North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network:
Area Partnership Report March/April 2024

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North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Update

Network Update

IT Recycling Project https://nwgvsn.org.uk/our-work/plugged-in/

- The IT recycling project continues to take unwanted PCs, laptops, tablets & phones, refurbish them and give them to local people in need in the North West of Glasgow. We also offer an internet dongle with 6 months internet access.
- Extremely busy since the start of the year with almost 100 referrals fulfilled.
- Full list of items that we can take to reuse, refurbish, and recycle https://nwgvsn.org.uk/our-work/plugged-in/

Members Development

- 12 members from across NW successfully completed EFAW training and we will be running further training in April/May, which is free to members

Key Themes across North West

- The main issues for the North West are taken from a selection of our member organisations:
    - Members continue to work with those facing cost of living crisis.
    - Increased demand for services, whilst funding is competitive and cost of running services is increasing.
    - Anti-social behaviour in some wards

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Anderston City Yorkhill

Rep: Vacancy

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What are the issues in the ward?

- Cost of living crisis continues to have impact on people members work with
- Increase in people in crisis in some services.

What are the key issues facing members?

- Increasing cost of running services
- The uncertainty of funding for services. Constant renewal/tendering for service costs whilst there is an increase demand for services.

General Member Update

The Marie Trust https://www.themarietrust.org/

- Marie Trust is seeing on average 100 people per day for crisis intervention, café, and counselling services.
- Their waiting list for counselling is currently 4 weeks. info@themarietrust.org.uk for info
- 14 courses running in the Education service, in addition to their digital literacy program.
- The Marie Trust is pioneering a new project in partnership with Citizen Literacy to teach digital literacy skills through a digital app and one-to-one support to help people overcome digital barriers. They are looking for volunteers with an interest in learning support and this service can still accept referrals. RHolmes@themarietrust.org.uk for info

Healing for the Heart https://healingfortheheart.co.uk/

- Key issues are that they are seeing an increased demand for all counselling and psychotherapy services but a decrease in funding available.
- Therefore facing the possibility of having to cut services in response to lack of funding.
  Healing for the Heart have decided to:
- To change their pricing structure for counselling and psychotherapy – meaning they are only able to offer a very limited number of free sessions, and this is dependent on funding.
- And they are actively engaging in marketing our products for sale (which we would formerly have tried to offer at low or no cost) and increasing their push for new business partners where they can provide mental health support for employees.
- Developed multiple delivery methods for new resiliency training which helps people to self-manage their own conditions.
- Hoping to move building in the next month, to a space on Argyle Street. This will further their working partnership with the Clutha Trust in sharing space.

Glasgow Council on Alcohol https://www.glasgowcouncilonalcohol.org/

- Synthetic Opioids appearing in Scotland's drug supply is an issue. Synthetic opioids called nitazenes have been linked to nine deaths in Scotland in the last six months. Staff have attended training on the new synthetic opioids, including Scottish Drugs Forum Webinar. And staff & volunteers trained on use of and issued with Naloxone.
- Loss of service funding. – New Development Officer recruited to look at funding
- Cost of energy & office running costs. – looking at ways to save running costs with support from Green Business Support Programme & Business Energy Scotland

- Recent showcase event attended by over 60 partners, participants and interested parties, including the new Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy, Christine McKelvie.
- GCA's new LGBTQI+ service, Kinder Stronger Better, (KSB) launch event attended well. Service now open for participants and peer volunteers.
- Staff taking part in Kiltwalk to raise much needed funds

The Pyramid at Anderston https://thepyramid.scot/

- Are looking for Trustees, ideally from G3 7 & 8 postcodes. Email info@thpyramid.scot
- AGM takes place 8th April 7pm

Townhead Village Hall https://www.facebook.com/Townhead-Village-Hall-106388822128494
Garnethill Multicultural Centre https://garnethillcentre.org.uk/

Canal

Rep: Jill Mackay jill@nucommunities.org
Sub Rep Marina Costello marina.lovemilton@gmail.com

What are the issues in the ward?

- Cost of Living Crisis is still an ongoing concern for families, causing a great deal of stress within the family environment, having an impact on well-being and mental health.
- Ongoing concerns regarding children and young people's mental health and well-being.
- Demand for youth support services has increased putting greater stress on existing services.
- There has been a spike in anti-social behaviour, and there are ongoing discussions on how to best tackle this.
- Less availability for children awaiting an ASN assessment.
- Reports from individuals of housing issues such as rising costs, damp, and mould, etc.

