

You & Your Community Newsletter



East Dunbartonshire Community Grant Advisory Committee (GAC) & Equality Engagement Group (EEG) **Autumn** Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to the autumn 2016 issue of You and Your Community newsletter.

This newsletter is published two to three times a year, and provides updates from the East Dunbartonshire Community Grant Advisory Committee (GAC) and, from autumn 2016, will also now include updates from the Equality Engagement Group (EEG).

The EEG is a multi-agency group which meets to share practice in relation to equality, highlight issues and influence public and voluntary service delivery in East Dunbartonshire. The GAC consists of 25 skilled leaders of local community groups that advise the Council on disbursement of the annual community grants budget of around £66,000.

In this bulletin you will find information on upcoming news and community events, local initiatives and projects, funding opportunities for community groups alongside relevant policy, research and resources updates.

For transparency we also include details of all recent community grant awards made - so this edition has information on awards made in round two of 2016.

To showcase the impact the Community Grant Scheme has in the community, Friday Night Live youth club has kindly provided a case study on how they used their grant from round three 2015. You can download an application form and guidance to apply for a community grant on the Council's website **www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/community-grants-scheme** or you can phone or email us - our contact details are on the last page.

If you would like to submit a Case Study on a grant you received, or an item for the newsletter in general, please get in touch.

Deadline for Community Grant Applications

The next deadline for applications is Friday 16 September with the Grant Advisory Committee meeting on 12 October and projects confirmed by Community Planning Partnership Board on 1 December when funding letters will be disbursed.

We particularly welcome applications from new groups and please don't hesitate to call or email us if you require any help with filling in the form.

Important: To ensure fairness and transparency for all groups, the team is unable to accept late applications. To avoid disappointment, please ensure you take a note of all deadline dates and adhere to them. Support in completing applications is available from the Community Planning and Partnerships Team.



Case Study

Friday Night Live is an open youth club on Friday evenings 7-9pm (Sep-June) for young people in P6-S3 from Hillhead, Harestanes, Kirkintilloch, Lenzie and surrounding areas. The club aims to build life skills, promote health, well-being and social inclusion, address sectarianism and provide diversionary activities for the young people of the area.

Friday Night Live meets in Kirkintilloch Baptist Church in the town centre, with approximately 180 members and charges an entry fee of £1.50 per night.

The objectives are to equip young people to become good citizens by providing an opportunity for them to practise affirmative life skills in a safe and controlled environment. Friday Night Live enables young people to engage positively with their peers and wider community, creating positive memories through shared experiences.

Diverse activities are offered each week; arts and crafts room, inflatable games, indoor sports, music room, dark room challenge, games consoles, tuck shop and chill out area.

In 2015 the group was awarded £2,000 from round three of the East Dunbartonshire Community Grant Scheme to purchase a two part inflatable assault course. Inflatable games are the most popular activity within the club. The inflatable provides a safe activity where youths can interact and have fun with each other and are used every week benefiting all members. They promote health, wellbeing and encourage positive social interaction with peers. A safety inspection identified that the group's previous inflatable had to be replaced due to wear and tear and the community grants scheme was able to match funds from club membership fees and the Church to purchase a new inflatable.

Club leader Mark Fyfe comments: *"Our young people are thrilled with the new inflatable! Every week it is in constant use as over 120 young people run through it! It is also being used by Lairdsland Primary and Lenzie Primary fun days enabling as many young people as possible to take part in this fantastic activity. The inflatable was available at this year's Canal festival."*

Projects Funded in Round 2, 2016

Name of Group	Purpose of the Grant	Final Award
Milngavie Community Development Trust	Launch & Start-up of Milngavie Community Development Trust	£1,632
New Kilpatrick Parish Church	New Kilpatrick Community Action - Shaping a Better Future Together	£629
Eco Committee (St Mary's Parish Church)	Save our Swifts	£151
Bearsden Lawn Tennis Club	Flooring in Clubhouse Extension	£500
The Kirkintilloch Band	Running Costs - Rental of Premises	£3,000
Milngavie Pipe Band	Running costs - Travel Expenses to Competitions	£2,000
The Caledonian Award	Running Costs - Salary of Administrative Assistant (P/T)	£3,315
Contact Point	Running Costs - Salary of Administrative Officer (P/T)	£3,315
Kirkintilloch Community Council	Kirkintilloch Community Gala 2016	£1,000
Lenzie Community Council	Lenzie Community Gala	£670
Milngavie in Bloom	Bloom-time in Milngavie	£500
Bearsden and Milngavie Highland Games Association	Running Costs (field rent & equipment)	£1,500
Woodhill Residents Group	Woodhill Family Fun Day 2016	£500

