kilwinning Library on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The AGM was attended by 24 members. The majority of the committee have stood down, with a new committee elected. Following the AGM, CLD staff met the group on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to discuss the handover process from the previous committee, and to discuss the office bearers roles. The new committee have expressed a need for committee training which CLD staff will deliver in January 2026. The former office bearers have offered support with the handover process.
- Pryde have just received funding to work with the community in Pennyburn to create two murals on the railway bridges, as well as install two breathing spaces benches.







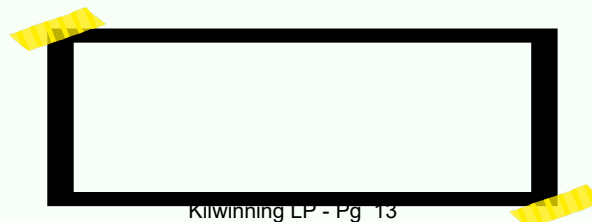
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## Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

- Whitehirst Park Community Association are having their annual Christmas movie day on 6th Dec. CLD staff booked Mobile Cinema and popcorn machine for the event.
- •PB – CLD staff gave support in completing paper voting for groups whose members may struggle to access libraries and online. Have been to both Dirrans and Healing hearts groups.
- Kilwinning Joint Youth Group – are exploring ideas of becoming constituted and take on roles and responsibilities. They aim to lead fundraising and influence local decisions, including plans for youth space.
- Current members of Discovery Award Group in Kilwinning will be given the opportunity to present to community members of North Coast, the benefits of the award, How it has helped them? and enable real community engagement with a peer learning approach.

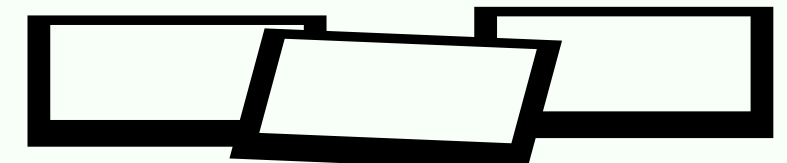
## Work and Skills

- Transferable skills gained within Art groups such as, time management, improved focus and concentration, enhanced fine motor skills, developed understanding of colour theory and basic painting techniques.
- Transferable skills gained from attending discovery group such as teamwork, communication, problem solving, resilience and motivation, self management, social intelligence and meta skills. Plus, skills from joining new groups each.
- Kilwinning Academy Intervention - CLD staff met with YouthLink to explore how young people can achieve their Participative Democracy Award. This award will demonstrate partnership working, clear communication, and group work. Activities throughout the programme will structure outcomes that promote participation and leadership.



## Climate Action and Local Environment

- Kilwinning Joint Youth Group – participated in an issue-based session exploring the environmental impact of Bonfire Night. Young people discussed how individual actions affect the local environment and learned practical ways to reduce harm and promote climate-friendly choices during not only Guy Fawkes celebrations, but when fires are essential.





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## Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

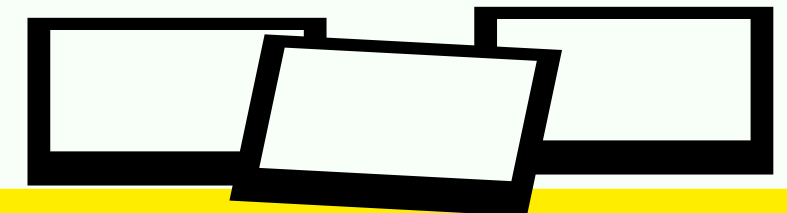
- There was a Savvy Seniors Advice Roadshow at Kilwinning Library on Thursday 18 September 10-1pm; to promote pension credits in a new way and also give access to advice on fire safety from the fire brigade; trading standards; welfare rights; energy advice; blue badge advice; safety advice from the police and working in partnership with CLD.