What are the key issues facing members?

- Problems accessing support / front line face-to-face services.
- Cost of Living

General Member Update

- The ARC Community Play and Grow Space opens 2nd April 2024.
- Starlight Cafe at the ARC is now also open. (9:30-6:00pm)
- Easter programme activity and food programmes being planned for the two-week Spring school holidays. Everyone preparing for a busy time.
- There are two half day Volunteer Development Sessions planned within the ward. These will be advertised through flyers, word of mouth and social media.
- NG Homes Community Breakfast Fridays 10am – 12 noon at Saracen House on the following dates: 26/04/24, 31/05/24.
- Stronger partnership group continues to meet on a six-weekly basis, bringing together members from across Lambhill, Milton and Cadder.

Young People's Future http://www.youngpossilfutures.org.uk/:
Love Milton https://www.facebook.com/welovemilton:
Lambhill Stables https://www.lambhillstables.org/:
North United Communities http://www.nuconline.co.uk/:
North Glasgow Community Food Initiative https://www.ngcfi.org.uk/:
Possobilities https://possobilities.org.uk/

Drumchapel Anniesland

Rep Dougie Taylor dougie@drumchapellife.co.uk

What are the issues in the ward?

- Cost of Living Crisis
- Access to statutory services

What are the key issues facing members?

- Extreme competition for decreasing funding streams.
- Pressures on staff to deliver to a greater number of people with less resources.
- Service users continue to struggle to access statutory services.

General Member Update

- The Cabinet Secretary for Health visited the Phoenix Hall on a private visit to meet with members of the Chance2Change Group. The visit was organized by collaboration between Drumchapel L.I.F.E. and Yoker Community Campus.
- Representatives of two Drumchapel organisations, Sharon Colvin and Dougie Taylor were elected to the board of Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector in January.

Drumchapel CAB https://www.drumchapelcab.org.uk/

- First CAB in Scotland to be accredited with Communication Access UK! This means we're equipped to support people with communication support needs.
- In Feb/March the team supported an average of 126 clients per week, dealing with an average of 266 issues.

G15 Thriving Places https://twitter.com/TPDrumchapel
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066681380972

- Thriving Places(TP) hosted their final Breakfast & Blether in March as Thriving Places as TP ends 31st March. Good news is TP is now G15 Thriving Places and are planning to continue their great work as a charity.
- Have created a video in partnership with Drumchapel TV encompassing their work over the last 7 years under Thriving Places. This will be presented on Friday 19th April between 12 noon until 2pm at the Community Centre
- We want to thank Ted and the team for all their work and wish them good luck with this next chapter - G15 Thriving Places all the best!

Antonine Court Day Centre https://antonine.org/

- Are starting a monthly Menopause Café on 25th March. Contact coletteauld@antonine.org

Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland https://www.chss.org.uk/services/health-defence-scotland/

- Have started Health Defence outreach at Drumchapel library on Wednesdays.

3D Drumchapel https://www.3ddrumchapel.org.uk/
G15 Youth Project https://www.facebook.com/g15youth
Drum Hub https://www.facebook.com/drumhub15
Drumchapel L.I.F.E. https://twitter.com/DDrumchapellife
Enable Glasgow Fortune Works https://www.facebook.com/EnableGlasgowFortuneWorks
Drumchapel TV https://www.youtube.com/@drum-tv https://twitter.com/DrumchapelTV
Drumchapel Foodbank https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066573716768

Garscadden/Scotstounhill

Rep: Lainey Bedingfield lainy@kingswaycc.org.uk

What are the issues in the ward?

- Fuel insecurity – note: Food bank at Blawarthill Church can issue fuel vouchers.
- Food insecurity – Still seeing a high number of people requesting food support.
- Mental health – Men and young people have been reporting mental health struggles in higher numbers.

What are the key issues facing members?

- Capacity – organisations are noting significant pressures on services. This is having an impact on staff.
- Cost of living – residents in the ward continue to be affected adversely by the cost-of-living crisis in the country.

General Member Update

Yoker Community Campus https://www.yokercampus.org/ https://twitter.com/CampusYoker https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100072307083175

- Offering a variety of classes and activities such as:
- The Platform Programme which is aimed at people who face the most barriers to inclusion.
- Elevator personal development and confidence building course.
- Destress yoga and Yoker Elderly Social Inclusion Programme.