Projects Funded in Round 2 continued, 2016

Name of Group	Purpose of the Grant	Final Award
Lennoxtown Project	Running Costs & Project costs (3 benches for Main Street)	£1,850
Lenzie Woodhead Gymnastics Club	Equipment for Satellite Sessions in St. Ninian's School	£1,500
St Flannan's Ladies Pensioners Club	Running Costs - Summer Outing and Christmas Party	£500
Milngavie Old People's Welfare Committee	Running Costs - Fraser Centre Maintenance and Repair	£2,551
Twechar Social Club	Running Costs (Summer Outing Bus Hire and Lunch)	£400
Monday OAP Club	Running Costs	£580

The picture shows the Lennoxtown Project Group on the day they planted a memorial tree, which was one of the community needs that came out of a survey undertaken with Community Grant Scheme funding in round two of 2015. The pictures include the group Chair, Audrey Langslow, Vice Chair, Robert Boyd and Anthea Hardy, Group Treasurer.



Community News and Events

LGBT Youth Scotland

is working in partnership with East Dunbartonshire Council and Cashback for Communities to run a project called 'Presents' with their Easties youth group. In this project, the Easties youth group are gifting a bespoke live or filmed performance to any local groups or organisations on a theme of their choice. After 8 weeks development these will be presented to the group or organisation for an event, an AGM, a meeting; or for their website. Contact Stephen at LGBT Youth Scotland on Stephen.king@lgbtyouth.org.uk or call him on 07785 456119

The Generations Working Together

network in East Dunbartonshire held their annual Intergenerational Conference on Monday 13 June 2016. A post-event report will be published detailing the feedback from the practitioner seminars in the morning and the intergenerational activities in the afternoon. Contact East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action on info@edva.org or call 0141 578 6680 for more information about intergenerational practice.

Police Scotland

in East Dunbartonshire advise that bogus workmen continue to be an issue in East Dunbartonshire. They will continue working with local services to ensure that elderly and vulnerable residents do not fall victim to these scams.

At Ceartas Advocacy

a new collective advocacy group has been launched called 'Changes'. In addition to the one to one advocacy that Ceartas provides in East Dunbartonshire, this group aims to bring people together to have a say in what's happening in their local area. The members, all of whom have had first-hand experience of health and social care services, are keen to be involved in decision making, planning and consultation processes. Most recently the group participated in EDC consultation on the questions statutory agencies should ask when reviewing their services. All the members are keen to continue to work together to make sure their voice is heard. Contact info@ceartas.org.uk for more information.

The East Dunbartonshire Ethnic Minority Forum

will be holding a coffee morning for MacMillan on Friday 30 September 2016 at 10am in St. Ninian's Church Hall on Union St., Kirkintilloch. They will also be holding an event to celebrate diversity in October 2016. For more detail about the Ethnic Minority Forum or these events contact manjulika1@sky.com.

Trails and Tales

has been a 2-year programme run by the East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture Trust which involved local people chronicling life in the area's towns and villages through the ages. Trails and Tales will be presenting the findings gathered through the project and seeking feedback on 11 outdoor trails which will be installed as focal points to ensure the legacy of the project. These events will be from July 2016-September 2016. For more information about the programme visit www.trailsandtales.org. For booking at the events visit www.booking.edlc.co.uk/horizons/culture, email info@trailsandtales.org or call 0141 777 3143.