## Work and Skills

- Support from NAC Economic Development - Two businesses have been supported to improve on fair work initiatives, 6 Business Gateway Planning to Start interventions, 4 businesses supported to start their business, one business attended a recruitment workshop, 4 businesses have been supported with procurement, 10 jobs have been filled by North Ayrshire residents from Kilwinning businesses, one business received a grant for process digitalisation

## Climate Action and Local Environment

- The Pollinator Packs project was designed to raise public awareness of NANN (North Ayrshire Nature Network). It offered people a chance to have a little piece of that network at home. The project was subject to time constraints in terms of the availability of plants from suppliers and opportunities to engage with the public through upcoming community events. Each pack contained 7 perennial plants and 2 seed packets. This ratio was chosen so that each pack would create a square metre of pollinator friendly planting in a garden or greenspace. The plants were selected to provide pollinator species with a source of nectar and pollen across the growing season from March to September, when pollinator species are most active. Packs were given out at the Kilwinning Flower Show on the 28th of August. 84 packs were given out. 134 were given out in the Kilwinning locality. Four packs of plants were also donated to be planted in McGavin Park.





# Locality Partnership Progress Update

## Kilwinning

## Community

## Events

Kilwinning Community Events is a small voluntary group which was set up to run events in McGavin Park over the period we also took on the improvement plan for the park after a previous bid collapsed. KCE vision was to get more people back using the park for more than just walking and to cater for a wider community.

This resulted in an enhanced outdoor gym, zip slide and play area. The group is liable for ongoing repairs and maintenance of all this equipment which is starting to kick in with equipment out of use at times till funds or grants can be achieved.

Kilwinning locality is unique as such as it has no energy generation companies supplying grants at this time or common good funds that can top up the income of the group other than a meagre £1k fund which we use to support Picnic in the Park.

We run Picnic not to make money but also not to lose money this year we covered £1500 on top of the council grant to fund the day.

The fireworks we now rely fully on bucket donations, sadly not everyone donates and we used £3k to support the event so we have our challenges to keep these events going plus repair the play equipment.

We also had to close the toilets in the park due to the loss of power to the park which will take time to sort out.

To keep going we need a few more committee members or people to help apply for grants and fundraising.

To review our events and look at the charges. This will probably mean if the fireworks goes ahead a capped attendance for Kilwinning residents only with tickets issued.

This would reduce the need for us to provide parking, traffic management and road closures along with reducing the need more toilets insurance etc. that's if we decide to proceed at all.

Our priority as such is to keep the playground operating for the wider use of the public year-round.

If you'd like to help in some way please do get in touch with KCE

## Kilwinning Locality Priorities Survey Report

Aug-Nov 25

### Kilwinning Locality Priorities – Community Feedback Report

#### Introduction

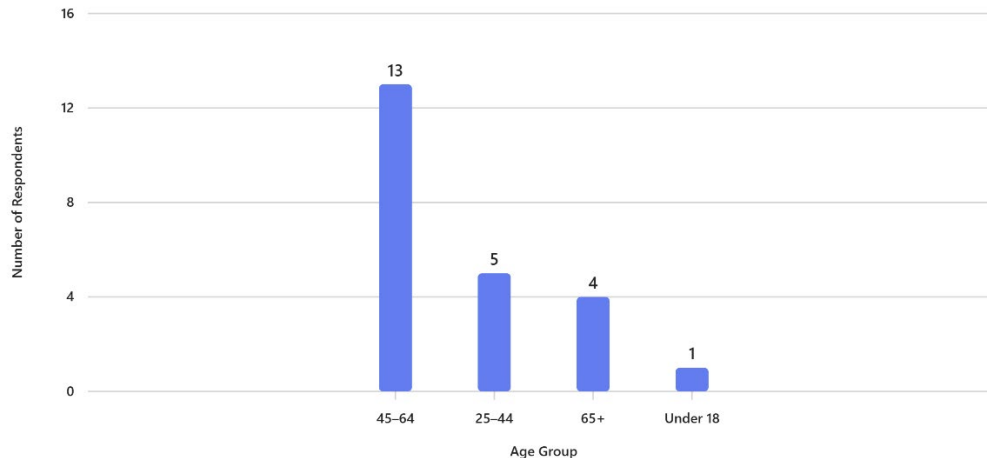
This report summarises community feedback gathered through an online survey to inform local priorities for Kilwinning. The survey explored four key areas:

1. Supporting Skills and Work
2. Improving Our Local Environment
3. Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access
4. Improving Community Wellbeing

A total of 23 responses were received from individuals with various connections to Kilwinning, including residents, volunteers, and workers.