Kingsway Community Connections https://www.kingswaycc.org.uk https://twitter.com/Kingsway_CC https://www.facebook.com/KingswayCommunityConnections

- The proposal to take over the Danes Dr Bowls site has not been successful. Residents would like to thank elected members for their support.
- In partnership with Drumchapel CAB, we have an outreach service at the Centre on Thursday mornings. The service is for residents of pensionable age.
- The Centre stopped all day 'warm welcome space' delivery at the end of March; however, we will continue to run a breakfast club to the end of December.

Glasgow Eco Trust/De'ils on Wheels https://glasgowecotrust.org.uk https://twitter.com/GlasgowEcoTrust https://www.facebook.com/GlasgowEcoTrust https://www.facebook.com/DeilsOnWheels

- **National Spring Clean and Litter Prevention** - GET is taking part in the national spring clean and is running the #YorkhillToYokerChallenge coordinating and promoting organisations doing clean ups in the local area. https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/News/spring-clean-yorkhill-to-yoker-challenge. In addition we hosted a litter prevention meeting looking at facilitating a coordinated approach to litter prevention in the local area initially in partnership with Scotstoun CC and Whiteinch
- **Community Centre-d Climate Action** - working with 9 local community centres and hubs to develop a coordinated approach to community-led climate action. This work is funded through the new Glasgow Climate Action Hub
- **Better Buses for Strathclyde** - we have supported the petition and campaign calling for public control of the bus network. SPT will be consulting on proposed recommendations including franchising. This work contributes to our Active Travel and Sustainable Transport plan for Whiteinch and Scotstoun and links to the community led transport forum which is part funded by the AP.

- **Road Safety** - there is concern about not only the state of the roads, cycle paths and pavements but also there has been a spate of accidents and fatalities since late last year, many involving people walking and cycling.
- **Fundraising**: Glasgow Eco Trust staff and volunteers are taking part in the Kilt Walk again this year and our innovative flight donation scheme is gathering momentum (https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/Appeal/flight-donation-scheme). We also hope to make a couple of exciting announcements soon about funding!
- GET are requesting feedback about their services over the last 5 years, you can find the survey on their website https://bit.ly/3vnzKIB
- ***See Victoria Park update for more from Glasgow Eco Trust***

Knightswood Community Centre https://www.knightswoodcentre.co.uk/

- Successful lottery fund bid sees them receive £141,280 over 3 years. This will contribute towards a Development Worker, sessional Youth Worker, film licences, activity, catering and marketing costs.
- As part of the International Comedy Festival, Elaine C Smith performed a sold out show on 25th March.
- Phase One of the Knightswood Community Garden is complete and was funded by Garscadden/ Scotstounhill Area Partnership. Community volunteers have been busy clearing the ground behind the Community Centre. Four raised beds have been purchased and installed in February 2024. A secure metal shed has been built by volunteers and some garden tools have been bought. Eleven volunteers have been involved to date. The garden will enhance the neighbourhood's aesthetics and, in the future, will offer people a place to relax and meet others. This project gives volunteers an opportunity to get active outdoors where they learn from each other.

Active Seniors https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079995702359

- Day trips and socials are in high demand.

DRC Generations http://www.drcgenerations.org.uk https://www.facebook.com/drcgenerations

- New peer support group launched for families with neurodiverse children.
- Weekly Cuppa & Catch up still meets every Monday 12pm-2pm lunch included and different activities weekly- since Christmas we have been on 2 outings out with group times & another planned 26th March.
- Support service have a drop-in all-day Monday with appointments only Tuesday-Friday.
- Youth & Buddy team continue in the local high schools working on the addiction programme with 1st-3rd years with recruitment of S3 – S6 commencing after Easter for the Health & Wellbeing/Bereavement programme.
- Youth Group continues to meet every Wed 6pm-8pm

DRC Youth Project https://drcyouthproject.blogspot.com https://twitter.com/DRCYouthProject https://www.facebook.com/drcyouthproject

Your Voice – In partnership with members of the North-West Youth Network

- The DRC hosted the latest Your Voice event in Yoker Community Campus on Thursday 29th March. Young people, youth organisations and local partners from throughout the North-West all contributed to make this a special evening. Over 100 young people attended the event which showcased so much of the positive work being undertaken in our communities. We'd like to thank our local elected officials for attending and for their ongoing support.