Community News and Events

The Park Centre

is a community based social care and training centre. It is fully accessible with facilities and adaptations for people with special support needs: including ramps to all entrances, automatic doors and a hearing loop system. If you would like to learn more about the local resource they are taking part in the annual Doors Open Day on Saturday 10th September 2016 from 10am to 2pm. There is a coffee morning from 10 till 12 noon and associated craft fair. Doors Open Day takes place across Scotland every September and opens up buildings usually closed, or with an entrance fee, to the public free of charge. You can access the programme from East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust who take part every year here www.edlc.co.uk/heritage/local_history/local_history_heritage/doors_open_day.aspx. More information on Doors Open Day across Scotland is available from www.doorsopendays.org.uk

The East Dunbartonshire Grant Advisory Committee (GAC) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

met on 31 August in McGregor House, Southbank Business Park. The AGM is an open meeting where the public is invited to take part in discussions (GAC members vote on business). GAC members elected their Chair and Vice Chair from the membership - undertook a review of analysis of grant funding over the last several years and discussed some minor changes to the grant guidance and application form to take effect from 2017.



The East Dunbartonshire Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership

known as Empowered, will be marking the international **16 Days of Action Against Gender Based Violence** from 25th November – 10th December. The Partnership, which involves public and voluntary services in East Dunbartonshire with an interest in gender based violence, leads on activities every year during the 16 Days to highlight the prevalence of harmful gender based attitudes and behaviour, and inspire action to prevent and eliminate it. If you would like to find out more about Empowered or the events being held for 16 Days in 2016 please contact the Empowered Co-ordinator at equality@eastdunbarton.gov.uk.

Community Funding Opportunities

The Kelvin Valley and Falkirk LEADER

fund (2014-2020) is a new programme which covers certain areas within East Dunbartonshire. Eligible areas include the settlements of Twechar, Torrance, Lennox-town, Milton of Campsie, Kirkintilloch (north of the canal only), as well as linear assets including the Forth & Clyde and Union Canals, sections of the John Muir Way and the Antonine Wall. The Kelvin Valley & Falkirk LEADER Programme is also looking to recruit new Local Action Group (LAG) members from the East Dunbartonshire area. The LAG is a collection of individuals who help develop the LEADER programme, provide a voice for rural development and assess applications to make sure the right projects are supported / ensure that funding awarded meets the needs of the community. You can apply for funding here www.kvfleader.org.uk/ or contact Emma McMullen, Programme Manager on emma.mcmullen@falkirk.gov.uk or 01324 590 711 / 07834 120 653.

Tesco Bags of Help

funding is available for environmental and greenspace projects across Scotland. Tesco has teamed up with Groundwork UK and greenspace scotland to distribute the 5p carrier bag charge funding to local groups by awarding grants of £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 to local groups. Recent project funded include building new pocket parks, sports facilities, woodland walks, nature trails and community gardens. There will be two funding rounds per year over the next two years meaning that six projects will receive funding in each of the 48 Scottish store regions annually. The local contact person is Emma Halliday and you can find out more here greenspacescotland.org.uk/bags-of-help.aspx

The picture shows the Lennoxtown Project memorial tree, which was one of the community needs that came out of a survey. The picture includes the tree and plaque.



Policy, Research and Resources

The **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015**

is likely to come into effect over the coming months when associated statutory guidance is published. This will open up new opportunities for community groups to participate in improving local outcomes. Community Planning Partnership Boards now have new duties to engage with local community groups in the formulation of a Local Outcome Improvement plan for the area. If you would like to find out more please contact the Community Planning and Partnerships Team communityplanning@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

The Scottish Government has created a new website to support and provide information on **Community Councils**. It includes lots of helpful advice and on funding and resources which will also be helpful to a range of community groups. For example, there is a section on community engagement which includes a small series of video tutorials on how to create your own website to enable you to spread the word of your group's activities www.communitycouncils.scot/. There is also a range of resources and toolkits to help you engage with your community on the Communities Channel Scotland website too www.communityscot.org.uk/.

The Council's CPP team would be delighted to be informed of your community engagement as we can potentially link you into other engagement taking place; provide any required advice and support.



The East Dunbartonshire Council website contains a **public consultation database** where it lists documents currently being consulted on and how people can respond. You can visit this area of the website at: www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/council/consultations. People who live, work and visit places in Lennoxtown village centre met a design team in the spring of 2016 to help shape solutions to address local issues and priorities.

The process - called a **Charrette** - was part of East Dunbartonshire Council's ongoing support for the village and ran from 11 to 14 March in Campsie Memorial Hall. The team running the Charrette talked with the community, stakeholders and partner agencies to identify potential actions to help protect and revitalise the area. The findings report for the Charrette can be found in the Community Planning Partnership Board papers for 6 June 2016: www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/council/committees-councillors/search-documents.



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