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#### Demographics



- Age Groups:
  - Under 18: 1 respondent
  - 25-44: 6 respondents
  - 45-64: 13 respondents
  - 65+: 3 respondents
- Connection to Kilwinning: Majority currently live in Kilwinning, with some volunteering or working locally.

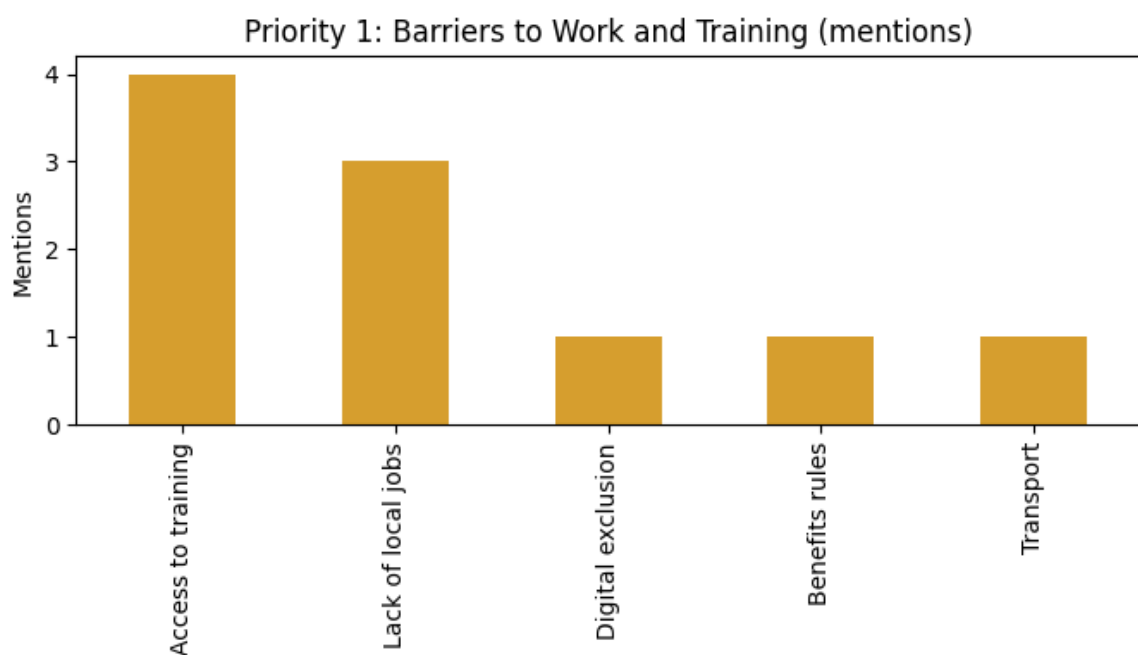


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## Priority 1: Supporting Skills and Work

### Key Barriers Identified

- Limited local job opportunities and training facilities.
- Poor transport links affecting access to work.
- Limited apprenticeships and modern trades training.
- Digital exclusion - facing challenges with digital access, including reliable internet and devices.
- Fear of losing benefits when undertaking training.



### Suggested Support

- More apprenticeships and youth opportunities.
- Accessible and affordable training (online and face-to-face).
- Local job centre or careers hub.
- CV support and interview skills workshops.
- Incentives for employers to offer training and jobs.