Pathfinder – NW Employability Programme

- Pathfinder is a unique, holistic employability support service offering young people aged 16-24 in NW Glasgow a proven successful route into real jobs and real opportunities. On Pathfinder, we find local businesses to support and mentor young people while on placement (which lasts up to 13 weeks). We establish links with placement providers who offer a route into FT employment or a Modern Apprenticeship when each placement is completed. Young people earn up to £100 p/w on placement (plus travel costs) and access essential training, accreditation & support. More info: gerard@drcyouthproject.co.uk

Mybnk - Personal Money Management Training for Young People

- We continue to host sessions for young people (aged 16-24) with our excellent partners Mybnk. Mybnk work together with young people to explore topics such as saving, budgeting, debt, and finance. The feedback from young people attending is always positive and people come away from the sessions learning key life skills which help them in the short, medium, and long term. For more info please contact: info@drcyouthproject.co.uk

DRC Detached Youth Work

- Our team of youth workers are out on the street working together with young people where they often choose to socialise. We continue to target individuals and groups who are associated with anti-social behaviour in the local area. During our chats and catch ups, a core group expressed a keen interest in music creation and dj-ing. We've followed up on this by inviting young people to participate in an introductory music making course using Abelton software. This has had a massive positive response. We're now seeing young folk who often get caught up in trouble spending their time in our recording studio, working on new sounds and beats. There is great talent there and we are excited by the potential of what they're creating.
- Details of DRC Youth Clubs and Free BMX sessions https://drcyouthproject.co.uk/youth-club/
- ***Please see Victoria Park Update for more information from DRC Youth Project***

North-West Community Pantry https://twitter.com/NorthWestPantry Run by DRC Youth Project

- The North-West Community Pantry continues to be well used by members of the public from all throughout the North-West of Glasgow (with 3133 member visits throughout the year to date).
- The shop currently opens to the public two days per week, with referral support coming in from partners at NHS, Kingsway Community Connections, Glasgow Helps and Glasgow Council on Alcohol. The shop also continues to provide a platform for local young people to gain work experience, with 30 young people having volunteered their time since April.
- For more info please contact: jamie@drcyouthproject.co.uk

LINKES https://www.linkes.org.uk https://www.facebook.com/linkesglasgow https://twitter.com/linkesgla

- LINKES is continuing to deliver our group work and learning programme, our children and young person's project and are also working with Feeding Britain to open a community larder on the estate.
- With Area Partnership funding, we have been able to provide a creche for our conversational ESOL class, which is delivered by Glasgow ESOL Forum at Knightswood Community Centre, working with an average of 22 people each week, and have been able to fund activities, equipment, and materials for our play sessions.

Heart of Scotstoun – https://twitter.com/HOScotstoun

Hillhead

Rep: Anna Dyer a.dyer@scottishoverseasdevelopment.org.uk

What are the issues in the ward?

- Cost of Living
- Fuel Poverty
- Parking continues to be an issue.

What are the key issues facing members?

- Budget Cuts
- Rising Costs

General Member Update

- Glasgow Health and Social Care has announced budget cuts of £25million and 150 jobs in Care and Health service will be lost. **This in a sector that is already stretched to capacity. This is worrying as it will fall to the Third Sector to fill the gaps.**
- The rise in wage rates for apprentices, although a good thing, **for many organisations will be unsustainable and some programmes may be cut**. This will lead to lost opportunities for school leavers and young people. It must be noted that The City Council will be less affected as they have been made exempt from the rise.
- Cuts in education will lead to the loss of 450 teaching jobs and will impact most on the poorest children and those with special needs. **This could widen the Equalities Gaps in the most deprived areas.**
- **Parking and travel in the ward:**
- The impact of some measures has already had wider consequences than probably originally envisaged. The vast increases in parking charges extending throughout the West End and to a large part of the South side has triggered warnings from hospitality industry organizations of severe risks of big closures of restaurants and cafes due to the drop in footfall and subsequent loss of income. It also could have an impact on recruitment and retention of staff and the lack of safety for women employees. **One question should be raised and that is whether an Impact Survey was undertaken before the proposals were put forward. The Voluntary Sector again faces serious problems.** Inner city organizations like CCH have very little parking space and often have employees working late in the evenings. CCH has women caretakers. It already has affected our functions.
- Many people live in areas where buses stop at 6pm. I have been informed already of community organizations in such areas planning to close - even the local Bridge Club will be closing due to lack of transport. The City Council promised Voluntary Sector organizations would receive scratch cards to give six hours of parking for £2 which would be very useful for people attending conferences and events. Being unable to park free of charge in the evenings would increase our residents' isolation. Carers who are not City Council employees have to pay the full cost of parking. Befriending Projects will also be badly affected particularly in view of the high proportion of elderly people and single person households in the area.
- Woodside Halls has been busy since opening and has bookings for the use of the Hall through the year already, after a busy start to the year.
- The removal of funding for bus passes from holiday programmes has led to organisations having to budget for this meaning they either need to ask for more money or lose some capacity in their programme.
- https://centralhall.org/

