

# Bletherbox



The Bletherbox is a tool to help you to host a conversation about the consultation to review and refresh our Locality Plans (also known as Place Plans) for our priority communities:

- Auchinairn
- Hillhead and Harestanes
- Lennoxtown
- Twechar

Join the conversation to tell us: What is important to you? What would make your community better? What would we need to do to achieve this?

## Have a conversation



## Capture what was said



## Send it in



Your Bletherbox conversation will supplement online and in-person conversations and give individuals an additional opportunity to discuss their views on what is important to them, the challenges faced and opportunities

The collective results will inform and shape the Locality Plans for our priority communities. The Locality Plans will bring our communities closer together with our local service providers and will plan and agree actions that address the known inequalities amongst our communities. The Locality Plans will then inform our Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

Thank you for participating in reviewing and refreshing our Locality Plans (Place Plans) in our priority communities.

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# Overview

This bletherbox is to help you share ideas in a way that is more comfortable and suits your schedule. Get together safely with your family, friends, community groups, association, your co-workers, your school class, or neighbours.

This is a short guide on how to get the conversation started, ask some questions, and record and share your feedback back with East Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership.

## Key Messages

We want to hear what is important to you when considering the priorities for improving the community so we can agree actions and commit our shared resources to tackle inequality. We want to encourage you to share what you like about your local community, what gaps you feel there are and what challenges you experience.

## We want to:

- Get more individuals and groups to participate in the conversation
- Make it easier and more accessible for individuals and groups to participate



# Host Instructions

Please read this pack in full. Give yourself time to think about how you want your meeting to run before it begins.

## Meeting purpose:

- Encourage discussions about what is important to you
- Identify key challenges and gaps

## How long will this take?

You can host the conversation at a time that suits you, during your business meetings, with your family over lunch or after your online class. The length of the conversation is up to you and your guests, but it could take anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour.

## What will I need?

All you need is this Bletherbox



# Hosting a Conversation

Hosting a Bletherbox means taking on the role of hosting and helping the conversation flow.

## 1 Invite

Decide on how you want to host the conversation, round the dinner table, at your group meeting or online. If you are meeting online, decide on an online tool, such as Microsoft Teams or Zoom and time that suits you to safely have a conversation with others. Perhaps you already regularly meet with a group that would like to talk about what is important to them. Either way, invite them to a conversation giving them reasonable notice.

## 2 Set Up Your Conversation

Please note the number of people participating in your conversation, because accurate attendance numbers helps the Community Planning Partnership understand how effective engagement methods are.

Have your document to hand to record key comments.

## 3 Facilitate your Conversation

As the “host” of this conversation, your role is to ensure that:

- Everyone has a chance to say something
- No one dominates the conversation
- Listen and either write down what is said yourself or ask someone to take notes so you can complete the worksheet book later.
- Participants understand that they can submit their own responses via [the online survey](#) or through phoning East Dunbartonshire Council contact centre 0300 1234510 or Community Planning Partnership Team 07990916514/ 07919093040 or email: [communityplanning@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:communityplanning@eastdunbarton.gov.uk)

The questions have been identified to help individuals, groups and representative organisations to consider what is important to you.

As a group you should discuss each question.

When the conversation has finished, you should thank everyone for their contribution and let them know that all their comments will be considered by the Community Planning Partnership when they develop the priorities, actions and produce the Locality Plan.

There is no wrong answers to the questions, - it's all about what's important to you

## 4 How did you find it?

After your meeting we would be interested in understanding how you, as the host, found the process of using the workbook and running the meeting. We have included a short Host Feedback Form to help us improve this type of resource in the future.

## 5 Send us your workbook and feedback

Once completed please ensure you send us all word documents and your feedback.

There is a Bletherbox overview form; the workshop questions forms and host feedback form which can be returned electronicall by emailing [communityplanning@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:communityplanning@eastdunbarton.gov.uk) or hand delivered at any East Dunbartonshire building including their hubs, libraries or community centres. Or posted to Community Planning and Partnership, East Dunbartonshire Council, Broomhill Depot, Kilsyth Road, Kirkintilloch, G66 1TF

**Please return your Bletherbox no later than Friday 18th February 2022**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the team;

Anne-Marie Timmoney/Claire Guthrie Community Development Worker, East Dunbartonshire council on 07990916514 or Pam Campbell on 07919093040 or email: [communityplanning@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:communityplanning@eastdunbarton.gov.uk)



# Bletherbox Overview Sheet

We value your continued involvement. If you would you like to receive updates and be involved in future activities please provide contact details below.

**Contact Details**

**Host Name**

**Meeting (group name, geographical area or how you would like to be identified)**

**Meeting Date**

**Number of people who participated**

**Age of people participating**

|                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| under 16             | 16-24                | 25-34                | 35-44                | 45-54                | 55-64                | 65+                  |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

**Gender of people participating**

|                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Male                 | Female               | Non-binary           | Other                | Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

### **Ethnic group of people participating**

White

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Mixed or multiple ethnic groups

☐

Asian, Asian Scottish, Asian British

☐

African

☐

Caribbean or Black

☐

Other ethnic group

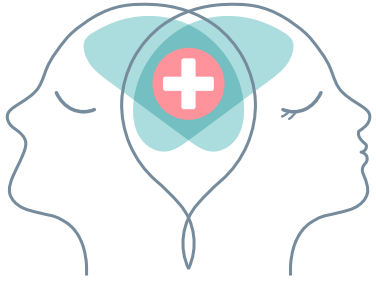
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**How many participants have a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?  
(long-standing means anything that has troubled you over a period of time or that  
is likely to affect you over a period of time)**

**How many participants are responsible for caring for an adult relative/partner,  
disabled child or friend/neighbour?**



# **Workbook with questions**



# Health & Wellbeing

(e.g. finances, housing, mental wellbeing, physical health, etc)

There are three questions under the wellbeing section of the survey. We want to hear about how people are feeling and the concerns they might have.



## Helpful Hint

The types of issues that might affect a person's wellbeing can be things like money, housing, their physical and mental health, isolation and loneliness.

**How has COVID-19 affected you and your community?**

**What are your main concerns post lockdown?**

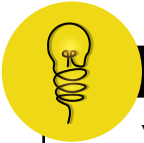
**What do you think would help?**



## Local Services

**These services could include council, health and care, third sector services or those run by another provider such as a local charity or business.**

There are three questions under the Local Services section of the survey. We want to hear about what people think about the local services in their area. It would be great to know which services are working well and where things could be improved.



### Helpful Hint

You could start this section with a short discussion on what local services there are.

**Are there gaps in the services or groups you need? (please give details)**

**Do you have challenges accessing services? If so what are those challenges?**

**Is there anything else you would like to tell us?**



# Environment

There are three questions under the environment section of the survey. We want to hear about what people think about the area that they live in and what they think would make the environment in which they live better.



## Helpful Hint

When we think about our environment, aspects such as housing, transport, greenspace, amenities, job opportunities, safety - a sense of community may have an impact.

**What do you enjoy about living in your community?**

**What do you not like about living in your community?**

**If you could improve anything, what would it be?**

# Host Feedback Form

**How useful did you find the Bletherbox to support individuals to take part in the consultation on developing Locality plans?**

☐ Poor

☐ Fair

☐ Good

☐ Excellent

**Did you find the Bletherbox instructions easy to understand and use?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

**How could we improve the Bletherbox?**

**Would you host a Bletherbox again?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If no, why not?**

**Would you recommend a Bletherbox to others?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

Thank you for participating in the Bletherbox and sharing your views on your community.  
This will help to shape the new Locality Plans for your area.