### Existing Initiatives Mentioned

- Community Learning & Development (Kilwinning Library)
- Men's Shed

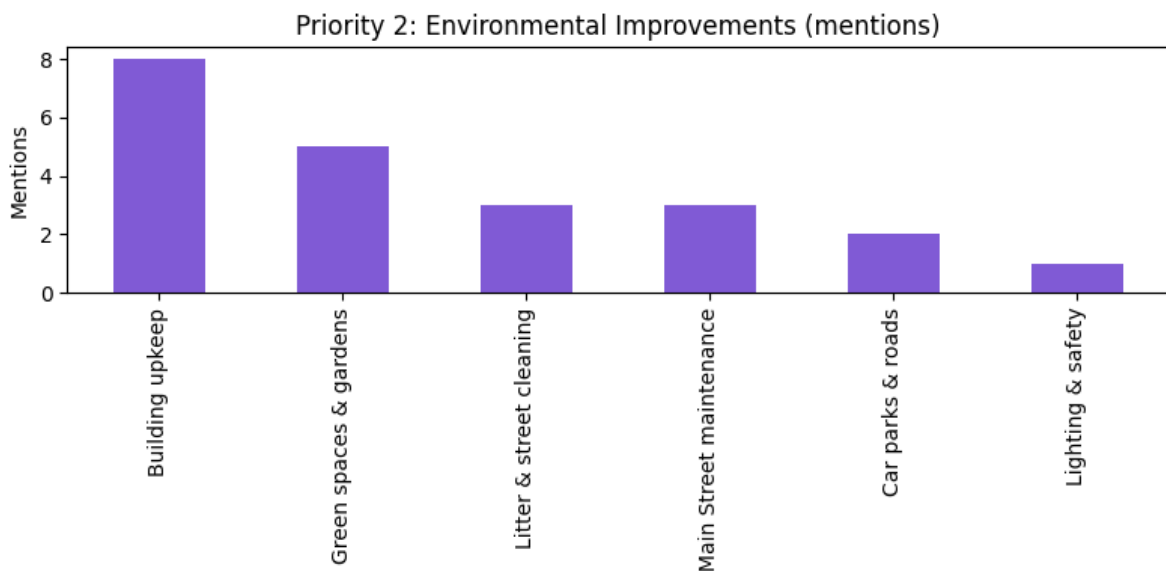
- Pryde
- Eglinton Growers

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## Priority 2: Improving Our Local Environment

### Community Suggestions

- Improve maintenance of Main Street and car parks.
- More green spaces, wildflower gardens, and community gardens.
- Improve lighting in underpasses and streets.
- Regular litter picking and recycling initiatives.
- Upgrading empty/derelict buildings and shop fronts.



### Areas Needing Attention

- Main Street (frequently cited as run-down).
- Pennyburn underpass (lighting and safety).
- Meadowpark Road and Laughlan Road car parks.

### Community Involvement Ideas

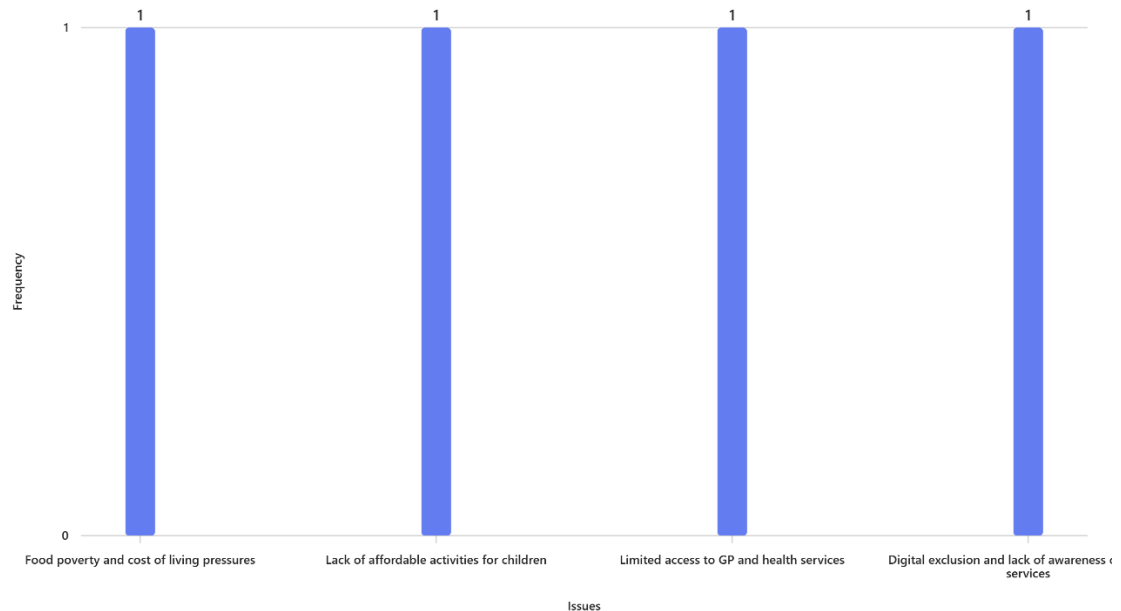
- Volunteer litter-picking groups.
- School-led environmental projects.
- Community gardening and allotments.