Maryhill

Rep Melanie Farrow mfarrow@mbht.org.uk
Sub Rep Sharon Bowers sharon-at-acre@outlook.com /

What are the issues in the ward?

- Antisocial behaviour is an ongoing issue throughout the ward.
- Food Poverty

What are the key issues facing members?

- Cost of living crisis affecting members participants and member organisations' costs

General Update

Antisocial Behaviour

- Antisocial behaviour is an ongoing issue throughout the ward. There are still crowds of young people moving to different areas to gather.
- There is an increase in young people in Acre, Summerston and Gairbraid Avenue, along the Canal and in the Wyndford on either dirt bikes or quads. The people driving these are driving on public footpaths and are hard to identify due to wearing scarves or balaclavas that hide their identify.

Food Poverty

- Food poverty remains an issue throughout the ward - all the services giving out food are getting busier each week.

Acre Community Hall https://www.facebook.com/AcreCommunityHall https://twitter.com/HallAcre

- Acre had its Easter celebration thankyou to funding from Glasgow City Council.

Maryhill Burgh Halls https://www.maryhillburghhalls.org.uk/ https://www.facebook.com/maryhillburghhalls https://twitter.com/maryhill_halls

- Maryhill Burgh Halls has the George Ward exhibition which has been extremely popular and continues to change the cine footage within the exhibition each month.
- The official flag handover ceremony will take place in May and the Halls will host a community celebration weekend.
- The café in the halls will move to a day a week operation and start on their community food initiatives and activities.

Shakespeare Street Youth Club https://www.facebook.com/ShakespeareStYouthClub/

- The Easter playscheme program starts on Tuesday the 2nd of April 10am
- New Chatty Café launched – every Tuesday 10.30am-12.30pm

Maryhill Activity Directory https://app.maryhillactivitydirectory.org.uk/Categories

- Maryhill activity directory is celebrating 21 years it had a community event attended by lots of different organisations.

Maryhill Together

- Maryhill Together is a local network meeting, set up by NWGVSN to bring local partner charities and organisations together to share information and encourage partnership/ working. The network meets 4 times a year in the community and has +20 attendees.

Partick East/Kelvindale Ward 23

Rep: Jane Cowie jane.cowie@annexecommunities.org.uk and Julie Fox Julie.fox@annexecommunities.org.uk

What are the main issues in the ward?

- Cost -of Living
- Potholes!

What are the key issues facing members?

- Funding for services

General Member Update

Annexe Communities https://www.annexecommunities.org.uk/

- Full programme of groups and events including free activities like the Social Café, John Muir Trust group and the Dreams & Aspirations group. https://www.annexecommunities.org.uk/whats-on/
- Big thanks from Cost-of-Living Support group for their fridge freezer, switch on celebration then put to good use right away! But bit of a blow to the group not getting the Coronation Food Project Funding which would have enabled them to keep going for the next three years…
- Let Partick Flourish facilitated 22 new bikes for local people previously with no bikes- and bike accessories - Access Bikes project funded just under £15,000 by Cycling UK. Again accidents waiting to happen with bikes and pot holes.
- Annexe's Dreams and Aspiration group is creatively working with SWG3 tying in well with the Artist Way course we have started.
- Thanks to NWGVSN Plugged In Project– nine Pcs/laptops distributed out to people in need in Ward 23– big thanks again to Gordon and Martina.

Partick Community Growing Project https://www.partickha.org.uk/community/food-fuel/

- Partick Community Growing project are grateful for the £5000 Ward 23 funding so that 100 local people could receive a £50 Morrisons voucher to make February a bit easier to get through financially.
- PCGP secured £10,000 funding from Glasgow Mental Health and Wellbeing fund for our door summer activities at their allotments and days out of Partick.
- Partick Community growing project are celebrating their 10th anniversary this May.