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## Priority 3: Alleviating Poverty & Promoting Equality

## Main Issues

- Food poverty and cost of living pressures.
- Limited affordable activities for children.
- Limited access to GP and health services.
- Digital exclusion and lack of awareness of support services.



## Suggested Solutions

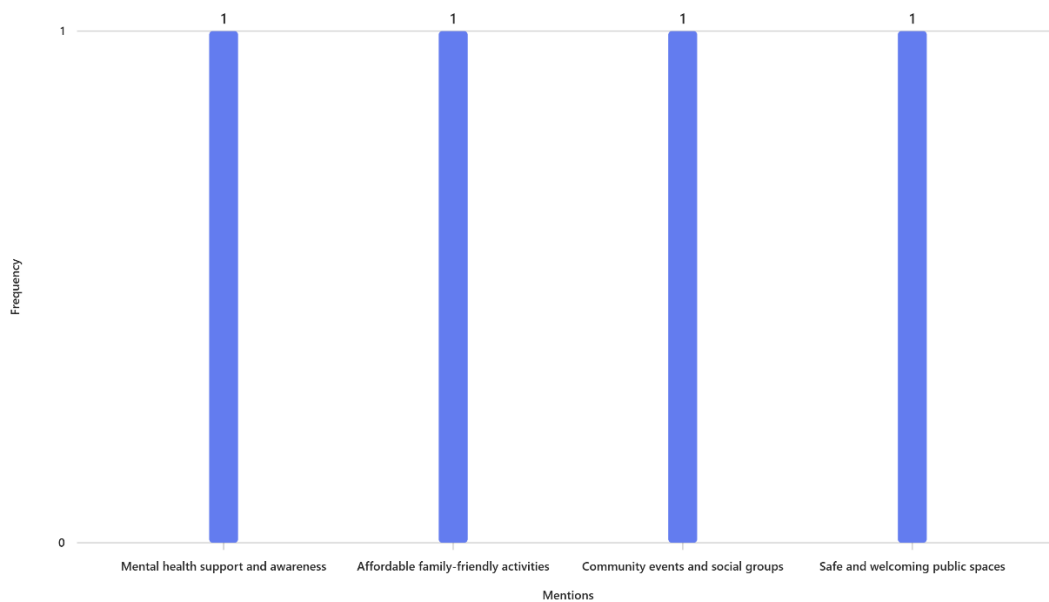
- More community larders and food banks.
- Affordable clubs and family-friendly activities.
- Better promotion of existing services (beyond social media).
- Mental health hubs and counselling services.

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## Priority 4: Improving Community Wellbeing

### What Helps People Feel Connected

- Community events (e.g., Christmas lights).
- Local parks and green spaces.
- Acts of kindness initiatives.



### Ideas to Improve Wellbeing

- Mental health support hubs.
- More social clubs for all ages.
- Intergenerational activities (e.g., skill-sharing).
- Drop-in centres for advice and social interaction.

### Reducing Isolation

- Regular community meetings.
- Volunteer-led outreach to vulnerable residents.
- Free walking and hobby groups.

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### Final Thoughts

Respondents highlighted the need for:

- Better communication and promotion of services.
- Investment in town centre regeneration.
- Stronger collaboration between council and community groups.
- Sustainable funding for local initiatives.

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### Possible Recommendations

1. Establish a local information hub for jobs, training, and community services.

2. Develop environmental volunteer programmes and improve Main Street aesthetics.
3. Expand community ladders and affordable activities for families.
4. Create mental health and wellbeing hubs with drop-in support.
5. Improve communication channels (digital boards, flyers, community meetings).

## **Kilwinning Locality Partnership**

**Date:** Insert Meeting Date

**Subject:** KA Leisure

**Purpose:** To provide the Locality Partnership with an update on relevant activity linking to wellbeing, partnership working and the priorities of the Kilwinning Locality Partnership:

1. Supporting Skills and Work
2. Improving our Local Environment
3. Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities
4. Improving Community Well Being

### **1. Overview of relevant activity linking to the Locality Priorities, Wellbeing and Partnership Working since the last meeting.**

#### **Priority 1 – Supporting Skills and Work**

##### **North Ayrshire Wellbeing Alliance – Kilwinning Pilot: Summary**

The Kilwinning Pilot has brought the North Ayrshire Wellbeing Alliance to life, demonstrating how innovation, collaboration and community-led design can connect wellbeing and employability in a meaningful and practical way.

Phase 1 focused on Kilwinning West/Blacklands, engaging around 450 households and beginning with an ideas workshop involving 28 partners. This shaped a model built on lived experience, local insight and the strengths already present within the community.

The pilot showcased how wellbeing activity including physical activity, social connection, health management and confidence building can combine with employability pathways, volunteering and wider support communities.

A key learning from Phase 1 is the power of simplicity, partnership and flexibility; even without a dedicated budget, partners collectively delivered activity, shared resources and maintained momentum through the Kilwinning Partner Network (KPN). The pilot confirms the value of bringing wellbeing and work closer together and highlights how aligned assets, community spaces and partnerships can deliver genuine local impact.

Phase 2 will focus on deepening the partnership approach, refining the model based on what the community told us, and expanding delivery to test and strengthen the learning from Phase 1. This will help shape a framework that can be scaled across

the wider Kilwinning locality—ultimately creating a locality-wide approach that links wellbeing, participation, and pathways into skills and employment.

The initiative is now well-placed to move from a pilot to a fully replicable model that strengthens community wellbeing.

### **Priority 3 - Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities**

A 4 week block of sporting activities was delivered to the Blacklands Young Carers Group. Approx 20, P5-P7 pupils from schools across the Kilwinning locality who care for a family member at home took part in various taster sessions on a Tuesday afternoon within the games hall at Blacklands Primary School.

### **Priority 4 - Improving Community Wellbeing**

KA Leisure has delivered a number of activities and initiatives that promote positive community wellbeing:

The Activator mobile health unit continued to visit Kilwinning as part of the programme of community visits providing health checks as part of a programme of early intervention:

Kilwinning Main Street 19/9/20025  
Spar Kilwinning 30/9/2025  
Cost cutters 30/09/2025  
Kilwinning Main Street 28/10/2025  
Kilwinning Main Street Christmas light switch on  
Kilwinning Sports Club - Santa dash 14/12/202

### **Community Sport / Community Sport Hub Programme**

- Kilwinning Community Sport Hub in partnership with the Active Lifestyles team is offering an eight-week block of pickleball and badminton sessions for North Ayrshire Council employees to support their health and wellbeing. The programme began on 31<sup>st</sup> of October and runs for eight weeks.
- North Ayrshire Community Sport Hub – Club Start Programme, in partnership with Kilwinning Community Sport Club and KA Leisure, we are delivering eight weeks of free football sessions for children from Kilwinning and the surrounding areas born in 2020. During this programme, we aim to recruit and develop volunteers to help establish a new 2020 Kilwinning Rangers football team. The first session took place on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November.