Thornwood Primary pitch survey

- Love Thornwood, Glasgow Eco Trust, local councillor, and education services are working in partnership and are running a community survey about improvements to the pitches at Thornwood Primary. https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/News/thornwood-pitch-survey

Victoria Park

Rep post Vacant – contact hello.northwestglasgowvsn@outlook.com

What are the issues in the ward?

- Cost of living crisis
- Anti-social behaviour

What are the key issues facing members?

- As above
- Cost of running services against increased demand and running costs

General Member Update

Glasgow Eco Trust https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk

- GET are requesting feedback about their services over the last 5 years, you can find the survey on their website https://bit.ly/3vnzKIB
- Thornwood Primary pitch survey - working in partnership with Love Thornwood, local Cllr, and education services we are running a community survey about improvements to the pitches at Thornwood Primary. https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/News/thornwood-pitch-survey
- **Community What's on Newspaper** - we were successful in our pitch to Whiteinch & Scotstoun Housing Association community projects fund to produce a community what's on newspaper. We aim to produce this newspaper before the summer.
- As part of Keep Scotland Beautiful's National Spring Clean GET are coordinating the #YorkhillToYoker Challenge along a 4-mile stretch of the National Cycle Network (NCN) and surrounding neighbourhoods and parks. Find out more: https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/News/spring-clean-yorkhill-to-yoker-challenge
- **Fundraising:** Glasgow Eco Trust staff and volunteers are taking part in the Kilt Walk again this year. https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/glasgow-eco-trust-kiltwalk-2024 and our innovative flight donation scheme is gathering momentum (https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/Appeal/flight-donation-scheme). We also hope to make a couple of exciting announcements soon about funding!
- ***See Garscadden Scotstounhill update for more from Glasgow Eco Trust***

DRC Youth Project www.drcyouthproject.co.uk www.twitter.com/drcyouthproject
https://drcyouthproject.co.uk/north-west-community-pantry/

Anti-social behaviour

- **New early intervention youth club in Whiteinch Centre.**
- Our new youth space in The Whiteinch Centre is ready to go! Our first session (for 8-11 years) will take place on Thursday 28th March from 3.30-5PM. This club will focus on early intervention, providing young people with a positive alternative to any ongoing issues in the local area. During club time we deliver drop-in and structured sessions where young people can access a range of activities and support, including issue-based workshops, health & wellbeing focused activities and trips, weekly football and cycling sessions, gardening and food growing, and digital learning activities.
- **DRC Alternative Curriculum – School Groups** - We are providing ongoing support, group work and a range of activities for groups of young people who are disengaged from local schools. Our new space in The Whiteinch Centre has strengthened our ability to offer group sessions and any issue-based work.

- **Exploring what young people want from/ in Victoria Park**
- The Victoria Park Community Trust and DRC Youth Project have been collaborating on a project with the intention of making Victoria Park a place for young people between the ages of 12-16. The goal is to develop an understanding of what young people seek from the park, and practical ways to bring the young people's priorities to fruition. Through facilitated sessions, the young people will be empowered to learn about the park spaces that they may not pay much attention to otherwise, and how to analyse the feasibility of their ideas. By involving the young people during the consultation, we are incentivising them to have a stake in the project development which will aim to encourage more park involvement and care. Based on the outcomes of the sessions, we can then confidently move forward in the project with an informed decision on what to implement in the park with the £1500 in funding that we have received from the Community Projects Fund.
- **Your Voice – In partnership with members of the North-West Youth Network**
- The DRC hosted the latest Your Voice event in Yoker Community Campus on Thursday 29th March. Young people, youth organisations and local partners from throughout the North-West all contributed to make this a special evening. Over 100 young people attended the event which showcased so much of the positive work being undertaken in our communities.
- DRC continue to work closely with Workingrite on the Pathfinder holistic employability support service open to young people aged 16-24. For more info please contact: gerard@drcyouthproject.co.uk
- ***See Garscadden Scotstounhill update for more DRCY project updates.***

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Whiteinch Centre https://www.whiteinchcentre.org.uk/

- Had their first Community Budgeting Event, where community could vote on their favourite projects. 10 local projects were funded.

Movement Park have the following updates to share: https://www.movementpark.org.uk/

- Free introductory blocks - contact kirsty.mitchell@movementpark.org.uk for more info
- Urban Sports Festival and Egg Hunt at Victoria Park - 31st March 1pm - 4pm - FREE event

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