- In partnership with Abbey Primary School and North Ayrshire Active Schools, we have assigned a community coach to deliver a nine-week breakfast club programme. This initiative enables pupils to engage in physical activity and access a nutritious breakfast prior to the start of the school day.
- KA Leisure October Holiday Programme – In partnership with key partners, including North Arshire Active Schools, we provided free holiday programme spaces for care-experienced children. The programme offered a safe and welcoming environment where children can stay active during the school holidays.
- KA Leisure's Raquet Sports Coordinator delivered a 4 week block of raquet sports within Blacklands early years with 10-11 attending each week. The sessions ran throughout September and promoted the Inspire mini racquet sports sessions that take place weekly on a Tuesday at Kilwinning Academy
- Sports Hall Athletics – Whitehirst Park, St Winnings, Blacklands, Pennyburn & St Lukes Primary school all participated in this year's sports hall athletics events. Whitehirst Park have reached the final which is scheduled for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Portal.

## **2. Asks of the Locality Partnership**

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# New Scots, Core Skills and Gaelic Team Locality Partnership Progress Update

## Poverty/Financial Inclusion

- New Scots Whitehurst Hub sessions supported benefit entitlement checks and applications working with partners to deliver support – **North Ayrshire Wide**
- 1-2-1 support for New Scots not able attending the New Scots Whitehurst Hub sessions have been offered - **NA Wide**

## Health and Wellbeing

- New coffee morning for elderly Asian community launched in Irvine with participants for all over North Ayrshire attending - **Delivered Irvine Locality attendees NA Wide**
- Bourtree Belles new Scots women's group shows improved independence and confidence through social activities and trips with 14 women attending – **Irvine Locality**
- Mental health awareness embedded in ESOL curriculum using storyboards and roleplay – **North Ayrshire Wide**
- New Scots Women's Group in Garnock fosters social inclusion and cultural exchange – **Garnock Valley Locality**
- In October, the Equality and Inclusion Manager from Ayrshire and Arran NHS attended the Big Community ESOL class. The team spoke to learners to gather their views on any healthcare they have received and the challenges that ethnic minorities face when accessing healthcare – **NA Wide**

## Health and Wellbeing

- 3 New Scots Family Fun days were delivered in partnership with HSCP for Ukrainian, Afghan and Syrian communities respectively – **Delivered in Kilwinning Locality attendees NA Wide**
- New core skills referral introduced for Occupational Health partners introduced – **NA Wide**



# New Scots, Core Skills and Gaelic Team

## Locality Partnership Progress Update

### Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

- ESOL Learner Forum established with 14 learners participating to shape service provision and remove barriers – **NA Wide**
- Largs Gaelic Choir recently took part in the Royal National Mòd in Fort William - **North Coast Locality**
- Fèis Arainn summer week attracted 80 young people, promoting traditional music and culture - **Arran Locality**
- We ran a Summer School for young New Scots and unaccompanied minors in Saltcoats and Irvine, the summer school provided a safe and supporting space to keep learning, practising English and socialising – **Delivered Irvine and Three Towns Locality attendees NA Wide**
- New Scots Women's group continues to run weekly at The George Steven Centre and is now open to all women in the community to attend making friendships with each other and the Scots women who attend – **Garnock Valley Locality**

### Work and Skills

- Core Skills drop-ins in Irvine, Kilwinning and Stevenson support literacy, numeracy, and digital skills; 3 learners gained permanent employment – **Irvine/Kilwinning/Three Towns Locality**
- ESOL and Employability class in Irvine focuses on CV writing and digital skills for job searches – **Delivered Irvine Locality attendees NA Wide**
- Skills for Work sessions at Kilwinning Library help adults develop employability skills – **Kilwinning Locality**
- Core skills volunteer recruitment drive launched with 7 volunteers completing induction and shadowing with the core skills team – **NA Wide**
- New Scots have been supported to take up volunteer opportunities supporting them with interviews, language required and ongoing support while volunteering – **NA Wide**

### Work and Skills

- We conducted a survey of ESOL learners to gather feedback on what is important to them and identify areas for improvement. We received around 30 responses, and the survey results were featured in our newsletter for partners – **NA Wide**
- New Scots were assisted with CVs, college & work applications. referred to CEIS employment services and supported to secure a place on a Street League programme - **NA Wide**